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*Joint Statement on behalf of Norway and Russia on Coastal Fisheries Issues*



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### ***Norway – Russia update on Coastal Fisheries Issues***

The history of Norway – Russia cooperation on the issues of coastal fisheries was presented in Annex 5 of the Report of the Thirty-Sixth Annual Meeting of the North-East Atlantic Commission of the North Atlantic Salmon Conservation Organization (NEA(19)10).

As a follow-up of agreements at the joint Working Group on Atlantic Salmon in Finnmark County and the Murmansk Region in March 2019 regarding further process of cooperation, a proposal for general guidelines for the upcoming fisheries regulation in Norway was sent by the Norwegian Environment Agency to the Federal Agency for Fisheries of the Russian Federation in December 2019 for comments.

In February 2020 the general guidelines for the upcoming regulations were finished and sent to the Federal Agency for Fisheries of the Russian Federation for feedback to be considered in the decision process.

Due to COVID-19 situation the 2020 meeting of the joint Working Group on Atlantic Salmon in Finnmark County and the Murmansk Region was canceled. The group will meet in 2021.