	<p><b>Council</b></p> <p><i>Annual Progress Report on Actions taken under the Implementation Plan for the Calendar Year 2021 UK – Northern Ireland</i></p>	<p>CNL(22)33</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.**

<b>Party:</b>	<b>United Kingdom</b>
<b>Jurisdiction / Region:</b>	<b>Northern Ireland</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>
Consideration is being given to amending the management action in relation to Sea lice as highlighted in the last IP review. Details will be provided to NASCO in due course and before the deadline on the 1st November.
<b>1.2 Describe any major new initiatives or achievements for salmon conservation and management that you wish to highlight.</b>
The success of the EU funded Sea Monitor EU program which has enabled the tracking of salmon smolts from freshwater out to the marine environment.

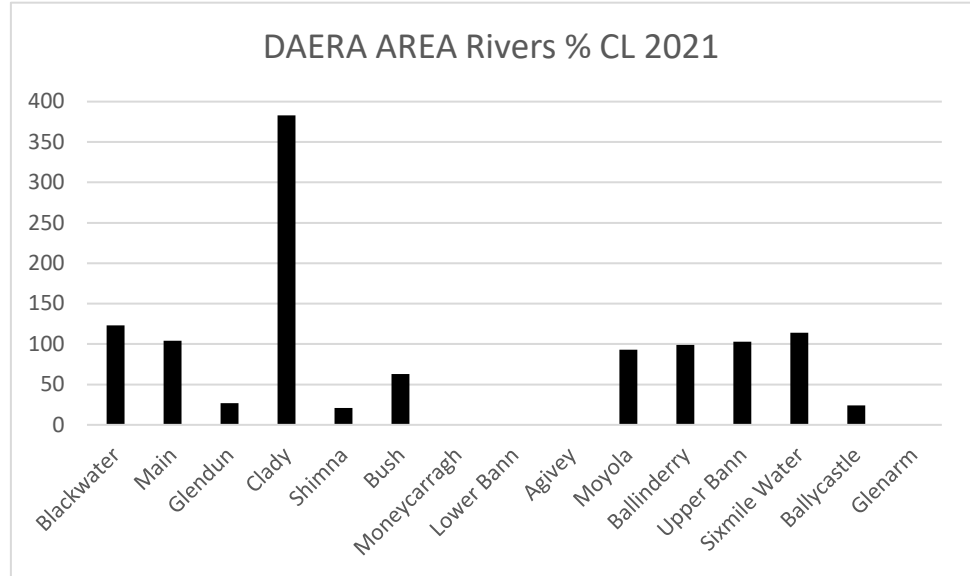
<b>2: Stock status and catches.</b>
<b>2.1 Provide a description of any new factors that may affect the abundance of salmon stocks significantly and, if there has been any significant change in stock status since the</b>

<b>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>				
(a) provisional nominal catch (which may be subject to revision) for 2021 (tonnes)	In-river	Estuarine	Coastal	Total
	0.9	0	0	0.9
(b) confirmed nominal catch of salmon for 2020 (tonnes)	1.1	0	0	1.1
(c) estimated unreported catch for 2021 (tonnes)	0.3	0	0	0.3
(d) number and percentage of salmon caught and released in recreational fisheries in 2021	3836, 87%			

<b>3: Implementation Plan Actions.</b>		
<b>3.1 Provide an update on progress on actions relating to the Management of Salmon Fisheries (section 2.9 of the Implementation Plan).</b>		
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<b>Action F1:</b>	Description of action (as submitted in the IP):	The target is to manage the 18 primary rivers affected by both commercial and recreational fisheries to exceed their CLs.
	Expected outcome (as submitted in the IP):	More primary salmon rivers increasing their adult returns and exceeding their CLs.
	Progress on action to date (Provide a brief overview with a quantitative measure, or	Despite ongoing pressures due to COVID-19 restrictions most N. Ireland primary salmon rivers were assessed against CL in 2021 (see DAERA area rivers CL compliance for 2021 in fig below). Management of rivers in 2021 was based around scientific advice.  Whilst 4 salmon rivers had an identifiable surplus only 3 utilised their harvestable surplus in DAERA area in 2021 (Melvin, Clady & Glenarm).

