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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 2020**.

Party:	European Union
Jurisdiction / Region:	Denmark

1: Changes to the Implementation Plan	
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).	
No Changes	
1.2 Describe any major new initiatives or achievements for salmon conservation and management that you wish to highlight.	
Nothing new	

2: Stock status and catches.	
2.1 Provide a description of any new factors that 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.	

Our stocks are still thriving and there is still a significant increase in salmon numbers. Due to the draught in 2018, we expect negative development the next two years, because of low smolt production.				
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’).				
(a) provisional nominal catch (which may be subject to revision) for 2019 (tonnes)	In-river	Estuarine	Coastal	Total
	10.8			10.8
(b) confirmed nominal catch of salmon for 2018 (tonnes)	11.1			11.1
(c) estimated unreported catch for 2019 (tonnes)	2.5	2.5		5
(d) number and percentage of salmon caught and released in recreational fisheries in 2019	5400 = 70%			

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. 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.

Action F1:	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, or other justified evaluation, of progress. Other material (e.g. website links) will not be evaluated):	
	Current status of action:	Choose an item.

	If 'Completed', has the action achieved its objective?	
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<p>3.2 Provide an update on progress on actions relating to Habitat Protection and Restoration (section 3.5 of the Implementation Plan). <i>Note: the reports under 'Progress on action to date' should provide a brief overview of each action. 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.</i></p>		
Action H1:	Description of action (as submitted in the IP):	Removal of barriers. For the salmon, especially two remaining Hydropower stations constitute a major migration obstacle, but also several small barriers are found in tributaries.
	Expected outcome (as submitted in the IP):	Access to more spawning and rearing habitat, less smolt-loss for downstream migration. More returning salmon.
	Progress on action to date (Provide a brief overview with a quantitative measure, or other justified evaluation, of progress. Other material (e.g. website links) will not be evaluated):	The barrier removal is a national strategy in all rivers, related to the requirements in WFD. Every year barriers are removed, but the scale of removals and the authority responsible varies so much that it is not possible to give an overview with a timeline. In the salmon rivers we still have a prioritized list of dams that should be removed, including two old hydropower stations, but this list gets shorter every year
	Current status of action:	Ongoing
	If 'Completed', has the action achieved its objective?	
Action H2:	Description of action (as submitted in the IP):	Predator regulation. Increasingly harsh management measures to regulate cormorant population. More egg oiling, shooting and lethal regulation. Shooting of seals in salmon rivers.
	Expected outcome (as submitted in the IP):	Keeping cormorant predation of salmon smolts at or below the current level of app 50%. Preventing seals from entering salmon rivers and kill upstream migrants before they spawn.
	Progress on action to date (Provide a brief overview with a quantitative measure, or other justified evaluation, of progress. Other material (e.g. website links) will not be evaluated):	Much effort is done in getting documentation for the damage on salmon and sea trout stocks by seals entering rivers. The damage by cormorants have been documented. Permissions to shoot cormorants along rivers are handed out, and angling clubs often organize the hunt/protective shooting. More than 350 permissions were handed out in 2019. Permissions to shoot seals in rivers are also given and about 10 individuals were killed in rivers in 2019.
	Current status of action:	Ongoing

	If 'Completed', has the action achieved its objective?	
Action H3:	Description of action (as submitted in the IP):	River restoration
	Expected outcome (as submitted in the IP):	More and better habitat available for salmon spawning and rearing – giving more wild smolts and then more returning adults.
	Progress on action to date (Provide a brief overview with a quantitative measure, or other justified evaluation, of progress. Other material (e.g. website links) will not be evaluated):	Around 50 restoration projects are carried out every year in the salmon rivers, including extended buffer zones, addition of spawning substrate, mitigation at culverts, re-opening of piped stream segments, sediment trapping (sand) to reduce harmful sediment transport.
	Current status of action:	Ongoing
	If 'Completed', has the action achieved its objective?	
Action H4:	Description of action (as submitted in the IP):	Sediment management, sediment traps and securing of buffer zones along streams and rivers to trap sediment before reaching the streams.
	Expected outcome (as submitted in the IP):	Improved habitat quality and quantity, securing good spawning habitat.
	Progress on action to date (Provide a brief overview with a quantitative measure, or other justified evaluation, of progress. Other material (e.g. website links) will not be evaluated):	As mentioned above, this is done on a regular basis by the municipalities, responsible for river management.
	Current status of action:	Ongoing
	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). *Note: the reports under 'Progress on action to date' should provide a brief overview of each action. 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.*

Action A1:	Description of action (as submitted in the IP):	Avoid establishment of marine salmon farms.
	Expected outcome (as submitted in the IP):	N/A
	Progress on action to date (Provide a brief overview with a quantitative measure, or other justified evaluation, of progress. Other material (e.g. website links) will not be evaluated):	No new facilities have been installed, despite political support. Many applications to start new fish farms were rejected by the environmental boards. Two existing marine rainbow trout farms are under criminal investigation for breaking environmental rules and may be closed.
	Current status of action:	Ongoing
	If 'Completed', has the action achieved its objective?	<input type="checkbox"/>
Action A2:	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, or other justified evaluation, of progress. Other material (e.g. website links) will not be evaluated):	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Current status of action:	Choose an item.
	If 'Completed', has the action achieved its objective?	<input type="checkbox"/>

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.
None	
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.
None	
4.3	Details of any new actions to prohibit fishing for salmon beyond 12 nautical miles.
None	

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.
None	
4.5	Details of any actions taken to implement regulatory measures under Article 13 of the Convention including imposition of adequate penalties for violations.
None	
North American Commission Members only:	
4.6	Details of any new measures to minimise by-catches of salmon originating in the rivers of the other member.
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.