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1. Proposed Schedule for Submission / Review

Date / deadline	Responsibility	Action required
June 2025	Secretariat	Provides information on requirements for Performance Indicators (PIs) and Conservation Commitments Reports (CCRs) to Parties / jurisdictions
July-December 2025	Parties / jurisdictions	Develop CCRs, using information provided
July-December 2025	Secretariat	Works with developer to create web-based templates for the PIs and CCRs
September 2025	WGFR Parties / jurisdictions	WGFR hosts training webinar to answer questions about the CCRs template and the review process CCR Review Group to attend webinar
January 2026	Secretariat	Web-based templates opened for completion by each Party / jurisdiction for completion of CCRs
5 February 2026	Parties / jurisdictions Secretariat	Submit Draft CCRs to Secretariat via web-based template Shares Draft CCRs with Review Group
Week of 16 February 2026	Review Group	Half-day meeting to agree working methods for in-person RG meeting
23-27 February 2026	Review Group Parties / jurisdictions	RG meets (in person) and conducts its evaluations of the Draft CCRs. The evaluations will include a virtual presentation by each Party / jurisdiction of the rationale for inclusion of stressors and actions included in the CCRs. The RG develops written feedback
2-6 March 2026	Secretariat	Provides RG's written feedback to each Party / jurisdiction on its Draft CCR
13-24 April 2026	Review Group Parties / jurisdictions	RG may meet virtually to 'interview' each Party / jurisdiction for the review of its Draft CCR. After interviews RG finalises written feedback
30 April 2026	Secretariat	Draft CCRs made available on NASCO website
30 April 2026	Secretariat	Finalised written RG feedback on CCRs for Parties / jurisdictions made available on the website
June 2026	Review Group	Presents report to the Council in Special Session on CCRs
June 2026	Secretariat	Web-based templates opened for completion by each Party / jurisdiction for completion of revised CCRs

30 November 2026	Parties / jurisdictions	Submit revised CCRs to Secretariat via web-based template			
1 December 2026	Secretariat	Revised CCRs made available on NASCO website*			
December 2026	Secretariat	Combines Performance Indicators and Conservation Commitments Report into a single web-based template for each Party / jurisdiction			
1 January 2027 Co	1 January 2027 Conservation Commitments Reports come into effect, with first report on progress due April 2028				
6 January 2027	Secretariat	Web-based templates opened for completion by each Party / jurisdiction for PIs only			
1 April 2027	Parties / jurisdictions	Submit completed PI reports to Secretariat via web-based template			
30 April 2027	Secretariat	Provides paper on overview of NASCO PIs			
30 April 2027	Secretariat on behalf of President	Sends letter to Ministers introducing them to the fourth reporting cycle. For information, include finalised CCRs and completed PI reports to relevant Ministers for information for each Party / jurisdiction with link to the overview document			
Annual Meeting 2027	Parties / jurisdictions	PI reports and overview discussed at a Special Session of the Council			
Each Year Starting in 2028					
6 January	Secretariat	Web-based templates opened for completion by each Party / jurisdiction for reporting on PIs and CCRs			
1 March	Secretariat	Sends reminders for completion of PIs and CCRs			
1 April	Parties / jurisdictions	Submit PIs and CCRs to Secretariat via web-based template			
10 April	Secretariat	PIs and CCRs made available on the website			
30 April	Secretariat	Provides paper on overview of NASCO PIs			
Annual Meeting 2029 & 2031	Parties / jurisdictions	PI reports and overview alone discussed at a Special Session of the Council			
In 2028, 2030 & 2032 Review Group carries out biennial review of Conservation Commitment Reports					
Mid-April 2028	Review Group Parties / jurisdictions	Meets and develops its evaluation of the CCRs Invited to attend an 'interview' with Review Group for its CCR to clarify uncertainty in progress			
Mid-April 2030 / 2032	Review Group	Meets and develops its evaluation of the CCRs			

1 May 2028 / 2030 / 2032	Secretariat	CCR reviews sent to Parties / jurisdictions and made available on the website
1 May 2028 / 2030 / 2032	Secretariat on behalf of President	Sends CCR reviews and PI reports to relevant Ministers for biennial update for each Party / jurisdiction
Annual Meeting 2028 / 2030 / 2032	Parties / jurisdictions	Special Session in the Annual Meeting of the Council provides opportunity for dialogue among Parties / jurisdictions, accredited observers, the Review Group and the media on key challenges to, and highlights of, salmon conservation identified in CCRs / PIs in a transparent format engaging to all

^{*}Note. The Conservation Commitments Reports as at 1 December 2026 will be used as the basis for reporting in 2028

In the event of an **exceptional** change in salmon management or stressor or other exceptional circumstance a CCR may be revised. The Chair / Secretariat will advise on the timeline.

Please note. Under the fourth reporting cycle, Performance Indicators will be provided annually in 2027, 2028, 2029, 2030, 2031, 2032 and 2033 – each reporting on the previous year

Please note. Under the fourth reporting cycle, progress on Conservation Commitments Reports will be provided in 2028, 2029, 2030, 2031 and 2032 – each reporting on the previous year

2. Proposed Schedule for Review of Fourth Reporting Cycle in 2033

In 2033, instead of providing the annual update on progress against actions within the Conservation Commitments Report, Parties / jurisdictions will deliver a report on progress made throughout the fourth reporting cycle towards the achievement of their tangible outcomes, i.e. on their success in delivering to reduce or remove the impact of their identified stressors such that an understanding of how well NASCO has performed in the achievement of its Strategic Goal can be determined.

Date / deadline	Responsibility	Action required
28 February 2033	Parties / jurisdictions	Submit reports reviewing the success of each Party's / jurisdiction's progress in slowing the decline of wild Atlantic salmon populations and demonstrating that restoration is possible, i.e. towards the achievement of NASCO's Strategic Goal
1 March 2033	Secretariat	Shares overall progress reports with Review Group
15 March 2033	Parties / jurisdictions	Submit completed PI reports to Secretariat via web-based template
4-8 April 2033	Review Group	Meets and conducts its evaluation of the fourth reporting cycle and develops its report
30 April 2033	Secretariat	Provides Annual Meeting paper on overview of progress towards the achievement of NASCO's Resolutions, Agreements and Guidelines as measured by the PIs over the full duration of the fourth reporting cycle
30 April 2033	Secretariat	Review Group's Report on the fourth reporting cycle made available on the website as Annual Meeting paper
Annual Meeting 2033		Special Session in the Annual Meeting of the Council provides opportunity for dialogue among Parties /

Parties / jurisdictions Review Group	jurisdictions, accredited observers, the Review Group and the media on progress towards the achievement of NASCO's Strategic Goal in a transparent format engaging to all Each presents its overall summary and analysis of its progress towards the achievement of NASCO's Strategic Goal Presents report on the fourth reporting cycle to the Council in all-day Special Session All to support Council in revising / updating NASCO's Strategic Goal and in the deliberation of future reporting
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