



**West Greenland Commission
Inter-Sessional Meeting**

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Canada

1. Why has the measure related to failure to provide a catch report (even when zero) not been implemented? Any additional information on this and plans for implementation in future years would be appreciated.
2. The report indicates that efforts to ensure proper reporting from open air markets continued. A bit more information on the successes and challenges of this effort would be helpful.

European Union

The European Union does not have questions relating to the 2016 salmon fishery at Greenland that it wishes to raise in advance of the inter-sessional meeting.

United States

The United States appreciates the efforts undertaken again this year by Greenland to better monitor and control its Atlantic salmon fishery. We are encouraged that reported landings (27 mt) were below the 32 mt quota established for the 2016 fishery. We also note that landings to factories were not allowed in 2016, which we view as a positive step. With regard to the fishery, we have the following questions:

1. Greenland notes in its report that it continues to seek improvements to the catch reporting process. Can Greenland provide additional information on the approaches it has implemented and is considering implementing to improve reporting? As part of your response, we would appreciate additional information on the current status of, and considerations regarding, implementation of a provision stating that failure to submit catch reports, including for zero catches, will result in no license being issued in the following year(s).
2. It is not clear from the report if a phone survey was conducted again this year. As such, we would appreciate any information on how Greenland has confirmed that the reporting provided represents full reporting and accounting of harvest.
3. When does Greenland expect the licensing of private fishermen to begin? If the task of issuing licenses to private fishermen is delegated to municipalities as indicated in the report, what structural arrangement will be implemented to allow the Government of Greenland to know how many such licenses are issued each year and ensure catch reports from these licensed private fishermen are provided as required?