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The Annual Progress Reports allow NASCO to evaluate progress on actions taken by Parties/jurisdictions to implement its internationally agreed Resolutions, Agreements and Guidelines and consequently the achievement of their objectives and actions taken in accordance with the Convention. The following information should be provided through the Annual Progress Reports:

- any changes to the management regime for salmon and consequent changes to the Implementation Plan;
- actions that have been taken under the Implementation Plan in the previous year;
- significant changes to the status of stocks, and a report on catches; and
- actions taken in accordance with the provisions of the Convention.

*In completing this Annual Progress Report please refer to the **Guidelines for the Preparation and Evaluation of NASCO Implementation Plans and for Reporting on Progress, CNL(18)49.***

These reports will be reviewed by the Council. Please complete this form and return it to the Secretariat **no later than 1 April 2020.**

Party:	European Union
Jurisdiction/Region:	Spain (Asturias)

1: Changes to the Implementation Plan

1.1 Describe any proposed revisions to the Implementation Plan (Where changes are proposed, the revised Implementation Plans should be submitted to the Secretariat by 1 November).

There are no major changes in fishing regulations in 2016-2019 period.

1.2 Describe any major new initiatives or achievements for salmon conservation and management that you wish to highlight.

Some wild specimens in fishing season have been donated by fishermen for artificial spawning. This measure will continue to be promoted.

2: Stock status and catches.

2.1 Provide a description of any new factors that may significantly affect the abundance of salmon stocks and, if there has been any significant change in stock status since the development of the Implementation Plan, provide a brief (200 word max) summary of these changes.

No important changes. Catches have increased slightly.

Year	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Catch number	356	247	1045	1301	837	1210	1094	1138	498	601	834

2.2 Provide the following information on catches:(nominal catch equals reported quantity of salmon caught and retained in tonnes ‘round fresh weight’ (i.e. weight of whole, ungutted, unfrozen fish) or ‘round fresh weight equivalent’).

(a) provisional nominal catch (which may be subject to revision) for 2019 (tonnes)	In-river	Estuarine	Coastal	Total
	4,80 Tn	There are not Fishing prohibited in the sea	There are not Fishing prohibited in the sea	There are not Fishing prohibited in the sea
(b) confirmed nominal catch of salmon for 2018 (tonnes)	4,56 Tn	There are not Fishing prohibited in the sea	There are not Fishing prohibited in the sea	There are not Fishing prohibited in the sea
(c) estimated unreported catch for 2019 (tonnes)	Very low Negligible value	There are not	There are not	There are not
(d) number and percentage of salmon caught and released in recreational fisheries in 2019	There are not official data in catch and released.			

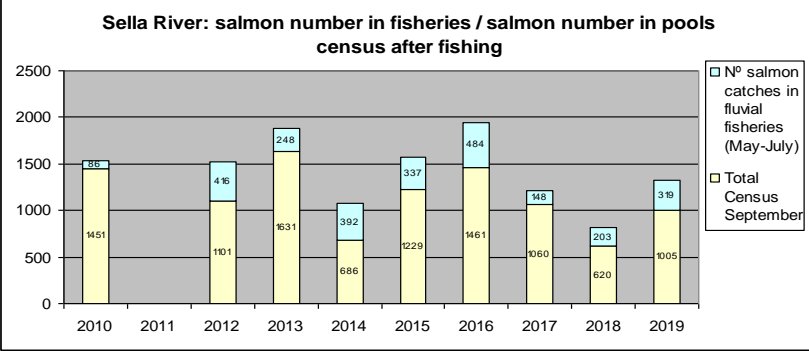
3: Implementation Plan Actions.

3.1 Provide an update on progress on actions relating to the Management of Salmon Fisheries (section 2.9 of the Implementation Plan).Note: the reports under ‘Progress on action to date’ should provide a brief overview of each action. For all actions, provide clear and concise quantitative information to demonstrate progress. In circumstances where quantitative information cannot be provided for a particular action because of its nature, a clear rationale must be given for not providing quantitative information and other information should be provided to enable progress with that action to be evaluated. While referring to additional material (e.g. via links to websites) may assist those seeking more detailed information, this will not be evaluated by the Review Group.

Action	Description of action (as submitted in the IP):	
F1:		Increase vigilance to reduce possible illegal fishing, although levels of illegal fishing are low.

	Expected outcome (as submitted in the IP):	Aware fishermen about not performing illegal fishing																								
	Progress on action to date (Provide a brief overview with a quantitative measure, or other justified evaluation, of progress. Other material (e.g. website links) will not be evaluated):	In the annual surveillance campaign, no major outbreaks of illegal fishing are detected. 100%																								
	Current status of action:	completed.																								
	If 'Completed', has the action achieved its objective?	Yes. We have conducted annual monitoring campaigns in fishing preserves.																								
Action F2:	Description of action (as submitted in the IP):	Regulate river catches avoiding overfishing																								
	Expected outcome (as submitted in the IP):	The current measures of protected areas and closed areas must be maintained for several years.																								
	Progress on action to date (Provide a brief overview with a quantitative measure, or other justified evaluation, of progress. Other material (e.g. website links) will not be evaluated):	The measures undertaken a few years ago reducing periods and quotas and creating refuge areas for breeders, have succeeded in avoiding a regressive trend of populations.																								
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If 'Completed', has the action achieved its objective?	The census data of breeders in autumn maintain an almost stable trend.																									

