

	<p><b>Council</b></p> <p><i>Annual Progress Report on Actions taken under the Implementation Plan for the Calendar Year 2020 – Denmark (in respect of the Faroe Islands and Greenland) – Greenland</i></p>	<p>CNL(21)32</p>
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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 2021**.

<b>Party:</b>	<b>Denmark (in respect of the Faroe Islands and Greenland)</b>
<b>Jurisdiction / Region:</b>	<b>Greenland</b>

<b>1: Changes to the Implementation Plan</b>
<b>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).</b>
No changes were made to the Implementation Plan in 2020.
<b>1.2 Describe any major new initiatives or achievements for salmon conservation and management that you wish to highlight.</b>
It is obligatory to report any salmon catches, or attempts at catches, to the Greenland's Fisheries License Control Authority (GFLK). In 2020, this task has become available through the online portal <a href="http://www.sullissivik.gl">www.sullissivik.gl</a> , and have thus been made easier for the fishermen to comply.

<b>2: Stock status and catches.</b>
<b>2.1 Provide a description of any new factors that may affect the abundance of salmon stocks significantly 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.</b>

<b>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’).</b>				
	In-river	Estuarine	Coastal	Total
(a) provisional nominal catch (which may be subject to revision) for 2020 (tonnes)			30.7 tonnes	30.7 tonnes
(b) confirmed nominal catch of salmon for 2019 (tonnes)			28.8 tonnes	28.8 tonnes
(c) estimated unreported catch for 2020 (tonnes)			6.1 tonnes	6.1 tonnes
(d) number and percentage of salmon caught and released in recreational fisheries in 2020	N.A.			

### 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.*

<b>Action F1:</b>	Description of action (as submitted in the IP):	Evaluation of the reporting system implemented in 2018 through the new Government of Greenland Executive Act, including 0-catch reporting requirement and validation process taking place after the end of the fishing season.
	Expected outcome (as submitted in the IP):	Improved reporting and more valid data, which can be used to improve management measures.
	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):	As in 2019, the Ministry, GFLK and the Fishermen and Hunters Association, KNAPK, held a meeting pre-season, mid-season and an evaluation meeting after the season ended. One of the decisions that came out of these meetings were to begin the work on a management plan for the salmon fishery for the 2021 fishing season.  The reporting percentage has decreased marginally in 2020, compared to 2019. The reporting percentage in 2020 was 81.4%, whereas in 2019 there was 81.6% reporting percentage.

		<p>A total of 1318 catch reports were received, of which the 433 were 0-catch reports (33 %). Almost all (98 %) catch reports were received before the last day of reporting, which in 2020 was the 20th of October.</p> <p>An analysis of catch reports during the fishing season illustrated that there was a delay of approximately 8 days on average from the catch of the salmon up until the reporting was received by the GFLK. This is an improvement compared to 2019.</p>
	Current status of action:	Ongoing
	If 'Completed', has the action achieved its objective?	
<b>Action F2:</b>	Description of action (as submitted in the IP):	Enhance awareness and implementation of the new license system, requiring all fishermen, including private to hold a license and the requirement that the issuance of a license is based on the previous year's reporting.
	Expected outcome (as submitted in the IP):	Increased awareness and full implementation of the new legal requirement, which should lead to improved reporting and better data.
	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>The public citizen website sullissivik.gl was updated with an online reporting module, which will be further enhanced prior to the 2021 season.</p> <p>Radio spots reminding people to apply for a license and to report timely ran daily in the national radio throughout the 2020-season. Additional reminders were made through press releases.</p> <p>GFLK developed, and will continue to utilize, a SMS service in order to remind the license holders to report in a timely manner.</p> <p>Additionally, information and reminders to apply for fishing licenses, as well as to report catches on time, was campaigned on social media. These campaigns were also available in a magazine for the local Association of Fishermen and Hunters in Greenland and a national newspaper.</p>
	Current status of action:	Ongoing
	If 'Completed', has the action achieved its objective?	
<b>Action F3:</b>	Description of action (as submitted in the IP):	Continue the heightened level of monitoring and control of the salmon fishery and the increased focus on salmon fishing in

		the Greenland Fisheries License Control Authority.
	Expected outcome (as submitted in the IP):	Improved monitoring and control, which should also lead to improved reporting and stronger compliance for both professional and private fishermen.
	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):	GFLK performed day to day monitoring of the quota uptake during the fishing season.  The fisheries inspectors did not run a salmon campaign due to covid19. This is intended to be re-established for the 2021 season.  SMS-notifications was sent to all of the license holders, who are able to receive SMS. Additional reminders were made through press releases, radio spots and Facebook campaigns.  Meetings was also held between GFLK, KNAPK and the Ministry.
	Current status of action:	Ongoing
	If 'Completed', has the action achieved its objective?	
<b>Action F4:</b>	Description of action (as submitted in the IP):	
	Expected outcome (as submitted in the IP):	
	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):	
	Current status of action:	Choose an item.
	If 'Completed', has the action achieved its objective?	

**3.2 Provide an update on progress on actions relating to Habitat Protection and Restoration** (section 3.5 of the Implementation Plan).  
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<b>Action H1:</b>	Description of action (as submitted in the IP):	The completion and adoption of a protection plan for the Kapisillit River stock and the entire river area.
	Expected outcome (as submitted in the IP):	Protection of the entire river areas including adjacent estuarine area from anthropogenic effects (pollution, development of agriculture and gillnetting) and specifying rules of public access, including fishery.
	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):	An executive order for the protection of the ecosystem surrounding the Kapisillit River has been drafted and is being prepared for public consultation.
	Current status of action:	Ongoing
	If 'Completed', has the action achieved its objective?	
<b>Action H2:</b>	Description of action (as submitted in the IP):	
	Expected outcome (as submitted in the IP):	
	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):	
	Current status of action:	Choose an item.
	If 'Completed', has the action achieved its objective?	

### 3.3 Provide an update on progress on actions relating to Aquaculture, Introductions and Transfers and Transgenics (section 4.11 of the Implementation Plan).

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<b>Action A1:</b>	Description of action (as submitted in the IP):	
	Expected outcome	

	<i>(as submitted in the IP):</i>	
	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?	

<b>4: Additional information required under the Convention</b>
4.1 Details of any laws, regulations and programmes that have been adopted or repealed since the last notification. A new Executive Order on fishery for salmon was adopted in 2020, including the new option to report online and a shorter period to report 0-catches as well as the exclusion of drift nets in the fishery. All other restrictions remain.
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. In 2020, the work on a management plan for Atlantic salmon was initiated. A working group has been put together to work on a draft management plan and corresponding Executive Order for the 2021 salmon fishery. The working group consist of the Ministry of Fisheries, Hunting and Agriculture, Greenland Fisheries License Control Authority, Ministry of Environment and Research, Greenland Institute of Natural Resources, KNAPK (Fishermen and Hunters Association), municipalities and local associations of recreational fishermen. As according to normal procedure, the management plan will also go through a public consultation.
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.
<b>North American Commission Members only:</b>
4.6 Details of any new measures to minimise bycatches 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.