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Introduction

At the December Inter-Sessional meeting DFG agreed to provide additional features to the Report on the 2021 Salmon Fishery at West Greenland. Tabel 3 and table 4 in the original 2021 Report has been revised to accommodate the request for specification.

During the review of the report, a dating error was discovered and therefore the figure in table 3 have been changed from 1126 reports received within the season to 1119.

Licenses for the area of Kapisillit has been removed from the dataset. These were previously included in table 4 but not table 3. This type of license is for rod and wheel fishing only, in the river of Kapisillit. 32 licenses were issued with no reported catch. Furthermore, the number of licenses has been changed to distinct count to avoid double registration of license holders.

The lower section of table 4 has been changed, to reflect the actual numbers of license holders reporting divided into professional and private license holders. The figures were previously based upon the number of license holders and the fact that, one license holder can send multiple reports during the season, some in due time and other too late. The approach did not provide an adequate interpretation of the trend and has therefore been discarded. By comparing the number of license holders reporting to the total number of reports, the figures now provide an appropriate overview of the underlying trend.

Licenses and catch reports

In the following paragraph, a detailed description of the reporting behavior of licenses holders and catch reports will be provided. In order to have an overview of the catch reports, the results in table 3 are divided into three groups; (1) catch reports received within season, (2) catch reports received between time of closure and last date of reporting, and (3) catch reports received after last date of reporting. The same grouping is used in table 4, which describes the results on the level of license holders rather than catch reports.

A total of 1849 catch reports has been received by the GFLK (table 3), with the majority of reports received during the fishing season (61 %). 347 catch reports were 0-catch reports, *i.e.* a report of no caught salmon, corresponding to 19 % of the total reports received (table 3). 78 % of the 0-catch reports were received timely, and a smaller part of the 0-catch reports was received late (22 %).

8 % reports were received late however, it is important to note that the deadline for reporting in 2021 has been significant reduced compared to 2020. In 2020 the final date for reporting was 20th of October, but in 2021 the deadline is 14 days after closure of the individual management area. The increase in late reports is therefore expected.

Of the reports with catch 5 % was reported late which is in line with the overall development in late reports during 2021 and as well expected, taking into consideration the new reporting deadline. In 2020 2 % of reports with catch were reported late.

The tables represent the 6 different sub-groups; professional and private in Northwest (NAFO 1A, 1B and 1C), Southwest (NAFO 1D, 1E and 1F) and East with the individual fishing seasons, all calculated respectively and summarized.

Table 3. Catch reports	Count	Percentage	N.W. Private	N.W. Professional	S.W. Private	S.W. Professional	East Private	East Professional
Overview								
<i>Catch reports received within the season</i>	1119	61 %	19 %	20 %	32 %	25 %	2 %	1 %
<i>Catch reports received between time of closure and last date of reporting</i>	576	31 %	11 %	46 %	24 %	17 %	0 %	2 %
<i>Catch reports received after last date of reporting</i>	154	8 %	13 %	29 %	40 %	18 %	0 %	0 %
<i>Total number of catch reports received (incl. 0-catch reports)</i>	1849	100 %	16 %	29 %	30 %	22 %	1 %	1 %
Catch reports with > 0 catches								
<i>Catch reports received within the season</i>	992	66 %	19 %	23 %	29 %	27 %	2 %	1 %
<i>Catch reports received between time of closure and last date of reporting</i>	433	29 %	10 %	49 %	20 %	19 %	0 %	2 %
<i>Catch reports received after last date of reporting</i>	77	5 %	13 %	40 %	23 %	23 %	0 %	0 %
<i>Total number of catch reports</i>	1502	81 % ¹	16 % ¹	31 % ¹	26 % ¹	25 % ¹	1 % ¹	1 % ¹
Catch reports with 0-catches								
<i>Catch reports received within the season</i>	127	37 %	28 %	3 %	56 %	10 %	2 %	1 %
<i>Catch reports received between time of closure and last date of reporting</i>	143	41 %	13 %	38 %	36 %	10 %	1 %	1 %
<i>Catch reports received after last date of reporting</i>	77	22 %	13 %	18 %	57 %	12 %	0 %	0 %
<i>Total of number of 0-catch reports</i>	347	19 % ¹	3 % ¹	4 % ¹	9 % ¹	2 % ¹	0 % ¹	0 % ¹

¹ percent of the total number of catch reports of 1849.

