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***Annual Report
on Actions Taken Under Implementation Plans***

Russian Federation

Annual Report on actions taken under Implementation Plans for the Calendar Year 2008

The Guidelines for the preparation of 'Implementation Plans and for Reporting on Progress', NSTF(06)10 (copy attached) indicate that the primary purpose of the annual reports is to provide a summary of all the actions that have been taken under the Implementation Plan in the previous year. In addition, details of any significant changes to the status of stocks, new factors affecting stocks, any changes to the management regime in place, and any changes to the Implementation Plan should be included in the report. Details of actions taken in accordance with Articles 14 and 15 of the Convention are also needed by the Council. **Please provide the following information to the Secretariat by 22 April 2009**

Section 1: Details of any significant changes to the management outlined in the introduction to the Implementation Plan.

No changes

Section 2: A description of any significant changes in the status of stocks and information on catches. The Council has asked that the following information on catches be provided:

- (a) the provisional catch of salmon in tonnes for 2008;**
- (b) the confirmed catch of salmon in tonnes for 2007;**
- (c) an estimate of unreported catch in tonnes for 2008;**
- (d) the number of salmon caught and released in recreational fisheries in 2008.**

(a) 73 t
(b) 63 t
(c) no estimate available
(d) 41881

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Section 3: A description of any new factors which may significantly affect the abundance of salmon stocks.

<p>No new factors</p>

Section 4: An account of all actions taken under the Implementation Plan with regard to the management of salmon fisheries; measures to minimise impacts of aquaculture and related factors; other influences affecting salmon abundance or diversity (including the marine environment).

Management Action	Reporting Update	Achieved Management Action (Yes, No, Ongoing, Completed)
Fisheries Management		
Amendments to the Federal Law “On fisheries and conservation of aquatic biological resources”.	New amendments to the Federal Law “On fisheries and conservation of aquatic biological resources” came into force in 2008.	Ongoing
Development of bye-laws.	Over 20 bye-laws on fisheries came into force in 2008.	Ongoing
New regulations for fisheries.	New fisheries regulations for the Northern	Ongoing

	fisheries basin were adopted in 2009 and came into force.	
Establishing the Commissions on regulation of the harvesting the anadromous fish.	The Commissions on regulation of the harvesting the anadromous fish have been established on the region-by-region basis.	Completed
Establishing TAC and allocating quotas according to the type of fishery (yearly).	TAC has been established on the region-by-region basis for freshwater fisheries and on the sea-by-sea basis for coastal fisheries. Quotas have been set for each type of fishery.	Yes
Corrective measures for the fisheries.	Corrective measures for the fisheries are being developed by the Commissions on regulation of the harvesting the anadromous fish.	Ongoing
Phasing-out commercial fisheries in the coastal area of the White Sea.	Quotas for coastal fisheries have been set at the previous year level as a result of regional Administrations demand.	No
Increasing quota for recreational fishery by reducing the quota for commercial fishery.	Quotas for recreational fishery have been set at the previous year level.	No
Developing further catch-and-release fishery.	Publicizing and promoting it among Russian anglers.	Ongoing
Measures to minimize the impact of Aquaculture and other related factors		
Ban on import of live fish (eggs only) from other regions and from abroad, compliance with veterinary regulations, development of contingency plans in case of farm escapes, continued studies in areas with fish farming (monitoring, genetic studies)	Live smolts have been imported from Norway and placed in the cages in the fiords of Murmansk region (Barents sea).	No
Establishing inventory of “fisheries sites” for aquaculture.	In accordance with the current legislation of the Russian Federation no “fisheries site” is required for aquaculture purposes.	No
Development and implementation of new regional regulations for aquaculture operations at “fisheries sites” on the basis	No new regulations have been developed.	No

of NASCO recommendations		
Parasitological studies to monitor salmon rivers close to the border between Karelian Republic and Finland for <i>G.salaris</i>	Parasitological studies to monitor salmon rivers are conducted yearly.	Ongoing
Regulations the pink salmon fishery.	New regulations have been adopted - pink salmon fishery is not regulated by quotas in 2009.	Yes
Other influences affecting salmon abundance or diversity (including marine environment)		
Monitoring of by-catch of salmon in pelagic fisheries in the Norwegian Sea.	The programme completed. The report was provided to NASCO in 2008.	Completed
Sampling programmes on the fishery for herring and pink salmon in coastal areas of the White Sea to identify potential by-catch of salmon.	No programme has been launched.	No

Section 5: Details of any proposed revisions to the Implementation Plan.

No details

Notes on completing the Annual Report on actions taken under Implementation Plans

Section 2:

The weight of catch should be in tonnes “round fresh weight” (i.e. weight of whole, ungutted, unfrozen fish) or round fresh weight equivalent. If available the numbers and weight of salmon caught according to sea-age may also be presented.

“Provisional” means the latest available data (which may be subject to revisions) for 2008. “Confirmed” includes any revision to the provisional figure previously given for 2007.

The estimate of unreported catch may be broken down into categories e.g. by gear type; location of the fisheries (coastal fisheries, in-river fisheries, etc.); and by-catch of salmon in fisheries for other species. It should indicate if the unreported catch arises from legal or illegal activities

Section 4:

The primary purpose of the information provided under item 4 is to provide an account of all the actions that have been taken under the Implementation Plans with regard to:

- Management of salmon fisheries
- *Habitat protection and restoration (see note below)*
- Aquaculture and related activities
- Other influences affecting salmon abundance and diversity.

Note: The 2009 focus area is habitat protection, restoration and enhancement. No information is required in this annual report, unless a jurisdiction wishes to supplement its FAR or has not submitted a FAR.

Please include as part of the annual report under item 4 the following information which is a requirement under the Convention:

- Details of any laws, regulations and programmes that have been adopted or repealed since the last notification;
- Details of any new commitments concerning the adoption or maintenance in force for specified periods of time of conservation, restoration and other management measures;
- Details of any new actions to prohibit fishing for salmon beyond 12 nautical miles;
- Details of any new actions to invite the attention of States not Party to the Convention to matters relating to the activities of its vessels which could adversely affect salmon stocks subject to the Convention;
- Details of any new measures to minimise by-catches of salmon originating in the rivers of the other member [**North American Commission Members only**];
- Details of any alteration to fishing patterns that result in the initiation of fishing or increase in catches of salmon originating in the rivers of another Party except with the consent of the latter [**North American Commission Members only**];
- Details of any actions taken to implement regulatory measures under Article 13 including imposition of adequate penalties for violations.