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Quotas and catches

At the 18th annual meeting of NASCO, the West Greenland Commission agreed on an Ad Hoc Management Programme for the 2001 Fishery at West Greenland (WGC(01)16), according to which the commercial fishery at West Greenland was allocated quotas according to the observed average CPUE during the fishery during three harvest periods.

The catch per unit effort, CPUE in the commercial fishery was defined as the average daily landings in kilograms per licensed fisherman in West Greenland. The commercial fishery was defined as landings sold to a processing plant, but excludes reported private landings (not sold to plants), for instance sold privately to hotels, restaurants and hospitals or through the open markets.

The quota allocation arrived at a total quota of 114 tons Atlantic salmon for the commercial fishery at West Greenland in 2001. During the three harvest periods the total salmon landings for sale to the fishing plants were 34,513.7 tonnes. The number of landings was 280. This gives an average CPUE of 123 kg salmon per landing for the three harvest periods, corresponding to a moderate CPUE average (between 100 and 135 kg/landing) during the 2001 fishery.

	From	To	Period (days)	Quota (tons)	Cumulative Catch	Cumulative Number of Landings	CPUE kg/landing
1	Mon 13/8	Fri 17/8	5	28	9,5 t.	83	114
2	Mon 20/8	Fri 31/8	12	32	20,5 t.	194	111
3	Mon 3/9	Fri 28/9	26	54	34,5 t.	280	123
Totally			45	114			

Three landing sites were open during the first harvest period: The fishing plants in Qaqortoq and Qassimiut in Qaqortoq Municipality, and the fishing plant in Qeqertarsuaq in Nuuk Municipality. During the second and third harvest period six landing sites were open. In addition to the three landing sites already mentioned, also the fishing plants in Atammik and Kangaamiut in Maniitsoq Municipality, and the fishing plant in Sarfannguaq in Sisimiut Municipality were open.

The fishery of Atlantic salmon for local consumption (non-commercial) was allowed

until the end of the year, i.e. 31 December 2001, but the Greenland Fisheries Licence Control, GFLK, did not receive any reports of catches after 1 November 2001. The provisional catch of Atlantic salmon for home consumption (non-commercial) amounted to 1,928.2 kg.

The provisional catch of Atlantic salmon reported sold privately to local markets, hotels etc. (but not sold to plants) amounted to 5,735.5 kg.

As of 1 November 2001, the total provisional catch of Atlantic salmon at West Greenland in 2001 amounted to 42,176.4 kg.

The unreported catch in 2001 is estimated to amount to approximately 10 tonnes.

Totally 390 licences for Atlantic salmon fisheries were issued to professional fishermen in 2001, but only a total of 76 licences were reported active.

Control/Monitoring

Wildlife and Fisheries Officers of GFLK make random checks at local markets in towns and settlements along the West coast. The GFLK have made random checks at hotels, restaurants, hospitals and schools in various towns.

The Greenland Home Rule Executive Order No. 29 of 8. August 2001 on Salmon Fishing implemented the new Ad hoc Management Programme for the 2001 Fishery at West Greenland. The new Executive Order introduced the elements of harvest periods, sub quotas for each harvest period, short periods of notification to the fishermen on the quota coming into force for the next harvest period, etc.

According to the Executive Order, the fishing plants must report all commercial landings of salmon to the Greenland Fisheries Licence Control (GFLK) on a daily basis. The fisherman must report all commercial catches of salmon sold at local markets and local shops, to hotels, schools, hospitals to the GFLK on a daily basis. Catches from the recreational fishery and fishery for non-residents/tourists must be reported to the GFLK by the fisherman as soon as possible. Only persons licensed to commercial salmon fishery can sell their catches.