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The history of Norway – Russia co-operation on the issues of coastal fisheries was presented in Annex 5 of the Report of the Thirty-Sixth Annual Meeting of the North-East Atlantic Commission of the North Atlantic Salmon Conservation Organization ([NEA\(19\)10](#)).

As a follow-up of agreements at the joint Working Group on Atlantic Salmon in Finnmark County and the Murmansk Region in March 2019 regarding further process of co-operation, a proposal for general guidelines for the upcoming fisheries regulation in Norway was sent by the Norwegian Environment Agency to the Federal Agency for Fisheries of the Russian Federation in December 2019 for comments. In February 2020 the general guidelines for the upcoming regulations were finished and sent to the Federal Agency for Fisheries of the Russian Federation for feedback to be considered in the decision process. In June 2020 the final proposition for the fisheries regulation was sent on a public hearing. Furthermore, an additional proposition for 2021 involving a ban on sea salmon fisheries from sea areas from Nordkapp to Berlevåg has been prepared based on the serious situation for the salmon stocks in the River Tana.

Due to COVID-19 situation the 2020 meeting of the joint Working Group on Atlantic Salmon in Finnmark County and the Murmansk Region was cancelled. The intention is that the group will meet in 2021.