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Action F3:	Description of action (as submitted in the IP):	Reinforce populations with repopulations of salmon fry.																						
	Expected outcome (as submitted in the IP):	Allows for reared and wild salmon to be distinguished																						
	Progress on action to date (Provide a brief overview with a quantitative measure, or other justified evaluation, of progress. Other material (e.g. website links) will not be evaluated):	Restocking programmes with native fish in Asturias: It has been restocked with 352,000 parr of which 136,000 have been marked with a adipose clip.																						
	Current status of action:	Completed																						
	If 'Completed', has the action achieved its objective?	Yes																						
Action F4:	Description of action (as submitted in the IP):	Running monitoring in Sella river																						
	Expected outcome (as submitted in the IP):	Data, diversity of stock, weigth, age in the sea.																						

	<p>Progress on action to date (Provide a brief overview with a quantitative measure, or other justified evaluation, of progress. Other material (e.g. website links) will not be evaluated):</p>	<p>An annual series of catch and presence data for adult breeders in the Sella River has continued.</p> 
	<p>Current status of action:</p>	<p>Completed</p>
	<p>If 'Completed', has the action achieved its objective?</p>	<p>It is checked based on catch data and breeder censuses that the population is sustainable.</p>

3.2 Provide an update on progress on actions relating to Habitat Protection and Restoration (section 3.5 of the Implementation Plan). *Note: the reports under 'Progress on action to date' should provide a brief overview of each action. For all actions, provide clear and concise quantitative information to demonstrate progress. In circumstances where quantitative information cannot be provided for a particular action because of its nature, a clear rationale must be given for not providing quantitative information and other information should be provided to enable progress with that action to be evaluated. While referring to additional material (e.g. via links to websites) may assist those seeking more detailed information, this will not be evaluated by the Review Group.*

<p>Action H1:</p>	<p>Description of action (as submitted in the IP):</p>	<p>Program of cleaning and annual maintenance of the scales in mini-stations and obstacles to the ski lift of the salmon</p>
	<p>Expected outcome (as submitted in the IP):</p>	<p>Increase accessibility and nursery habitats for juveniles.</p>
	<p>Progress on action to date (Provide a brief overview with a quantitative measure, or other justified evaluation, of progress. Other material (e.g. website links) will not be evaluated):</p>	<p>Cleaning actions have been carried out on all the scales of the Sella, Narcea, Esva and Cares rivers.</p>
	<p>Current status of action:</p>	<p>Completed</p>
	<p>If 'Completed', has the action achieved its objective?</p>	<p>Yes. Adult salmon have been able to access spawn areas</p>
<p>Action H2:</p>	<p>Description of action (as submitted in the IP):</p>	<p>Increase knowledge about the problem of predation, which is difficult to solve. Controls of <i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i> are performed.</p>

	Expected outcome (as submitted in the IP):	Obtaining information
	Progress on action to date (Provide a brief overview with a quantitative measure, or other justified evaluation, of progress. Other material (e.g. website links) will not be evaluated):	Controls of <i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i> are performed in all the rivers
	Current status of action:	Completed
	If 'Completed', has the action achieved its objective?	Yes. 240 cormorants have been killed.
Action H3:	Description of action (as submitted in the IP):	Increase knowledge: Perform annual censuses (counts) broodstock salmon to estimate their number against fishing
	Expected outcome (as submitted in the IP):	Obtaining information
	Progress on action to date (Provide a brief overview with a quantitative measure, or other justified evaluation, of progress. Other material (e.g. website links) will not be evaluated):	There have been censuses of the presence of adult breeders in all rivers.
	Current status of action:	Completed
	If 'Completed', has the action achieved its objective?	Yes

3.3 Provide an update on progress on actions relating to Aquaculture, Introductions and Transfers and Transgenics (section 4.11 of the Implementation Plan). *Note: the reports under 'Progress on action to date' should provide a brief overview of each action. For all actions, provide clear and concise quantitative information to demonstrate progress. In circumstances where quantitative information cannot be provided for a particular action because of its nature, a clear rationale must be given for not providing quantitative information and other information should be provided to enable progress with that action to be evaluated. While referring to additional material (e.g. via links to websites) may assist those seeking more detailed information, this will not be evaluated by the Review Group.*

Action A1:	Description of action (as submitted in the IP):	
	Expected outcome (as submitted in the IP):	
	Progress on action to date	

	<i>(Provide a brief overview with a quantitative measure, or other justified evaluation, of progress. Other material (e.g. website links) will not be evaluated):</i>	
	Current status of action:	Choose an item.
	If 'Completed', has the action achieved its objective?	

4: Additional information required under the Convention

4.1 Details of any laws, regulations and programmes that have been adopted or repealed since the last notification.

4.2 Details of any new commitments concerning the adoption or maintenance in force for specified periods of time of conservation, restoration and other management measures.

4.3 Details of any new actions to prohibit fishing for salmon beyond 12 nautical miles.

4.4 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.

4.5 Details of any actions taken to implement regulatory measures under Article 13 of the Convention including imposition of adequate penalties for violations.

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4.6 Details of any new measures to minimise by-catches of salmon originating in the rivers of the other member.

4.7 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.