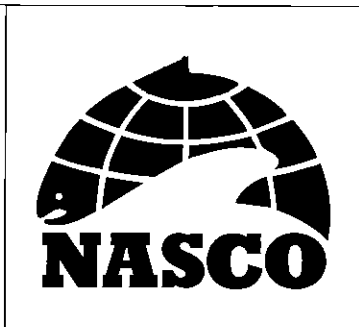


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### Salmon Management in the Baltic Sea

The European Community would like to update NASCO on most recent developments concerning the management of Salmon in the Baltic Sea:

- Since 2006, marine fisheries are managed by the EC through TAC and technical regulation. TAC for 2008: 300 000 individuals for Main Basin, 15 000 individuals for Gulf of Finland
- Seasonal closures in the Main Basin from 1 June to 15 September and 15 June to 30 September in the Gulf of Finland beyond 4nm except for catches with trap-nets<sup>1</sup>
- Minimum landing size of 60cm for Main Basin except Bothnia Bay and Gulf of Finland and 50cm for Bothnia Bay<sup>2</sup>
- Prohibition of drift net fishery since 1 January 2008<sup>3</sup>
- Limit for the dioxin level (Derogation for Finland and Sweden until 2011 when respective public information is provided)
- National measures may be additionally set for coastal and inland waters

Following the cessation of the International Baltic Sea Fishery Commission (IBSFC) after 2005 and the expiry of the IBSFC Salmon Action Plan the EU is developing a new management plan for salmon in the Baltic Sea. It is currently in the consultation stage and NASCO was present at the last stakeholder consultation meeting on 28 April and made a presentation on the functioning of NASCO. The proposal is likely to be presented in the autumn of 2009.

The proposal for a new Baltic salmon management plan will be equally informed by the results of two research projects: one by ICES (on evaluation of the past IBSFC plan) and the other by a consortium of research institutions from different Baltic MS aimed at reviewing the socio-economic impact of the past IBSFC plan and to evaluate the socio-economic impact of the different management options.

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<sup>1</sup> Article 17 of Council Regulation (EC) No 2187/2005

<sup>2</sup> Annex 4 to Council Regulation (EC) No 2187/2005

<sup>3</sup> Article 9 of Council Regulation (EC) No 2187/2005

No future research projects are planned at the moment. However, it is likely that new research will be undertaken following the plan implementation period. These will be expected to form the basis for a performance evaluation of the plan and a potential review of the specified measures.