

	<b>Council</b>  <i>Annual Progress Report on Actions taken under the  Implementation Plan for the Calendar Year 2022  Denmark (in respect of the Faroe Islands and Greenland) –  Greenland</i>	<b>CNL(23)46</b>
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the Calendar Year 2022***

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 2023.**

<b>Party:</b>	<b>Denmark (in respect of the Faroe Islands and Greenland)</b>
<b>Jurisdiction / Region:</b>	<b>Greenland</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>
No changes were made to the implementation plan in 2022.
<b>1.2 Describe any major new initiatives or achievements for salmon conservation and management that you wish to highlight.</b>
The new regulatory measure stipulates a new management initiative where Greenland agrees to close the fishery at West Greenland, when the registered catch has reached no more than 49% of the overall TAC.

<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>				
No new factors that may affect the abundance of salmon stocks significantly has been observed.				
<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 2022 (tonnes)	In-river	Estuarine	Coastal	Total
	N/A	N/A	28,9 tonnes	28,9 tonnes
(b) confirmed nominal catch of salmon for 2021 (tonnes)	N/A	N/A	40.0 tonnes	40.0 tonnes
(c) estimated unreported catch for 2022 (tonnes)	N/A	N/A	6 tonnes	6 tonnes
(d) number and percentage of salmon caught and released in recreational fisheries in 2022	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. Please report in relation to the reporting year only or the most relevant recent year. 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.*

<b>Action F1:</b>	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
	Approach for monitoring effectiveness & enforcement (as submitted in the IP)	The Greenland Fisheries License Control Authority (GFLK) will continue its increased focus on monitoring and controlling the fishery and sale at open air markets throughout the period.  Before the fishing seasons in 2019 and 2020, the Ministry of Fisheries, Hunting and Agriculture and GFLK will evaluate the reporting of the previous season and what worked and did not work of the initiatives for improved reporting and validation of

		the reporting. If needed, new measures will be implemented before the following fishing season.
	<p>Progress on action to date  <i>(Provide a brief overview with a quantitative measure, or other justified evaluation, of progress. If sub-actions are completed during the reporting year, this should be made clear. Other material (e.g. website links) will not be evaluated)</i></p>	<p>The reporting percentage decreased from 69,5% in 2021 to 68% in 2022.  The total number of reports received in 2022 was 1.267 which is equivalent to a decrease of 31% compared to 2021.  Of these, 83% were received within season, 8% were received between time of closure and last day of reporting, while 7% were received late. A higher percentage of reports were received during the fishing season than in 2021, where the number was 61%.</p> <p>Delay in reporting decreased to 11,5 days in 2022 compared to 12 days in 2021.</p> <p>Validation process after the close of the fishery: Most of GFLK's sources to the current catch status come from the fishers themselves, who unfortunately do not always report correctly. This means that GFLK must perform several validation processes once the fishery has been closed. For example, no fish were caught in the Kapisillit River in 2022, despite a few reports saying otherwise. This occurred because the people with a licence to Kapisillit had fished elsewhere in Greenland but were not aware that their licence restricted them to the Kapisillit area.</p> <p>More valid data: GFLK has sought to circumvent the inherently unreliable data by relying on statistics created in conjunction with members of NASCO to effectively close the fishing areas in good enough time.</p>
	<p>Current status of action  <i>(Please note: 'Completed' means that the overall action is complete for the lifetime of the third reporting cycle. If it is an ongoing action that is reported on annually, it should be marked as 'Ongoing')</i></p>	Ongoing
	<p>If 'Completed', has the action achieved its objective?</p>	[
<b>Action F2:</b>	<p>Description of action  <i>(as submitted in the IP)</i></p>	<p>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</p>

	Expected outcome <i>(as submitted in the IP)</i>	Increased awareness and full implementation of the new legal requirement, which should lead to improved reporting and better data.
	Approach for monitoring effectiveness & enforcement <i>(as submitted in the IP)</i>	Cooperate with the Fishermens' Association, the Municipalities and relevant stakeholders for maximum awareness as well as awareness raising on the internet and national media.  Furthermore, continuing the increased focus of the wildlife officers during the fishing season, including the locale information meetings that the wildlife officers/GFLK have each year with the municipality officials, local fishermen's organisations and individual fishermen.
	Progress on action to date <i>(Provide a brief overview with a quantitative measure, or other justified evaluation, of progress. If sub-actions are completed during the reporting year, this should be made clear. Other material (e.g. website links) will not be evaluated)</i>	[Radio spots reminding people to apply for a license and to report timely ran daily in the national radio throughout the 2022 season. Text messages were sent to the previous season's more active fishermen, to remind them to report during the season.  License holders that did not report in 2021 season were not issued a licence for the 2022 season.  The people who did not report within the deadline in 2022 will not be able to receive a license for the 2023 season.
	Current status of action <i>(Please note: 'Completed' means that the overall action is complete for the lifetime of the third reporting cycle. If it is an ongoing action that is reported on annually, it should be marked as 'Ongoing')</i>	[Ongoing]
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<b>Action F3:</b>	Description of action <i>(as submitted in the IP)</i>	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 <i>(as submitted in the IP)</i>	Improved monitoring and control, which should also lead to improved reporting and stronger compliance for both professional and private fishermen.
	Approach for monitoring effectiveness & enforcement <i>(as submitted in the IP)</i>	Increased patrolling and random checks both at markets and at sea, recovery of unmarked fishing gear, dialogue with fishermen and hand-outs of the reporting schedule, information meetings with stakeholders, regular publication of the catch data, reporting by wildlife officers, validation of catch data.
	Progress on action to date	[GFLK performed day to day monitoring of the quota uptake during the fishing season.

