

8.4.15 Salmon in the Gulf of Finland (Subdivision 32)

Single-stock exploitation boundaries

The new data available for this stock are too sparse to revise the advice from last year. The advice on this stock for the fishery in 2009 is therefore the same as the advice given in 2007 for the 2008 fishery: **there should be no catch of wild Estonian salmon in 2008 in the Gulf of Finland.** Fisheries should only be permitted at sites where there is no chance of taking wild salmon from the Gulf of Finland stocks along with reared salmon. To improve selectivity of harvesting, coastal fisheries at sites likely to be on the migration paths of wild salmon from Estonian rivers should be prohibited. Poaching occurs in these rivers and must be stopped. Fishing in rivers and river mouths supporting wild stocks should be prevented.

This advice will not be updated until 2010 (for fishing in 2011) unless there is a significant change in the available data.

Sources of information

Report of the Baltic Salmon and Trout Assessment Working Group, 11–20 April 2007 (ICES CM 2007/ACFM:12).

Report of the Baltic Salmon and Trout Assessment Working Group, 01–10 April 2008 (ICES CM 2008/ACOM:05).

Year	ICES Advice	Catch corresp. to advice '000 fish	Agreed TAC	
			'tonnes	'000 fish
1987	No advice	-		
1988	No advice	-		
1989	No advice			
1990	No advice			
1991	No advice		430	
1992	No advice		430	
1993	TAC for reared stock	109 ¹		109
1994	TAC for reared stock	65 ²		120
1995	Catch as low as possible in offshore and coastal fisheries	-		120
1996	Catch as low as possible in offshore and coastal fisheries	-		120
1997	Offshore and coastal fisheries should be closed	-		110
1998	Offshore and coastal fisheries should be closed	-		110
1999	Offshore and coastal fisheries should be closed	-		100
2000	Only fishery on released salmon should be permitted	-		90
2001	Only fishery on released salmon should be permitted	-		70
2002	Only fishery on released salmon should be permitted	-		60
2003	Only fishery on released salmon should be permitted	-		50
2004	Only fishery on released salmon should be permitted	-		35
2005	Only fishery on released salmon should be permitted	-		17
2006	Only fishery on released salmon should be permitted	-		15
2007	Retain sea fishery low. Special stock rebuilding measures for Estonian wild salmon rivers.	-		15
2008	No catch of wild salmon in the Gulf of Finland	-		15
2009	No catch of wild salmon in the Gulf of Finland	-		

¹ Equivalent to 600 t.

² Equivalent to 400 t.

Landings

Year	River	Coast	Offshore	Coastal and offshore ²		Total ³	
	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	'000 fish	tonnes	'000 fish
1987	2	61	290	351		353	
1988	2	112	156	268		270	
1989	2	145	254	399		401	
1990	6	369	178	347		553	
1991	5	398	250	648		653	
1992	3	418	111	529		532	
1993	6	310	133	443		449	111
1994	7	142	106	248		255	57
1995	7	201	58	259	38	266	39
1996	12	327	93	420	78	432	80
1997	10	345	93	438	76	448	77
1998	13	160	21	181	29	194	31
1999	10	137	29	166	28	176	30
2000	16	144	37	181	32	197	35
2001	16	121	20	141	23	157	26
2002	16	56	18	74	14	90	18
2003	9	57	3	60	11	69	13
2004	11	62	3	65	11	75	13
2005	17	79	3	82	14	99	18
2006	13	70	3	73	12	86	14
2007 ¹	11	69	3	72	11	84	13

¹Preliminary. Table revised because of additional data.

²For comparison with TAC.

³Total catch includes catches from recreational fisheries, estimated to be 5100 fish in 2006.