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***Annual Progress Report
on Actions Taken Under the Implementation Plan for the Calendar Year 2018***

***Denmark (in respect of the Faroe Islands and Greenland)
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The primary purposes of the Annual Progress Reports are to provide details of:

- 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

These reports will be reviewed by the Council. Please complete this form and return it to the Secretariat **no later than 28 March 2019**.

Party:	Denmark
Jurisdiction/Region:	Greenland

1: Changes to the Implementation Plan	
1.1 Describe any proposed revisions to the Implementation Plan <i>(Where changes are proposed, the revised Implementation Plans should be submitted to the Secretariat by 1 December).</i>	
No changes were made to the Implementation Plan in 2018	
1.2 Describe any major new initiatives or achievements for salmon conservation and management that you wish to highlight.	
In 2018, a new Executive Order introduced several new measures in the management and control of the salmon fishery in Greenland. This included: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- licensing of private fishermen- 0-catch-reporting- Non-reporting will result in no license being issued in the coming season Additionally, a new initiative to assist the implementation of the new measures was initiated. The Ministry of Fisheries, Hunting and Agriculture and the Greenland Fisheries License Control Authority (GFLK) forwarded a letter to the licensed fishermen that had not reported in order to inform them again on the new regulatory measures and urge them to report their catches. This was further supported by a Press Release with the same message. This resulted in an improved reporting rate of more than 70 % as per this date.	

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

status since the development of the Implementation Plan, provide a brief (200 word max) summary of these changes.

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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').*

	In-river	Estuarine	Coastal	Total
(a) provisional nominal catch (which may be subject to revision) for 2018 (tonnes)			West: 39.0t East: 0.9t	39.9 t
(b) confirmed nominal catch of salmon for 2017 (tonnes)				28t
(c) estimated unreported catch for 2018 (tonnes)				
(d) number and percentage of salmon caught and released in recreational fisheries in 2018				

3: Implementation Plan Actions.

3.1 Provide an update on progress against actions relating to the Management of Salmon Fisheries (Section 2.8 of the Implementation Plan).

Note: The reports under 'Progress on Action to Date' should provide a brief overview with a quantitative measure of progress made. 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.

Action F1:	Description of Action <i>(as submitted in the IP)</i>	Evaluation of the reporting system implemented in 2012 through the new Government of Greenland Executive Order on Salmon Fisheries.
	Expected Outcome <i>(as submitted in the IP)</i>	Improved reporting and data.
	Progress on Action to Date <i>(Provide a brief overview with a quantitative measure of progress. Other material (e.g. website links) will not be evaluated.)</i>	<p>With the adoption of a new multi-annual regulatory measure 2018-2020, the Greenland Self-Government adopted a new Executive Order on the salmon fishery. The salmon fishing is regulated through the new Greenland Government's Order no. 5 of 21 September 2018 on salmon fishing.</p> <p>The new reporting measures introduced for the 2018 season was that 0-catch-reporting is now mandatory, that non-reporting will result in no new license being issued for the coming fishing season and that private fishermen should now obtain a license in order to fish for salmon.</p> <p>As a new initiative to improved reporting and the implementation of the new reporting measures, the Ministry and GFLK forwarded letters to the licensed</p>

		<p>fishermen that had no reported after the season ended. The letter informed again on the new measures and urge them to report as soon as possible, if they wanted to obtain a new license. A Press Release was published with the same message. This resulted in a larger number of people reporting. In addition, it revealed some flaws in the registration of reports that GFLK and the Ministry will address for the coming season – as some reports had been wrongly registered and some reports submitted to municipalities by fishermen had not been forwarded to GFLK. Per this date, 557 out of 786 licensed fishermen has reported on the 2018 salmon fishery. It constitutes a reporting percentage of more than 70 %.</p> <p>As in previous years, the reporting campaign running in radio and TV during and after the fishing season continued.</p> <p>GFLK and the Ministry will continue to evaluate the reporting with the objective of improving the reporting and implementation of the new measures.</p>
	Current Status of Action	Ongoing
	If 'Completed', has the Action achieved its objective?	
Action F2:	Description of Action <i>(as submitted in the IP)</i>	In July 2012 a quota for landings to fish factories in the internal-use only fishery was set. Review and revise as necessary the quota.
	Expected Outcome <i>(as submitted in the IP)</i>	Improved control of the harvest/fishery.
	Progress on Action to Date <i>(Provide a brief overview with a quantitative measure of progress. Other material (e.g. website links) will not be evaluated.)</i>	No landing to fish factories were not allowed since 2017 and with the new Executive Order it is prohibited.
	Current Status of Action	Completed
	If 'Completed', has the Action achieved its objective?	

3.2 Provide an update on progress against actions relating to Habitat Protection and Restoration (Section 3.4 of the Implementation Plan). <i>Note: The reports under 'Progress on Action to Date' should provide a brief overview with a quantitative measure of progress made. 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.</i>		
Action H1:	Description of Action (as submitted in the IP)	A protection plan for the Kapisillit River stock and entire river area is currently undergoing a hearing process.
	Expected Outcome (as submitted in the IP)	Protection of the entire river area including adjacent estuarine area from anthropogenic effects (pollution, development, agriculture and gillnetting) and specifying rules of public access (including fishery).
	Progress on Action to Date (Provide a brief overview with a quantitative measure of progress. Other material (e.g. website links) will not be evaluated.)	The Ministry of Nature, Environment and Research and the local municipality is cooperating closely in order to ensure synergies between the Governments work on a protection plan for the whole Kapisillit area and the municipality's plans for sustainable development of the area. The intention is a protection plan for the whole area, including the Kapisillit River. The plan has been underway for a long time due to a number of reasons such as the change of governments and revision after hearing process as well as a closer cooperation with the local municipality.
	Current Status of Action	Ongoing
	If Completed, has the Action achieved its objective?	

3.3 Provide an update on progress against actions relating to Aquaculture, Introductions and Transfers and Transgenics (Section 4.8 of the Implementation Plan). <i>Note: The reports under 'Progress on Action to Date' should provide a brief overview with a quantitative measure of progress made. 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.</i>		
Action A1:	Description of Action (as submitted in the IP)	
	Expected Outcome (as submitted in the IP)	
	Progress on Action to Date (Provide a brief overview with a quantitative measure of progress. Other material (e.g. website links) will not be evaluated.)	
	Current Status of Action	
	If Completed, has the Action achieved its objective?	

4: Additional information required under the Convention	
4.1	Details of any laws, regulations and programmes that have been adopted or repealed since the last notification.

New Greenland Government's Order no. 5 of 21 September 2018 on salmon fishing.	
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.	
<p>A new Multi-annual Regulatory Measure 2018-2020 (WGC(18)11) was adopted in 2018 and with it a new Executive Order. This entails that the following new measures has entered into force:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - licensing of private fishermen - 0-catch-reporting - Non-reporting will result in no license being issued in the coming season. 	
4.3 Details of any new actions to prohibit fishing for salmon beyond 12 nautical miles.	
Fishery targeting salmon beyond 12nm is already prohibited/illegal by law in Greenland.	
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.	