

Agenda Item 6.1  
For Information

**Council**

**CNL(09)30**

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

***Canada***

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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.**

None

**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) *The provisional catch of Atlantic salmon for the calendar year 2008 is 148 t.*

*The catch was distributed as follows:*

*Small salmon (mostly ISW salmon) : 90 t equivalent to about 52,362 fish*

*Large salmon (mostly multi-sea-winter salmon) : 57 t equivalent to about 11,737 fish*

b) *Revised catch value for Canada for 2007 is 112 t.*

*The catch was distributed as follows:*

*Small salmon (mostly ISW salmon) : 63 t equivalent to about 37,075 fish*

*Large salmon (mostly multi-sea-winter salmon) : 49 t equivalent to about 10,311 fish*

c) *Unreported catch in Canada occurs essentially from illegal activities.*

*The preliminary numbers indicate that Canada's unreported catch will be lower than the 57 tonnes reported to NASCO in 2006. In Newfoundland and Labrador, there were 257 salmon observed from illegal activities. In Quebec Region, the total unreported catch was 17 tonnes and the Gulf/Maritimes Region's preliminary numbers indicate 3.2 tonnes of unreported catch.*

d) *In 2008, there were an estimated 58,000 fish which were caught and released in the recreational fisheries. Catch and release data are obtained directly from anglers through licence reports, angling surveys and logbooks.*

### **Notes**

1. "Round fresh weight" means weight of whole, ungutted, unfrozen fish.
2. "Provisional" means latest available data (which may be subject to revisions) for calendar year ended.
3. "Confirmed" includes any revision to the provisional figure previously given.

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

None

**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).**

<b>Management Action</b>	<b>Reporting Update</b>	<b>Achieved Management Action (Yes, No, Ongoing, Completed)</b>
<b>Fisheries Management</b>		
<b>Wild Atlantic Salmon Conservation Policy</b>	<b>Policy was finalized and released at the annual Atlantic Salmon Advisory Committee held in April 2009</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>North American Commission</b>	<b>An informal meeting of the NAC was held in April 2009</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Reduced from 8 to 4 the number of salmon tags available to anglers in NS</b>	<b>Implemented first in 2008 and will be continued in 2009</b>	<b>Completed</b>
<b>Mandatory barbless hooks when salmon fishing in hook and release rivers in NS</b>	<b>Implemented first in 2008 and will be continued in 2009</b>	<b>Completed</b>
<b>Mandatory barbless hooks from October 1 to October 31 when salmon fishing in catch and retain rivers in NS</b>	<b>Implemented first in 2008 and will be continued in 2009</b>	<b>Completed</b>
<b>Request to extend Cains River (NB) fishing season beyond October 15 for 2009 has been rejected.</b>	<b>Implemented in 2007 (2 week extensions), 2008 (1 week extension) and a request for 2009 (1 week extension) for</b>	<b>Completed</b>

	<b>monitoring activities to validate the presence/absence of redds.</b>	
<b>Daily live release limit during spring salmon (kelt) season (Apr.15 - May 15) is 10 on Miramichi.</b>	<b>Implemented in 2008 and continued in 2009.</b>	<b>Completed</b>
<b>Portions of Main Southwest Miramichi and Northwest Miramichi Rivers are restricted to single barbless hooks for all angling.</b>	<b>Implemented in 2008 and continued in 2009.</b>	<b>Completed</b>
<b>Barbless hooks with flies must now be used for angling all species (including salmon) during the period of April 15 to May 15 in most "fly fishing waters" in the Miramichi drainage (12 rivers).</b>	<b>Implemented for 2009.</b>	<b>Completed</b>
<b>Dunk River (PEI) opened with restrictions from April 15 - Sept 15; catch and release only, barbless hooks with artificial lure and fly only</b>	<b>Implemented in 2008 and continued in 2009.</b>	<b>Completed</b>
<b>Closing of Tryon River's east branch to angling for 2008 season.</b>	<b>Implemented in 2008 and continued in 2009.</b>	<b>Completed</b>
<b>In PEI, there will be no retention of Atlantic salmon in 2009. No tags will be issued. Drop from 2 tags to 0 (zero) tags. Single barbless fly only.</b>	<b>Implemented in 2009.</b>	<b>Completed</b>
<b>Measures to minimize the impact of Aquaculture and other related factors</b>		
<b>A revised I&amp;T delivery model is expected by 2008-2009</b>	Due to revised timelines by CFIA, the corresponding revisions to I&T have also been delayed.	<b>Ongoing</b>
<b>Amendments to Health of Animals Regulations are expected by 2008 – 09.</b>	See above	<b>Ongoing</b>

<p><b>Regional Fish Health Facility to be fully operational by 2008-09.</b></p>	<p>Construction of the facility in St. Alban's, N.L. was delayed due to a land dispute. Construction is expected to begin this summer, with the facility operational by next year. However, another facility in St. George, N.B. was opened in 2009 and is fully functional.</p>	<p><b>Ongoing</b></p>
<p><b>Industry to ratify New Brunswick's Code of Containment by 2008</b></p>	<p>The <i>Code of Containment for Culture of Atlantic Salmon in Marine Net Pens in N.B.</i>, that was cooperatively developed by industry and government, is in place and being used by the salmon farming industry in N.B.</p>	<p><b>Completed</b></p>
<p><b>Provincial regulatory amendments for the Code expected by March 2008.</b></p>	<p>The <i>Southwest New Brunswick Breach of Containment Governance Document</i> is in the final stages of development and is expected to be finalized in 2009. This document is meant to complement the protocols contained in the <i>Code of Containment for Culture of Atlantic Salmon in Marine Net Pens in N.B.</i> Applicable provincial regulatory amendments are still in progress.</p>	<p><b>Ongoing</b></p>
<p><b>Canada, through the North American Commission, will develop a protocol for the sharing of information with respect to Introductions and transfers and breeches of containment.</b></p>	<p>Canada and the US created a working group to develop an information sharing protocol. The group met prior to the NAC pre-meeting in April 2009 and developed a draft agreement. This draft is currently being further developed and will need to be consulted upon internally before being ratified by the NAC.</p>	<p><b>Ongoing</b></p>

<b>Other influences affecting salmon abundance or diversity (including marine environment)</b>		
<b>Recovery Strategy for the inner Bay of Fundy Atlantic salmon</b>	<b>The Recovery Potential Assessment for iBoF salmon was completed in March 2008. The final draft Recovery Strategy is being circulated to the Provinces and Aboriginal communities for comments. Once all comments are received and considered the document will be finalized and the proposed version will then be posted on the SARA Public Registry for a 60-day public comment period. A final version of the Recovery Strategy will be posted following that review.</b>	<b>Ongoing</b>

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

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