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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 2 April 2010**

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 2009;
- (b) the confirmed catch of salmon in tonnes for 2008;
- (c) an estimate of unreported catch in tonnes for 2009;
- (d) the number of salmon caught and released in recreational fisheries in 2009.

Catch down by 55% on the final 2008 and by 45% on the previous 5-years. It is the lowest catch on the 22-year period.

(a) provisional catch for 2009 : 5,3 t.

(b) catch 2008 : 11,7 t.

(c) unreported catches for 2009: 0.5-1 t.

(d) number of salmon caught and released in 2009: No available data.

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

Explanations for this dramatic decrease could be in low stock size, delay in grilse timing, decrease in effort and bad conditions for fishing (lack of flow, warming weather).

Section 4: An account of all actions taken under the Implementation Plan with regard to the management of salmon fisheries; habitat protection and restoration; aquaculture and related activities (not required in 2010); and other influences affecting salmon abundance or diversity (including the marine environment).

Management Action	Reporting Update	Achieved Management Action (Yes, No, Ongoing, Completed)
Fisheries Management		
Action 1. To establish the level of catches in estuaries and at sea along the coasts	No survey. No catch declaration system for small boats, except in Adour estuary	No
Action 2. To limit illegal practices compromising the current Spring salmon protection. To adopt, if need be, further measures or alternatives	Enforcement and police operations by ONEMA units. Decreasing effort. No further action planed	Yes but in decline
Action 3. To minimise illegal exploitation of salmons in the estuarine reserves and coastal areas	No systematic protected area in estuaries and coasts. No action	No
Action 4. To forbid estuarine and coastal fishing of migratory salmonids on all the rivers containing salmons	Salmon fishing is only closed in Loire estuary. No interdiction in coastal fisheries	No
Action 5. To estimate and limit the salmon by-catches in the gear estuarine and river fisheries of the Gironde and the Loire	No focused action. The possible positive effect of the shad catch closure in Gironde is ended, closure being lifted in may 2010	No
Action 6. To better evaluate the exploited stocks (numbers and sea-age composition) so as to modify the fishing exploitation accordingly	No specific actions to evaluate stocks and catches.	No
Habitat Protection and Restoration		
Action 7. To allow or to improve the migrations: smolts movements downstream and adult salmons' access to the reproduction habitats	Upstream: on-going studies of fisways or barrage removals Downstream: no new implementation. Slow development	Ongoing
Action 8. To analyse the situation with regard to flow conditions, temperature and pollution which could disturb the migrations upstream and downstream	Current analysis in Garonne and Dordogne estuary. In project for Loire one.	Ongoing (but need to develop)
Action 9. To improve and assess fresh water salmon habitats	Some mapping studies. No significant improvement	Ongoing
9.1. Increase of natural sedimentary charge from erosion of the verges (vieux Rhin)	Under feasibility study. Implementation in 2011.	Ongoing
9.2. Monitoring and reduction of the impact from agricultural runoffs (solid charge and	Recent implementation on the index-river Bresle	No (need to extend)

relationship rain – flow – charge monitorings)		
9.3. Under gravel salmonid survival tests	In the process on few rivers (Allier, Couesnon...)	Yes
9.4. Hydraulic management and water removal adapted to salmon	Good development with sluicing waters and minimal flow on the Dordogne. Extension to the Garonne.	Yes
Actions au titre des programmes de restauration des stocks de saumon		
Action 10. To maintain and increase the biological monitoring over the long term and to maintain and improve its quality (monitoring of migrations, juveniles, numbering of spawning grounds...)	Fair monitoring on the 4 index-rivers. No further river. Redds counting and juvenile abundance control is going on some rivers but no connection is made with stocks levels. National database on migratory fishes in development	Yes
Action 11. To complete the genetic specification of salmon stocks	Study in process, results are partly available.	Yes
Action 12. To describe the operation in metapopulation of the Bay of Mont Saint-Michel rivers	Study in process, results are partly available.	Yes
Action 13. To quantify the proportions of native salmon and of salmon resulting from stockings in the stocks which are struggling or which show an uncertain status	Genetic study of spawners used in the restocking programs is processed in Dordogne-Garonne then Loire-Allier. Parentage identification will be possible.	Ongoing
Aquaculture and related activities <i>(only required if a jurisdiction wishes to supplement its FAR or has not submitted a FAR)</i>		
Action 14. To analyse genetic and pathological dangers linked to aquaculture (fresh water and sea) and to define preventative or corrective measures in favour of the wild salmon and its restoration (Williamsburg Resolution)	Not required	
Action 15. To apply the resolution of Williamsburg with regard to artificial reproduction and to the raising in captivity of salmon juveniles (genetic and health harmlessness)		
Action 16. To apply the resolution of Williamsburg with regard to the removal of adults and to the stocking of rivers with salmon juveniles		
Action 17. To add France to the zone exempt of <i>Gyrodactylus salaris</i> and to adopt adequate protection measures		
Actions au titre de la connaissance et de l'échange d'information		
Action 18. To establish conservation limits for all salmon rivers which do not have any. To bring the French salmon river	Planned for 2011. Inventory is not necessary.	No

inventory up to date		
Action 19. To organise on a biannual basis a national technical meeting on salmon and its management	First conference in OLORON, 21-22 October 2009.	Yes
Action 20. To disseminate NASCO's recommendations and resolutions in France	Distribution and Integration into Migratory Fish Programs	Ongoing

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

No proposal.
