



**West Greenland Commission
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The United States has a similar observation with regard to France's self-assessment as it did with most others. Some useful information is provided, but overall, the explanations are lacking in the detail to support the ratings. Below, please find our specific comments and questions on France's assessment:

Tenet 1: We would appreciate clarification on how France knows the full participant pool for recreational fisheries in Brittany and Normandy since there is no licensing requirement. Further, how are TACs in these recreational fisheries monitored and controlled? For those fisheries that do require licenses, please describe how licenses are issued and controlled as well as how and when the licensing system allows France to know the pool of participants for those licensed fisheries.

Tenet 2: Regarding question 1 of this tenet, we would appreciate more information on what effort controls are used (such as bag limits) as well as how they are monitored. Regarding question 2, we would ask that information on how management measures are consistent with NASCO guidelines be included in the self-assessment rather than providing a reference to a separate document.

Tenet 3: Please explain what approaches or methods are in place to collect data, and describe the assessment process used to confirm the accuracy of catch returns. In addition, with regard to question 3, we would ask that information on how catch and assessment information are used to limit catch/harvest be included in the self-assessment rather than providing a reference to a separate document.

Tenet 4: Please describe the measures that are in place to effectively communicate with all participants in the fishery in a timely fashion. Please also explain the methods/approaches used to communicate France's salmon fishery policies, rules, and regulations to commercial and recreational fishermen.

Tenet 5: Additional information on how much enforcement activity is undertaken would be helpful. Please provide information on what control and enforcement measures are in place, why they are considered effective, what kinds of penalties are available to deter violations, and whether or not they are used.

Tenet 6: Please briefly describe your scientific fishery sampling programs and explain how the results of these programs are used to inform salmon fishery management.