

Council

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

EU – Spain

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.

An Implementation Plan for the Management of Salmon in Spain is currently being prepared.

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) and (b)

Year	2007		2008	
	Number	Weight	Number	Weight
Asturias		8.507		7.006
Navarra	50	0.231	46	0.193
Bizkaia	0	0	0	0
Gipuzkoa	0	0	0	0
Galicia	283	1.233	188	0.912
Cantabria	200	0.710	316	1.360
TOTALS:	533	10.681	550	9.471

(c) Unreported catches:

Asturias: All coastal fishing is banned and only angling is permitted in rivers. There is very little illegal fishing.
Navarra: Considered to be very low because all catches must be declared.
Galicia: Zero
Cantabria: Estimated at ~5% of reported catch. All rod catch is screened; and nets and coastal fisheries are illegal.
Total: Unknown but probably < 0.5t

(d) Catch and Release

Asturias: No data. Since 2007, catch and release has been required on Thursdays.
Navarra: Unknown but not a common practice in the Bidasoa River.
Galicia: Zero
Cantabria: No catch and release fishing
Total: Unknown but probably < 50

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

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Other influences affecting salmon abundance or diversity (including marine environment)		

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

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.