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In several fjords and coastal regions, mixed-stock fisheries have not been permitted for many years due to low management target attainment. However, restricted mixed-stock fisheries are still in operation in most fjords and along the Norwegian coast.

The regulation of these fisheries is based upon estimates of spawning target attainment of the stocks most likely to be exploited in the actual fjord or coastal region. In general, only bag nets and rod and line are allowed. In Finnmark County, however, bend nets are also permitted. In addition to restrictions on fishing gear, the main regulatory measures are length of fishing season and the number of fishing days per week. In 2019 length of fishing season were reduced by one week (three fishing days) in two fjords in western parts of Norway due to low target attainment in exploited stocks recent years.

915 fishermen participated in mixed-stock fisheries fjords and coastal regions in 2019. This is a five percent increase compared to 2018. Over all 936 bag nets and 418 bend nets were used. The total catch was 235 tonnes, 28 percent decrease from 2018. The catch reduction was general along the coast, but largest catch reduction was in the northern parts of Norway. Even though the salmon catches in Finnmark County were reduced by 23 percent from 2018, mixed-stock fisheries still are most extensive here, representing 41 percent of the fishermen, 48 percent of total gear and 43 percent of the total catches. No in-season measures in mixed stock fisheries were considered necessary in 2018. In 2019, 189 fishermen used the new system for electronic reporting of catches, a 30 percent increase from 2018.