*other justified evaluation, of progress. Other material (e.g. website links) will not be evaluated):*

The Agivey river remained as catch and release. Harvest was tightly controlled via allocation of carcass tags and a provisional total of 100 salmon were harvested from these rivers.



In the LA area:

In the LA area all rivers were open with a harvestable surplus in 2021 except the River Finn (cross border catchment) which remains as catch & release

**River Faughan**

Data derived from the Vaki counter system. Adult runs peaked in July/ August in line with the average, though there were some technical issues in 2021. It attained 240% of its MT.

**River Finn**

The derived data shows runs consistently peaked in May / June in line with the average with the 2021 run was augmented with a continued run of fish in October which had previously occurred through November to January.

The final count of 2,409 fish shows a slight increase on 2020 but a significant decline on previous years. It attained 45% of its MT.

**River Roe**

The derived data shows that the river consistently peaked in July / August in line with the average and the 2021 count was significantly better, the expected later run of fish arrived in October but was modest.

The final count of 4415 fish completely reverses the 2019 decline and the river now remains above its Conservation Limit attaining over 240% of its MT.

**River Mourne**

The derived data from the counter shows that the river consistently peaked on average in June, however the 2021 count was augmented with a

		<p>significant run of fish very late in the year. The final count shows a decrease in overall fish with the river only reaching 41% of its MT.</p> <p>The IBIS / University of Glasgow research calculated the number of fish that proportionally crossed the weir instead of using the fish pass as follows - 8.2% using the fish passes therefore 91.8% cross weir face, thus for every 8 fish using the fish pass 92 cross the weir. This gives an elevation figure of <math>92/8 = 11.5</math>. The total number of fish in the River Mourne is higher than the counter data and the River Mourne and tributaries have met their MT.</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):	Update Conservation limits and Management targets for 3 primary salmon rivers in Northern Ireland using refreshed habitat data.
	Expected outcome (as submitted in the IP):	To update CLs for the 3 rivers identified in Section 1.5
	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):	New time series data on Stock and Recruitment was tabulated and reviewed for 4 rivers in 2021 including the rivers Main, U Bann, Sixmile water and Blackwater. Conservation limits and management targets were reviewed and have been updated on the Main and U Bann in accordance with new data.
	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):	Maintain the Long Term Monitoring of Wild Salmon Stock on the R Bush - used as an Index River for NI.
	Expected outcome (as submitted in the IP):	Maintain and build the long term dataset of adult returns, smolt migration, stock recruitment data, freshwater survival, marine survival, biological characteristics of the R Bush stock over the 5 year period.
	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):	All the datasets were updated and completed in 2021 and annual survival metrics determined for the Bush salmon stock. The smolt run on the Bush in 2021 was enumerated at 16,245 fish. This was dominated by 2+ smolts which accounted for >80 % of the total run. The total adult return of wild salmon to the Bush river in 2021 was 804 and this figure was dominated by 1 Seawinter salmon which composed 93% of the total run. The average weight of hen grilse was 1.89kg in 2021 which was slightly lower than the previous season (1.94kg) and initial evidence indicates decreased condition factor in 2021. In addition Smolt traps on the River Faughan and Roe were deployed in 2021 to obtain samples for tagging and to monitor the condition of smolts migrating downstream. Around 551 sites were electro fished in the LA area for Juvenile salmonid population assessment.
	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):	To assess mortality of wild salmon smolts moving from the freshwater to the marine environment.
	Expected outcome (as submitted in the IP):	To assess riverine mortality and identify possible areas of losses.
	Progress on action to date (Provide a brief overview	Despite continued challenges due to ongoing COVID-19 restrictions in 2021 further progress was made on this action point. A batch of 80 river Bush salmon smolts were tagged with acoustic tags (under the EU funded Seamonitor project) and riverine mortality estimates were assessed for spring 2021 and added to a developing time-series. Mortality in the lower

