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Nowadays Atlantic salmon mixed-stock fisheries in the Russian Federation are conducted in Murmansk and Archangelsk regions in the White Sea only (except Kandalaksha Gulf where Atlantic salmon fisheries are prohibited). Coastal salmon fisheries in the Barents Sea are prohibited by the Fishing Regulations for the Northern Fisheries basin (order of the Ministry of Agriculture No. 414, 30.10.2014).

Commercial, recreational and indigenous people fisheries are allowed at fishing sites only. Catch limits for anadromous fishes are established annually on the region-by-region basis by the Federal Agency for Fisheries. A regional catch limit is further allocated to commercial, recreational and indigenous people fisheries by the Regional Commissions on Regulation of Harvesting the Anadromous Fish.

Regional Directorates of the Federal Agency for Fisheries are responsible for issuing fishing permits to users of fishing sites in accordance with a catch limit allocation by a Regional Commission on Regulation of Harvesting the Anadromous Fish. Users of fishing sites are obliged to report catches to a Regional Directorate of the Federal Agency for Fisheries twice a month. Once the allocated catch limit is fished out the fishery must be closed.

Coastal fisheries in the White Sea are conducted at traditional fishing stations. In Murmansk region only stationary coastal traps are allowed. Two or three traps with leading nets are usually installed one after another from the shore. In Archangelsk region both coastal traps and gill nets are still traditional fishing gears.

The coastal salmon fisheries in the Barents Sea were closed completely in late 1950s. The coastal fisheries in the White Sea remained unregulated until late 1980s. In 1987, for the first time, a catch limit was established for coastal fisheries in Murmansk region. The quota was set at 60 t, which, on the basis of the average weight of salmon, corresponded to 21,000 fish. In 2008 the catch limits in coastal fisheries were further reduced. As a result the coastal catches decreased from over 100 t in 1980s to around 50 tonnes in 1990s and to around 30 t in 2008-2018.

In recent years the catch limit for commercial coastal fisheries in Murmansk region was reduced from 26 t to 15 t, and the limit for indigenous people fisheries at sea was set at 1,2 t. The catch limit for coastal commercial and recreational fisheries in Archangelsk region was 11 t.

In 2018 and 2019 total declared catches of Atlantic salmon taken in coastal areas of the White Sea were 35.9 and 21.7 t, respectively (Table).

Table. Nominal catches of Atlantic salmon in Russia in 2018-2019 (in tonnes round fresh weight).

Provisional nominal catch (which may be subject to revision) for 2019	In-river	Estuarine	Coastal	Total
	35.3	0.0	21.7	57.0
Confirmed nominal catch of salmon for 2018	44.1	0.0	35.9	80.0