

	<p>Council</p> <p><i>Annual Progress Report on Actions taken under the Implementation Plan for the Calendar Year 2021 – Denmark (in respect of the Faroe Islands and Greenland) Greenland</i></p>	<p>CNL(22)30</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 2022**.

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

1: Changes to the Implementation Plan
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).
No changes were made to the Implementation Plan in 2021.
1.2 Describe any major new initiatives or achievements for salmon conservation and management that you wish to highlight.
Implementation of the Management Plan for Atlantic Salmon in Greenland and Executive Order. These define, among other things, three management areas with fixed fishing seasons, legal requirements regarding reporting and license, and limitation of professional fishermen to use a maximum of 20 fishing nets

2: Stock status and catches.
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.

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’).

	In-river	Estuarine	Coastal	Total
(a) provisional nominal catch (which may be subject to revision) for 2021 (tonnes)	0	0	40.0 tonnes	40.0 tonnes
(b) confirmed nominal catch of salmon for 2020 (tonnes)	0	0	30.7 tonnes	30.7 tonnes
(c) estimated unreported catch for 2021 (tonnes)	0	0	8 tonnes	8 tonnes
(d) number and percentage of salmon caught and released in recreational fisheries in 2021	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.*

Action F1:	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):	The new Executive Order, valid prior to the 2021 fishing season, continues to make 0-catch reporting a legal requirement. Furthermore, the deadline for reporting 0-catch was reduced from 30 days to 14 days after end of season within each subarea. The reporting percentage in 2021 fell to 69,5 %, from

		<p>81,4 % in 2020.</p> <p>The total number reports received in 2021 was 1849 equivalent to an increase of 40% compared to 2020. Of these, 61 % were received within season, 31 % between time of closure and last day of reporting, while 8 % were received late.</p> <p>The total number of 0-catch reports was 347. Of these, 37 % were received within season, 41 % between time of closure and last day of reporting, while 22 % were received late.</p> <p>However, it must be considered that the reporting deadline was reduced drastically in 2021.</p> <p>Analyses after the 2021 season showed an increase in the average delay of reports, from 8 days in 2020 to 12 days, until the Greenland Fisheries Authorities (GFLK) received reports. The Ministry of Fisheries and Hunting will use this data to look into further improvement of catch reporting in the future.</p>
	Current status of action:	Ongoing
	If 'Completed', has the action achieved its objective?	
Action F2:	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, where online reporting is possible, was improved with personal login to improve data quality in 2021.</p> <p>Radio spots reminding people to apply for a license and to report timely ran daily in the national radio throughout the 2021-season. Additional reminders were made through press releases and social media.</p> <p>License appliers that did not fulfil the reporting requirement in 2020 were not issued licenses in 2021.</p>
	Current status of action:	Ongoing
	If 'Completed', has the action achieved its objective?	

Action F3:	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. Quota uptake was made public on the GFLK website. The fisheries inspectors were in 2021 able to complete a salmon campaign in South Greenland, however with restrictions for participating in meetings with many participants due to covid19. The campaign is intended to be conducted without restrictions in the 2022 season. Reminders for fishermen to report catch 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?	

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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Action H1:	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.	The work on an Executive Order regarding protection of the Kapisillit river area has been postponed due to a new project that is planned to start in 2023. This project involves turning the area Kapisillit - Austmannadalen into a national park. This will include protection of the entire Kapisillit river.

	<i>website links) will not be evaluated):</i>	<p>However, the Executive Order on Salmon of 2021, § 17, defines multiple restrictions regarding the Kapisillit River stock and regulations of fishing gear allowed in the area.</p> <p>Furthermore, the Kapisillit river is protected under the Environment Law of 2011, due to the rivers' properties of drinking water supply for the Kapisillit settlement.</p>
	Current status of action:	Ongoing
	If 'Completed', has the action achieved its objective?	

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

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Action A1:	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?	

4: Additional information required under the Convention

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 2021, limiting the reporting deadline to 14 days after the closure of the fishing season. Three management areas with fixed fishing season were introduced. The quota is given in accordance with a distribution key and is divided between the two management areas in West Greenland. Professional fishermen are restricted to use a maximum of 20 nets. All other restrictions remain.

The Management Plan for Atlantic Salmon in Greenland was finished in 2021, prior to the fishing season.
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.
The work initiated in 2020 on a management plan and corresponding Executive Order was finished in 2021.
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.
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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.