	<p><i>with a quantitative measure, or other justified evaluation, of progress. Other material (e.g. website links) will not be evaluated):</i></p>	<p>river Bush, prior to marine entry, was much lower than the previous season c. 12% (compared to 30% in 2020) and loss rates were c. 3.3%/km in 2021 in comparison to c. 7.8%/km for tagged smolts in 2020. In addition staff at the Loughs Agency were able to tag c. 70 smolts on the Foyle system and mortality rate data will become available from this research under the EU Seamonitor project.</p>																		
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<b>Action F5:</b>	Description of action (as submitted in the IP):	To improve recreational catch returns and statistics from the current baseline of 5 - 10% to 30%.																		
	Expected outcome (as submitted in the IP):	To increase catch returns / data for recreational caught salmon.																		
	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>Changes to the DAERA Licence / Permit system are being discussed currently which will potentially improve reporting of catches for anglers. Work is due to begin on the system shortly.</p> <p>LA - since using electronic licencing systems there has been progress on increasing the percentage catch returns received from recreational anglers as set out below</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Year</th> <th>2017</th> <th>2018</th> <th>2019</th> <th>2020</th> <th>2021</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>No of returns</td> <td>1136</td> <td>1362</td> <td>892</td> <td>2244</td> <td>2570</td> </tr> <tr> <td>% returns</td> <td>14.3</td> <td>18.2</td> <td>12</td> <td>30</td> <td>34</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Year	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	No of returns	1136	1362	892	2244	2570	% returns	14.3	18.2	12	30	34
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<b>Action F6:</b>	Description of action (as submitted in the IP):	To protect wild salmon stocks from illegal activity.
	Expected outcome (as submitted in the IP):	To protect salmon stocks by detecting, deterring and disrupting any illegal activity directed at damaging or removing salmon stocks subject available resources.
	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):	Organised enforcement patrols (on land and water) are carried out in both the DAERA and LA areas to deter, disrupt and detect illegal fishing or other activities. In 2021, 4071 patrols were carried out in the DAERA area and no detections made re the illegal capture of salmon. However a total of 27 illegal nets were seized and any illegal caught salmon were released unharmed. In addition 35 inspections were carried out on commercial premises where salmon can be bought or sold. In the LA area staff patrolled the salmon rivers on a full time basis and operated a 24 hour pollution and protection hotline, which has resulted in the following seizures from those fishing illegally - 4 boats and cars, 40 nets, 43 fishing rods and 34 salmonid fish
	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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<b>Action H1:</b>	Description of action (as submitted in the IP):	To assess and provide fishery advice for 100% of River drainage maintenance schemes to protect salmon habitat
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		and to incorporate mitigation / improvement measures where possible.
	Expected outcome (as submitted in the IP):	Ensure sensitive / mitigated engineering solutions to maintain or where possible seek opportunities to restore or enhance salmonid habitat.
	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):	Fisheries advice was provided for the 2021 DFI river drainage maintenance works programme in both the DAERA and Loughs Agency areas to ensure protection of fish stocks and habitat at the sites where works were carried out. Quarterly meetings are held with DFI Rivers to discuss the ongoing maintenance programme and to ensure the works planned are not detrimental to fish stocks. Loughs Agency is regularly consulted by River maintenance and planning authorities and has a robust consultation response program
	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):	Management and control of water quality in salmon producing rivers in NI - the target is to have 70% of rivers at good ecological status by 2021.
	Expected outcome (as submitted in the IP):	Protection against degradation of salmonid habitat through pollution or waste disposals.
	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):	NIEA carried out 1892 water pollution investigations in relation to reports of water pollution in 2021. Further actions were taken as appropriate. There were 18 incidents in 2021 in which fish were killed due to water pollution – 9 were classified as Major, 7 as Moderate and 2 as a Slight fish kills. Loughs Agency staff also investigated 237 reports / incidents of water pollution.  The Water (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 ensures that the Water Framework Directive (as transposed) and the various supporting pieces of water legislation continue to operate in NI after 1 January 2021. Under the Water Environment (Water Framework Directive) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2017 the Third Cycle of River Basin Plan will be published along with a new Programme of Measures.
	Current status of action:	Ongoing
	If 'Completed', has the action achieved its objective?	
<b>Action H3:</b>	Description of action (as submitted in the IP):	To identify and assess the impact of barriers on 18 primary salmon rivers in NI by 2024.