	<i>(Provide a brief overview with a quantitative measure, or other justified evaluation, of progress. If sub-actions are completed during the reporting year, this should be made clear. Other material (e.g. website links) will not be evaluated)</i>	Quota uptake was made public weekly on the GFLK website.  Reminders for fishermen to report catch were made through press releases, radio spots and Facebook campaigns.
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**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 <i>(as submitted in the IP)</i>	The completion and adoption of a protection plan for the Kapisillit River stock and the entire river area.
	Expected outcome <i>(as submitted in the IP)</i>	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.
	Approach for monitoring effectiveness & enforcement <i>(as submitted in the IP)</i>	The implementation of the protection act will be evaluated by the stakeholders in order to ensure that the management goals are met.  Regular patrolling and random checks by the locale wildlife officers and recovery of unmarked fishing gears.
	Progress on action to date <i>(Provide a brief overview with a quantitative measure, or other justified</i>	[The work on an Executive Order regarding protection of the Kapisillit river area has been postponed due to a new project that involves turning the area Kapisillit -

	<p><i>evaluation, of progress. If sub-actions are completed during the reporting year, this should be made clear. Other material (e.g. website links) will not be evaluated)</i></p>	<p>Austmannadalen into a national park. This will include protection of the entire Kapisillit river. The status of the project is, that it will commence in 2024.</p> <p>The new Executive Order on Salmon of 2022 has a new definition of the area in §1 nr. 3: The habitat now includes the Kapisillit River as well as the lakes connected to it, which was not clearly defined in the previous Executive Order from 2021. The new Executive Order also restricts fishing with any type of tool no closer than 50 meters from the estuary of the Kapisillit river (§17 nr. 5). This is a restriction from the previous Executive Order, which only restricted the use of gillnets no closer than 1000 meters from the estuary of the Kapisillit river (§17 nr. 4).</p> <p>GFLK has performed routine visits to the area within the season to observe that these proscriptions have not been violated.</p>
	<p>Current status of action <i>(Please note: 'Completed' means that the overall action is complete for the lifetime of the third reporting cycle. If it is an ongoing action that is reported on annually, it should be marked as 'Ongoing')</i></p>	<p>[Ongoing]</p>
	<p>If 'Completed', has the action achieved its objective?</p>	<p>[ ]</p>
<p><b>Action H2:</b></p>	<p>Description of action <i>(as submitted in the IP)</i></p>	
	<p>Expected outcome <i>(as submitted in the IP)</i></p>	
	<p>Approach for monitoring effectiveness &amp; enforcement <i>(as submitted in the IP)</i></p>	
	<p>Progress on action to date <i>(Provide a brief overview with a quantitative measure, or other justified evaluation, of progress. If sub-actions are completed during the reporting year, this should be made clear. Other material (e.g.</i></p>	<p>[ ]</p>

	website links) will not be evaluated)	
	Current status of action (Please note: 'Completed' means that the overall action is complete for the lifetime of the third reporting cycle. If it is an ongoing action that is reported on annually, it should be marked as 'Ongoing')	[Choose an item.]
	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)	
	Expected outcome (as submitted in the IP)	
	Approach for monitoring effectiveness & enforcement (as submitted in the IP)	
	Progress on action to date (Provide a brief overview with a quantitative measure, or other justified evaluation, of progress. If sub-actions are completed during the reporting year, this should be made clear. Other material (e.g. website links) will not be evaluated)	
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	<i>reporting cycle. If it is an ongoing action that is reported on annually, it should be marked as 'Ongoing')</i>	
	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.
	<p>A new executive order on fishery for salmon was adopted in 2022. Minor changes were made and mostly in relation to the Kapisillit River. Changes and additions to the executive order in relation to the Kapisillit River are explained in section 3.2 and include the following:</p> <p>Changes in the definition of the habitat of the Kapisillit River.</p> <p>Restriction on the use of tools related to fishing close to the estuary of the Kapisillit River.</p> <p>Other additions and changes to the executive order:</p> <p>the prohibition of gillnets no closer than 500 meters from the estuary of any river. In the previous Executive Order, this was not specified.</p> <p>License holders need to monitor their nets daily (if weather permits). In the previous executive order the requirement was "regularly". License holders also need to take up their tools before the fishery closes in their area. This was not specified in the previous executive order.</p> <p>All other restrictions remain.</p> <p>A new regulatory measure was agreed upon for the 2022 season. It stipulated that Greenland agrees to close the fishery when the quota uptake has reached no more than 49% of the overall TAC. It was especially used in the IDEF management area for professional fishermen, where the fishery was closed when the quota uptake had reached 40%. This resulted in a quota uptake of less than 5 % overfishing. It should be noted that the 49% closure mechanism is only one of many factors influencing the decision of when to close the fishery.</p>
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.
	No new commitments concerning the adoption or maintenance in force for specified periods of time of conservation, restoration, and other management measures to report.
4.3	Details of any new actions to prohibit fishing for salmon beyond 12 nautical miles.
	No new actions to prohibit fishing for salmon beyond 12 nautical miles to report.
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.
	No 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 to report.
4.5	Details of any actions taken to implement regulatory measures under Article 13 of the Convention including imposition of adequate penalties for violations.



<p>GFLK has, like all other years, maintained strict surveillance on the catch and sale of salmon within the season period.</p>
<p><b>North American Commission Members only:</b></p>
<p>4.6 Details of any new measures to minimise bycatches of salmon originating in the rivers of the other member.</p>
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<p>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.</p>
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