

CCB salmon seminar

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The Danish salmon action plan and overall comments on salmon management



The Danish salmon action plan

- **Thomas Godt, introduction**
- **Background on the plan**
- **Legislation**
- **Actions taken**
- **Status**



Background

- **The plan made for North Atlantic salmon**
 - ❖ **But a lot of inspiration to be passed on...**
- **Plan from 2004**
- **Focus primarily ecological but also socio economic**
- **Main reason for plan was drastic decline in and risk of extermination of naturally reproducing Danish salmon**



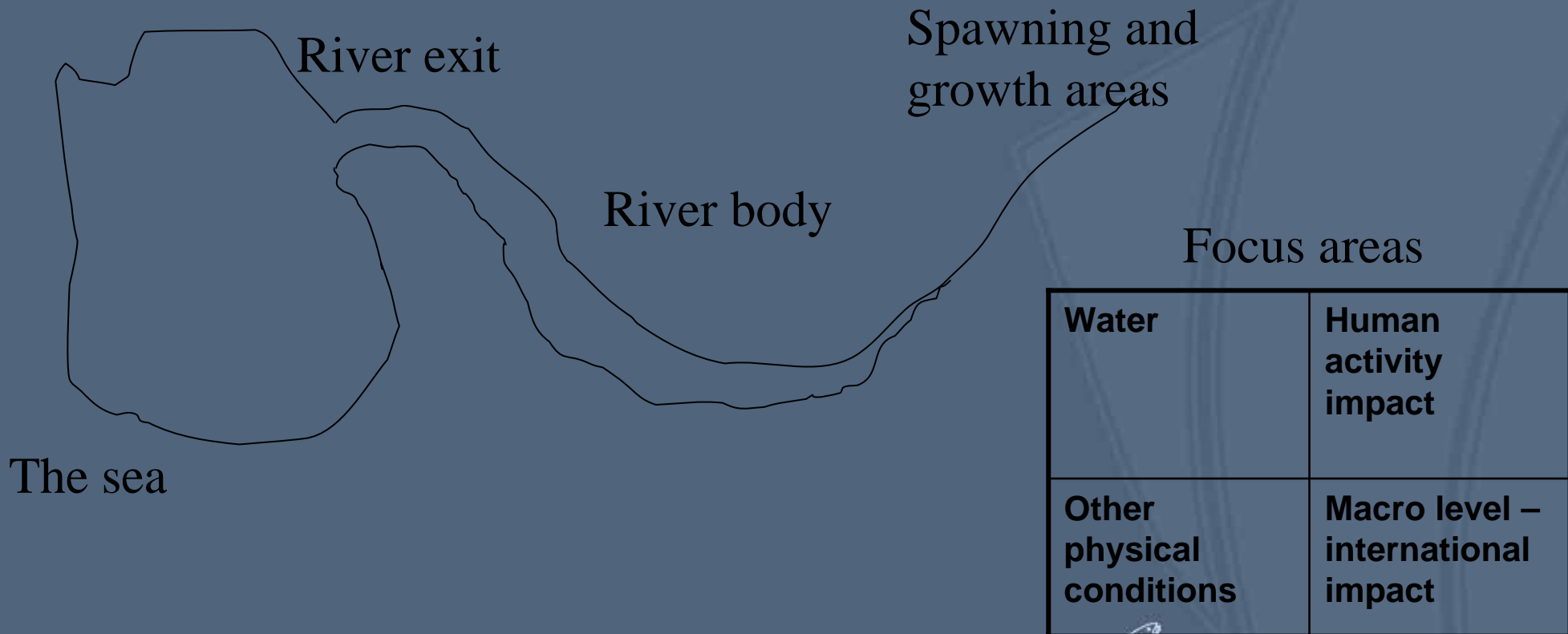
Current legislation

- **four salmon related habitats pointed out as Natura 2000 areas and approved by EC experts**
- **A number of specific Danish laws to protect the salmon rives directly and indirectly**
 - ❖ **EC Waterbody directive (EU's vandrammedirektiv)**
 - ❖ **Nature protection law (Naturbeskyttelsesloven)**
 - ❖ **Environmental law (Miljbeskyttelsesloven)**
 - ❖ **River directive (Vandløbsloven)**
 - ❖ **Watersupply directive (Vandforsyningsloven)**
 - ❖ **Fishery law (Fiskeriloven)**