	Expected outcome (as submitted in the IP):	To carry out surveys to identify all potential barriers to fish passage in primary salmon rivers in NI subject to resources and assess fish passage at them.
	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):	Telemetry research was conducted potential barriers on the Crumlin river in late 2020 to early 2021. The results were reported in Sep 2021. Smolt tagging work was also carried out on the Agivey river to assess downstream migration obstacles. Work has started on the Margy Carey, Glenshesk & Glens rivers to assess barriers using the Barriers app. This will be continued in 2022. A full roll out of the Barriers app is planned for the summer of 2022 to start surveying the remaining primary salmon rivers. Loughs Agency evaluation of barriers is ongoing with new methodology being trialled to establish consistency across the catchments
	Current status of action:	Ongoing
	If 'Completed', has the action achieved its objective?	
<b>Action H4:</b>	Description of action (as submitted in the IP):	To update inventory of current and potential salmon habitat on 3 primary salmon rivers in NI.
	Expected outcome (as submitted in the IP):	To update salmon habitat inventory data on a GIS database for the Blackwater, Glendun, Margy /Glenshesk rivers This will help identify and prioritise subsequent habitat enhancement actions. In the Loughs Agency area surveys have been completed and is recorded on GIS layers which are available.
	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):	Work has been impacted in 2021 on this objective due primarily to ongoing COVID restrictions. Some progress was made on the Glendun river and this work will continue into 2022.
	Current status of action:	Ongoing
	If 'Completed', has the action achieved its objective?	
<b>Action H5:</b>	Description of action (as submitted in the IP):	To enhance degraded habitat or improve salmon habitat on 2 primary salmon rivers annually in NI, with rivers below CL being prioritised. This would equate to a minimum of 2km of upgraded river habitat per year.
	Expected outcome (as submitted in the IP):	To enhance a minimum of 2km of degraded habitat or salmon habitat on primary salmon rivers in NI including government and stakeholder schemes.

