

WGCIS(18)07

Response to Questions asked of the representative of Denmark (in respect of the Faroe Islands and Greenland) in relation to their report on the West Greenland salmon Fishery in 2017

Agenda item 4.1 gave the opportunity for the representative of Denmark (in respect of the Faroe Islands and Greenland) (DFG) to present their report - WGCIS(18)04 - on the West Greenland salmon fishery in 2017.

Several questions were raised in response to his presentation, some of which related to the various numbers reported. It was agreed that those questions that could be answered quickly would be sent to the representative of DFG in written form to forward to Rasmus Nygaard, to enable a response during the inter-sessional meeting of the West Greenland Commission.

The following questions were sent, by email, to the representative of the DFG on Tuesday 27 February 2018:

1. In 2017, of the 630 catch reports received, how many licensed and unlicensed fishers reported zero salmon landed?
2. Can you provide a temporal representation of catch reports received in 2017 (i.e., number of reports by week) as well as how many reports were received outside of the one month post fishing season reporting deadline?
3. Can you provide a breakdown of the number of licensed and unlicensed fishers (not a summary of the number of reports received) who provided catch reports in 2015, 2016, and 2017?
4. What was the reported catch in East Greenland?

A response was received from the representative of DFG on Thursday 1 March 2018.

The figures provided in the meeting were later updated through correspondence. This was due to the representative of the NGOs noting that some of the figures relating to 2015 and 2016 in the response given at the meeting differed from the information previously provided to ICES.

The adjusted responses (figures adjusted in response to questions 3 and 4 only) are as follows:

1. *In 2017, of the 630 catch reports received, how many licensed and unlicensed fishers reported zero salmon landed?*

Licensed fishermen

At least 92 of the people who reported catch were licensed fishermen. This is similar to previous years. Of these 3 reported 0 catch. From the previous phone interviews, we know that a lot of fishermen failed to report because they did not fish and therefore felt that they did not have anything to report. When we did the phone interview based on the 2016 season 1 unlicensed fisherman reported 0 catch. In this case I am uncertain whether people who set out a net are obligated to report if they failed to catch salmon.

- Can you provide a temporal representation of catch reports received in 2017 (i.e., number of reports by week) as well as how many reports were received outside of the one month post fishing season reporting deadline?

We can't. The data entered keeps track of the fishing date, but not all reports were stamped with the date received. However, most of the reports were sent during the season or immediately after the fisherman had ended the fishery.

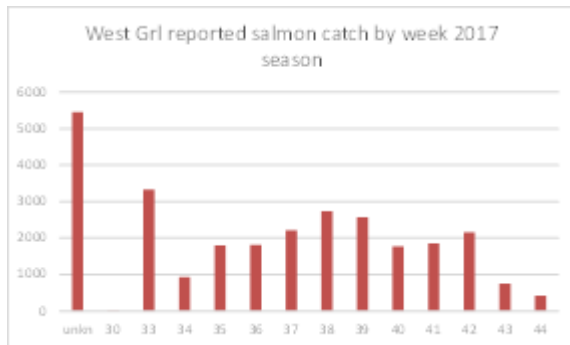


Figure 1. Reported catch by week in 2017.

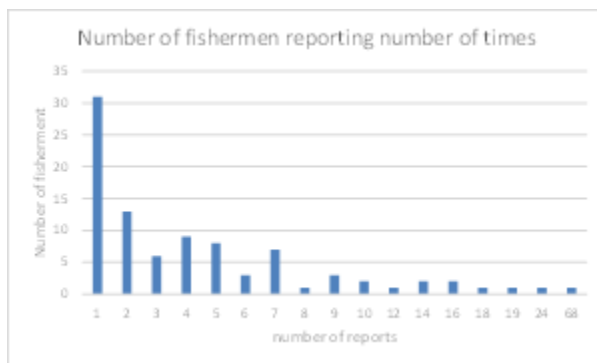


Figure 2. Number of times the fishermen reported. As you can see a significant number of fishermen reported only once or twice during the season when finishing their fishery. Some fishermen reported many times during the season.

- Can you provide a breakdown of the number of licensed and unlicensed fishers (not a summary of the number of reports received) who provided catch reports in 2015, 2016, and 2017?

Year	Number of licensed fishermen reporting	unlicensed
2015	114 of 310	75
2016	71 of 263	69
2017	93 of 282	50

- What was the reported catch in East Greenland?

288 kg