



## Concerning the Salmon Fishery in Greenland 2018

The fishery for salmon in Greenland commenced Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> of August 2018.

In accordance with the Multi-Annual Regulatory Measure for Fishing for Atlantic Salmon at West Greenland for 2018, 2019 and 2020, WGC (18)11, the Greenlandic Ministry of Fisheries, Hunting and Agriculture would like to inform NASCO of the improvements of the monitoring, management control and surveillance or any modification to the management of the Atlantic salmon fishery.

### Sampling program

The sampling program will continue this year in the same manner as earlier, where samplers will visit different villages and towns in Greenland and take samples of the salmon that are sold at open air markets. There is a condition in the license stating that the fishermen must allow samplers to take samples from salmon they have caught. The Ministry of Fisheries, Hunting and Agriculture will together with the Association of Fishers and Hunters in Greenland as well as the Greenland Institute of Natural Resources inform about and help samplers with the program if issues arise.

### Fishery conditions, monitoring and control

The Government of Greenland has decided as follows:

- There will be no export of wild Atlantic Salmon or its products from Greenland.
- To prohibit landings and sales of Atlantic Salmon to fish processing factories.
- The salmon fishing season will open no earlier than 15 August and close no later than 31 October.
- The Total Allowable catch for all components of the Atlantic Salmon fishery will be 30 metric tons.
- All fishers are required a license to fish for Atlantic Salmon and all fishing for Atlantic salmon without a license is prohibited.
- Only licensed full-time hunters and fishers are authorized to sell salmon at open air markets.
- All licensed fishers are to provide a full accounting of fishing activity and harvest.
- All licensed fishers are required to report every landing.
- Licensed fishers who have not provided a full accounting of their catches within one month of the end of the fishing season are prohibited from acquiring a license for the following season until reporting is received.
- Data on catch and fishing activity for Atlantic Salmon by all licensed fishers will be collected and verified on an annual basis

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