

**Council**

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*Annual Report  
on Actions Taken Under Implementation Plans*

*Canada*



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for the Calendar Year 2010  
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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 6 April 2012**

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

**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 2011;
- (b) the confirmed catch of salmon in tonnes for 2010;
- (c) an estimate of unreported catch in tonnes for 2011;
- (d) the number of salmon caught and released in recreational fisheries in 2011.

**Canada:**

- (a) provisional catch of salmon for 2011: 178.7 t, equivalent to 77,519 fish in number of all sizes - comprised of 110.1 t of small salmon (< 63 cm fork length) and 68.6 t of large salmon (>= 63 cm fork length), equivalent by number to 63,851 small salmon and 13,668 large salmon
- (b) confirmed catch of salmon for 2010: 153.1 t, equivalent to 69,503 fish in number of all sizes

- comprised of 100.0 t of small salmon (< 63 cm fork length) and 53.1 t of large salmon (>= 63 cm fork length), equivalent by number to 58,531 small salmon and 10,972 large salmon  
 (c) unreported catch estimate for 2011, illegal fishing activities: 28.7 t  
 (d) number of salmon caught and released in recreational fisheries in 2011: 77,641 fish, comprised of 41,248 small salmon and 36,393 large salmon. In total, 59% of all fished captured (retained plus released) were released in the recreational fishery.

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

Nothing to report

**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; and other influences affecting salmon abundance or diversity (including the marine environment).**

| Management Action  | Reporting Update   | Achieved Management Action (Yes, No, Ongoing, Completed) |
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| <b>Fisheries Management</b>  |  |  |
| Reduction to 3 from 4 of the maximum retention of salmon in the Labrador Resident food fishery in 2011 | By-catch reduction implemented. Approximately 8% reduction in salmon by-catch in 2011.                 | Yes.   |
| Mandatory catch and release of large salmon (>= 63 cm) in the Labrador recreational fishery            | Prohibition on retention of large salmon in the Labrador recreational fishery was implemented in 2011. | Yes.   |

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| <b>Habitat Protection and Restoration</b>   |  |                                  |
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| <b>Aquaculture and related activities</b>   |  |                                  |
| <b>Action: A revised I&amp;T delivery model is expected by 2008 – 09.</b>                 | DFO has initiated the development of a Working Group under the Canadian Council of Fisheries and Aquaculture Ministers (CCFAM) to work in collaboration with CCFAM jurisdictions (all provinces and territories) to renew the 2003 <i>National Code on Introductions and Transfers of Aquatic Organisms</i> . Among other matters, the renewed Code will Revisions to the Code are needed to account for phased implementation of the National Aquatic Animal Health Program (NAAHP) by the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA). Additional opportunities may also be sought to further enhance the Code. It is expected that the renewed Code will be presented for CCFAM approval in the Fall 2013. | <b>Ongoing</b>                   |
| <b>Action: Amendments to the Health of Animals Regulations are expected by 2008-2009.</b> | Regulations are current to 2012-04-23 and last amended on 2011-12-10 ( <a href="http://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/regulations/C.R.C.,_c._296/index.html">http://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/regulations/C.R.C.,_c._296/index.html</a> )   | <b>This action is completed</b>  |
| <b>Action: Regional Fish Health Facility to be fully operational by 2008-09</b>           | The new Centre for Aquaculture Health and Development in St. Alban's, Newfoundland and Labrador was opened for operation on July 14, 2010. The Centre is an international model for aquatic diagnostics, marine biosecurity and energy conservation.   | <b>This action is completed.</b> |
| <b>Action: Industry to ratify New Brunswick's Code of Containment by 2008.</b>            | The <i>Code of Containment for the Culture of Atlantic Salmon in Marine Net Pens in New Brunswick</i> was prepared by the NB Salmon Growers' Association with the Province and Fisheries and Oceans Canada. It was finalized in June 2008  | <b>This action is completed.</b> |

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|   | and is publicly available<br>( <a href="http://atlanticfishfarmers.com/codes-of-containment.html">http://atlanticfishfarmers.com/codes-of-containment.html</a> ).  |                                  |
| <b>Action: Provincial regulatory amendments for the Code expected by March 2008.</b>  | The New Brunswick Regulation 91-158 under the Aquaculture Act is current to May 8, 2012 and is publicly available ( <a href="http://laws.gnb.ca/en/showfulldoc/cr/91-158//20120511">http://laws.gnb.ca/en/showfulldoc/cr/91-158//20120511</a> ). | <b>This action is completed.</b> |
| <b>Canada, through the North American Commission, will work with the US to develop a protocol for the sharing of information with respect to disease incidences, introductions and transfers, breaches of containment and transgenics activities.</b> | The NAC annual reporting template was ratified by NASCO Council in 2011. Canada and the US continue discussions on reporting for fish health.  | <b>Ongoing</b>                   |
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| <b>Other influences affecting salmon abundance or diversity (including marine environment)</b>  |  |                                  |
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**Section 5: Details of any proposed revisions to the Implementation Plan.**

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