	<p>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>	<p>The target of 2km has been exceeded as follows:</p> <p>In the DAERA area the following works have been carried out:  Moyola river - 200m restoration of habitat units, with associated re-grading of banks and reconnection with the flood plain to encourage repair of natural processes removed post-drainage scheme.  R Bush - Restoration of 4 spawning beds, including raking of gravel, removal of weed, and addition of 150T of spawning gravel  Agivey River - Restoration of spawning beds, including addition of 60T spawning gravel.  Ballinamallard River - 2 miles of channel improved with installation of habitat units incorporating the introduction of spawning and nursery substrate (approximately 4000 tonnes of material introduced)  4 miles of riparian fencing incorporating mains water provision for excluded stock  Investment of approximately  Loughs Agency carries out salmonid restoration works on the following rivers - interventions undertaken to date have principally focused on erosion control, riparian fencing, Instream works and riparian planting:  Culdaff River  River Derg  River Faughan  River Finn  Glenelly river  Drumragh River  Camowen River  Owenkillew River  Mournebeg River  River Roe</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 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):	<p>To manage sea lice levels in salmon aquaculture in NI. The current farm operates under an organic regime and stock densities are kept low to avoid the need to treat at all. Organic salmon on these sites have affiliation with the Irish Organic Association, (<a href="https://www.irishorganicassociation.ie/">https://www.irishorganicassociation.ie/</a>)</p> <p>The maximum stocking density for this organic status is no more than 10 kg / m<sup>3</sup>, normal growing conditions. This considerably reduces lice numbers per fish. This stocking density is approximately half that of standard aquaculture salmon stock density for non – organic production.</p> <p>A threshold of &gt;30 sea lice per kg of fish would be considered an infestation requiring notification to the Department and treatment action being taken by the operator. An annual health surveillance sampling programme is in operation at the site in compliance with Regulation (EU) 2016/429. Regular inspections are carried out on a target sample of harvested fish to assess adult sea lice loading of individual fish.</p>
	Expected outcome (as submitted in the IP):	Sea lice levels on Aquaculture salmon to remain low.
	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>Threshold for sea lice was not met or exceeded to require intervention treatment. Details of sea lice counts can be seen at A3 which remain close to zero.</p> <p>In addition Sea lice infestation levels were monitored in the returning adults on the River Bush. In 2021 96% of fish had no sea lice, with 3% low to moderate and 1% moderate to high levels of sea lice infestation. These numbers are a small decrease on the levels reported for 2020 (95%, 4%, and 1% respectively). The 2021 figures were the lowest in the time series</p>
	Current status of action:	Ongoing
	If 'Completed', has the action achieved its objective?	

<b>Action A2:</b>	Description of action (as submitted in the IP):	Monitor for Non NI escapee aquaculture salmon in a wild salmon stock in N. Ireland.																																																																
	Expected outcome (as submitted in the IP):	Escapee aquaculture salmon not from NI are monitored annually at the River Bush trap.																																																																
	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):	No aquaculture escapees were reported from the River Bush adult trap in 2021																																																																
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	Current status of action:	Ongoing
	If 'Completed', has the action achieved its objective?	
<b>Action A4:</b>	Description of action (as submitted in the IP):	Monitoring levels of genetic introgression of aquaculture salmon into wild stocks in NI.
	Expected outcome (as submitted in the IP):	Triennial assessment of levels of genetic introgression of aquaculture salmon into wild stocks adjacent to the sites for salmon aquaculture in NI.
	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 most recent data suggests there has been a decrease in the level of genetic introgression of farmed genetic material into wild stocks in UK NI between 2014 and 2018. In the 2014 study a maximum of 5.9% of juveniles had genomes of part farmed origin, compared to 1.9% in the 2018 study. Due to staffing, COVID-19, and equipment issues the planned 2021 genetic survey had to be postponed until 2022.
	Current status of action:	Ongoing
	If 'Completed', has the action achieved its objective?	

<b>Action A5:</b>	Description of action <i>(as submitted in the IP):</i>	To assess marine aquaculture sites annually.
	Expected outcome <i>(as submitted in the IP):</i>	To assess the potential for escapement of fish from marine aquaculture in NI each year.
	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>	No escapes were reported at the marine aquaculture sites on the N Coast area. Visual inspections were carried out where sea lice counts took place at the sites at the time of harvesting
	Current status of action:	Ongoing
	If 'Completed', has the action achieved its objective?	
	<b>Action A6:</b>	Description of action <i>(as submitted in the IP):</i>
Expected outcome <i>(as submitted in the IP):</i>	An annual assessment of the risk of sea lice induced mortality in post-smolt salmonids in an area of aquaculture activity.	
Progress on action to date <i>(Provide a brief overview with a quantitative measure, or</i>	Work on this action has been delayed but it is hoped to start work on this in 2022	

	<i>other justified evaluation, of progress. Other material (e.g. website links) will not be evaluated):</i>	
	Current status of action:	Not started
	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.
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.
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.