Legislative focus areas

- **A river from spring to sea**



The plan's main focus areas

- **Restoration of habitats and related areas**
- **Genetic preservation**
- **Preservation of spawning grounds**
- **Man made barriers for migration**



Recommendations

- **Secure and preserve spawning and growth areas**
- **Restore genetically unique salmon population (25/25)**
- **Preserve rivers and related areas**
- **Particular salmon populations should be redproductive (1000)**
- **Restrictions on import of live salmon**
- **Local threats eliminated**
- **Estimations and data gathered consistantly**



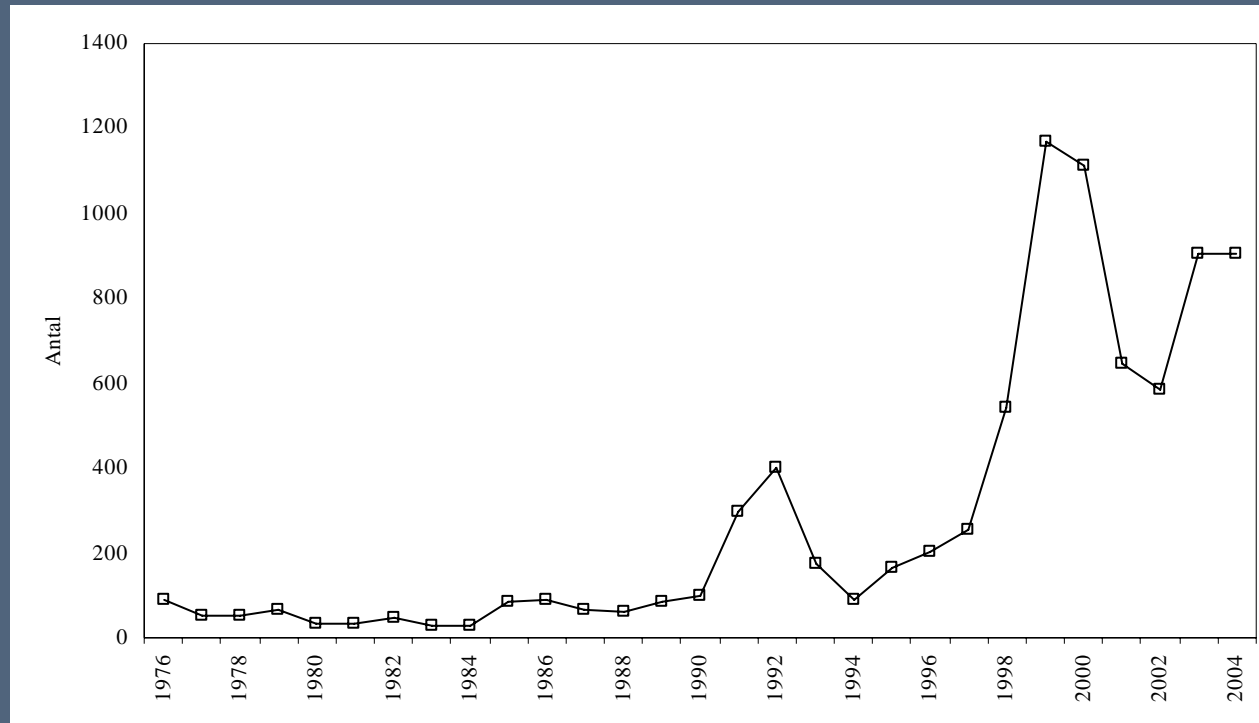
Actions

- **Prioritized effort – is it worth it?**
- **A specific plan for each river**
- **Accurate and on-going survey of results**
- **Taking account of patogeneity**
- **Extermination of critical diseases**



Status

- from the Skjern river but draws a general picture



Overall comments and focus areas

- **Some comments follow from the Danish Salmon Action plan, others are....:**
- **Future focus on salmon and trout action plans should be on sustaining areas other than commercial fishing i.e. biological or recreational**
- **Volunteer agreements with other parties on the salmon area i.e. commercial fishermen or others, is a very good tool and moves faster than government/legislation**
- **A salmon action plan should be followed by funds for control and legislative instruments to secure punishment to non-compliers**