Table 4. Overview of licenses in the salmon fishery in 2021		Count	Percentage	N.W. Private	N.W. Professional	S.W. Private	S.W. Professional	East Private	East Professional
Number of licenses issued in total									
-	<i>Professional</i>	359	39 %		62 %		36 %		2 %
-	<i>Private</i>	557	61 %	33 %		62 %		4 %	
-	<i>Total</i>	916	100 %	20 %	24 %	38 %	14 %	3 %	1 %
Overview:									
	<i>Number of license holders reporting in total</i>	644	70 %	19 %	26 %	38 %	14 %	1 %	1 %
	<i>License holders not reporting</i>	272	30 %	23 %	19 %	37 %	14 %	6 %	1 %
	<i>License holders only reporting 0-catches</i>	227	25 %	21 %	22 %	47 %	8 %	2 %	0 %
	<i>License holders only reporting catches > 0 kg</i>	417	46 %	18 %	28 %	34 %	18 %	1 %	1 %
License holders reporting within season ²									
	<i>Professional catch > 0 kg</i>	496	27 %		45 %		54 %		1 %
	<i>Private catch > 0 kg</i>	496	27 %	37 %		58 %		4 %	
	<i>Professional 0-catch</i>	18	1 %		22 %		72 %		6 %
	<i>Private 0-catch</i>	109	6 %	32 %		65 %		3 %	
License holders reporting between time of closure and last date of reporting ²									
	<i>Professional catch > 0 kg</i>	305	16 %		70 %		28 %		3 %
	<i>Private catch > 0 kg</i>	128	7 %	34 %		66 %		0 %	
	<i>Professional 0-catch</i>	71	4 %		77 %		21 %		1 %
	<i>Private 0-catch</i>	72	4 %	26 %		72 %		1 %	
License holders reporting after last date of reporting ²									
	<i>Professional catch > 0 kg</i>	49	3 %		63 %		37 %		0 %
	<i>Private catch > 0 kg</i>	28	2 %	36 %		64 %		0 %	
	<i>Professional 0-catch</i>	23	1 %		61 %		39 %		0 %
	<i>Private 0-catch</i>	54	3 %	19 %		81 %		0 %	

² Percentage is compared to total number of catch reports 1849. Please note, that a license holder can send multiple catch reports. The same license holder can therefore be included in multiple buckets.

Overall, the reporting has not been satisfying in 2021 with a reporting percentage of 70 % and the majority of license holders reporting within the season (61 %, table 4). 154 catch reports were reported late, an increase is expected because the deadline has been reduced to 14 days, after fishery closure of the individual management area. Table 4 indicate that, private fishermen tend to report 0-catch reports late and professional fishermen tend to report catch reports late. Furthermore, private fishermen are most likely to not report at all, which support the hypothesis that professional fishermen are more familiar to catch reporting. In 2021 four new professional licenses was issued and for private fishermen 147 new licenses was issued. This is a significant increase, and the new private license holders will have to understand, that they must report. There are no other fisheries in Greenland where private fishermen must report. The increase in non-reporting license holders and late received reports is therefore assumed to be correlated with the increase in new private fishermen.

Reporting schedule

The average number of nets for professional fishermen is 3 and they will on average fish 19 hours for every time they report. Private fishermen have on average 1 net and is fishing 15 hours for every time they report. The reporting schedule is the same for professional and private fishermen. The required information below in the form is equal to the information required for online reporting, and can be divided into following categories:

- License holder information
- Vessel information
- Catch information (when, where, type of gear, time used)
- Presentation
- Is the fish consumed privately or sold locally
- How many fish and the total weight

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