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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.**

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| <b>Party:</b>                 | <b>Denmark (in respect of the Faroe Islands and Greenland)</b> |
| <b>Jurisdiction / Region:</b> | <b>Greenland</b>   |

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| <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 2019.   |
| <b>1.2 Describe any major new initiatives or achievements for salmon conservation and management that you wish to highlight.</b>   |
| A study on the effect of reminding license holders to report catches by SMS-notifications have had positive outcome, while a salmon fishing survey were developed, both under the guidance of scientist Hunter T. Snyder. Results from the survey will be ready during 2020 as well as the final analysis of the impact of SMS-notifications, both is expected to lead to further initiatives and improvements in reporting and regulation.<br><br>From 2018 to 2019, license holders reporting catches has increased by 10%, suggesting that the implementation of the new regulatory measure and executive order has improved further. |

| <b>2: Stock status and catches.</b>   |          |           |             |             |
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| <b>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.</b> |          |           |             |             |
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| <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 2019 (tonnes)  | In-river | Estuarine | Coastal     | Total       |
|   | 0        | 0         | 28.8 tonnes | 28.8 tonnes |
| (b) confirmed nominal catch of salmon for 2018 (tonnes)   | 0        | 0         | 40.4 tonnes | 40.4 tonnes |
| (c) estimated unreported catch for 2019 (tonnes)  | 0        | 0         | 5.8 tonnes  | 5.8 tonnes  |
| (d) number and percentage of salmon caught and released in recreational fisheries in 2019   | N.A.     |           |             |             |

| <b>3: Implementation Plan Actions.</b>  |  |  |
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| <b>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.</b> |  |  |
| <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.  |
|   | Progress on action to date (Provide a brief overview | GFLK, KNAPK and the Ministry held an evaluation meeting after the end of the fishing season in order to discuss the implementation of the regulatory measures  |

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|                   | <p><i>with a quantitative measure, or other justified evaluation, of progress. Other material (e.g. website links) will not be evaluated):</i></p>  | <p>and the Executive Order as well as plan further initiatives for the coming season to ensure additional improvements.</p> <p>The improvement of the reporting system for the 2019 fishing season seems to have had a positive effect on reporting. In 2018, a total of 74 % of license holders reported their catches, while 84 % reported in 2019.</p> <p>A total of 1539 catch reports were received, of which the 393 were 0-catch reports (26 %). 93 % of catch reports were received before the last day of reporting. The last report was received on December 18th, several months earlier than for the 2018 season.</p> <p>An analysis of catch reports during the fishing season showed that there was a delay of approximately 12 days from the catch of the salmon up until the reporting was received by GFLK. This information will be used in future management strategies.</p> <p>An experiment was carried out by GFLK in collaboration with scientist Hunter T. Snyder, sending SMS-notifications to 50 % of license holders. Statistical analyses performed by Snyder suggest that the SMS-notifications had a significant positive effect on reporting by license holders. Final results are expected during 2020. The results will feed into a revised SMS campaign for the 2020 fishing season.</p> |
|                   | Current status of action:   | Ongoing  |
|                   | If 'Completed', has the action achieved its objective?  | []   |
| <b>Action F2:</b> | Description of action (as submitted in the IP):   | 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.   |
|                   | Expected outcome (as submitted in the IP):  | Increased awareness and full implementation of the new legal requirement, which should lead to improved reporting and better data.   |
|                   | 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): | <p>The public citizen website sullissivik.gl was updated with relevant information.</p> <p>Radio spots reminding people to apply for a license and to report timely ran daily in the national radio throughout the 2019-season. Additional reminders were made through press releases.</p> <p>Letters were sent out to license holders that had not</p>  |

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|                   |  | <p>reported following the closing of the fishery, reminding them to report before December 1st, otherwise they will not receive a license in 2020.</p> <p>A total of 84 % of license holders reported in 2019. 39 % reported a 0-catch report. This is an improvement compared to previous years, however, it does not yet satisfy our goals of the Implementation Plan.</p> <p>The lessons from the 2019 fishing season will be used to ensure full implementation and improved reporting for the coming season.</p>  |
|                   | Current status of action:  | Ongoing  |
|                   | If 'Completed', has the action achieved its objective?   |  |
| <b>Action F3:</b> | Description of action (as submitted in the IP):  | 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 (as submitted in the IP):   | Improved monitoring and control, which should also lead to improved reporting and stronger compliance for both professional and private fishermen.   |
|                   | Progress on action to date<br>(Provide a brief overview with a quantitative measure, or other justified evaluation, of progress. Other material (e.g. website links) will not be evaluated): | <p>GFLK performed day to day monitoring of the quota uptake during the fishing season.</p> <p>The fisheries inspectors ran a salmon campaign, which included checks in the ports, and at sea. Nets and catches were inspected and reporting templates handed out with a reminder of reporting the catch.</p> <p>SMS-notifications was send to half of the license holders three times during the season to remind them to report their catches. Additional reminders were made through press releases and radio spots.</p> <p>An in-season meeting was also held between GFLK, KNAPK and the Ministry.</p> <p>The development of a Salmon Fishing Survey has been performed by Hunter Snyder, to be distributed in March 2020 to all license holders.</p> <p>An evaluation meeting was held after the closure of the 2019 fishing season between The Ministry of Fisheries, Hunting and Agriculture, GFLK and KNAPK, to discuss further improvements, including a revision of the Executive Order.</p> |
|                   | Current status of action:  | Ongoing  |

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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). 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.**

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| <b>Action H1:</b> | Description of action (as submitted in the IP):   | The completion and adoption of a protection plan for the Kapisillit River stock and the entire river area.  |
|                   | Expected outcome (as submitted in the IP):  | 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.   |
|                   | 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): | A draft Executive Order has been made and is currently being circulated among relevant authorities for consultation. Hereafter, a public consultation will be conducted. It is expected that the Executive Order will be adopted during 2020. When the Executive Order has been approved by the Government of Greenland the work with the Protection Plan can continue. |
|                   | Current status of action:   | Ongoing   |
|                   | If 'Completed', has the action achieved its objective?  |   |
| <b>Action H2:</b> | 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?  |   |

**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.*

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| <b>Action A1:</b> | 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?  |                 |

#### **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.

No changes to the current Executive Order of September 2018

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.

4.3 Details of any new actions to prohibit fishing for salmon beyond 12 nautical miles.

Fishery for salmon beyond 12 nautical miles are prohibited 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.

N.A.

4.5 Details of any actions taken to implement regulatory measures under Article 13 of the Convention including imposition of adequate penalties for violations.

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|      | 4.6 Details of any new measures to minimise by-catches of salmon originating in the rivers of the other member.   |
| N.A. |   |
|      | 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. |
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