

Draft response to NASCO on the comments of the NASCO Review Group (IP(20)09 Russian Federation) on the Implementation Plan of the Russian Federation of the NASCO Agreements and Resolutions in the third reporting period in 2019-2024 (IP (19)05rev)

Assessment area 1.

Management of Aquaculture, Introductions and Transfers and Transgenics (item 4.2)

Veterinary legislation of the Russian Federation does not provide:

- regulations stating the diagnostic and treatment procedures in case of fish infestation with the parasite *Lepeophtheirus salmonis* at aquaculture farms;
- requirements establishing intensity rate limits of infestation with the parasite *Lepeophtheirus salmonis* for fish of different ages at sea aquaculture farms cages;
- requirements for submitting information to veterinary state authorities by workers of sea aquaculture farms who carry out monitoring of the parasite *Lepeophtheirus salmonis*.

Some aquaculture farms carry out monitoring of the parasite *Lepeophtheirus salmonis* on their own for production purposes. It is not public data and not submitted to state authorities.

A timeframe for preparation and clearance of the relevant veterinary regulations of the Russian Federation on monitoring and control of fish infestation at fish farms with the parasite *Lepeophtheirus salmonis* to effect NASCO resolutions, agreements and guidelines and to demonstrate advances in achieving goals to conserve wild Atlantic salmon populations is unknown.

Assessment area 3.

Item 3.5 SMART action 1-12

Under the lack of funding for the activities planned in item 3.5 (Action 1-12) of the Implementation Plan including fieldwork in salmon rivers to estimate efficacy of the activities performed and with fund reductions in FSBSI "VNIRO" for salmon rivers research in 2021, the number of rivers for which plans can be developed and fieldwork can be carried out is deemed impossible to be specified. Currently, in the Russian Federation, the works under item 3.5 (Action H2) are not planned, but, in case of these works funding in subsequent years, this item of the Implementation Plan will be appropriately amended in accordance with comments from the Review Group.