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Atlantic Salmon

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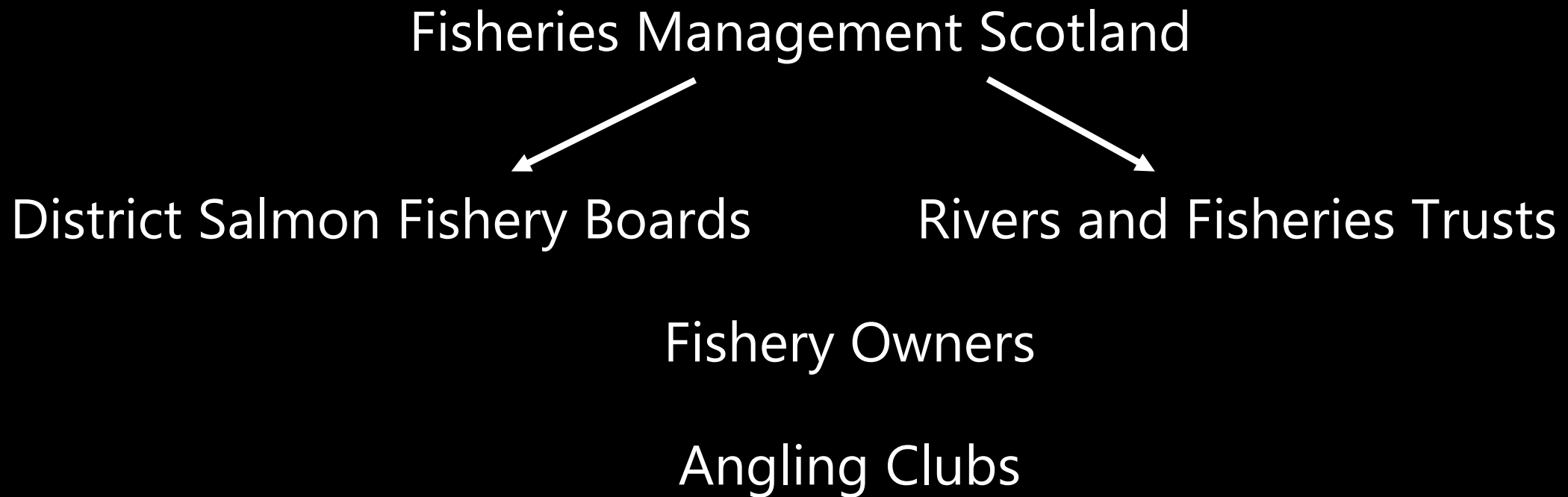
Glasgow to host UN climate change
summit in 2020

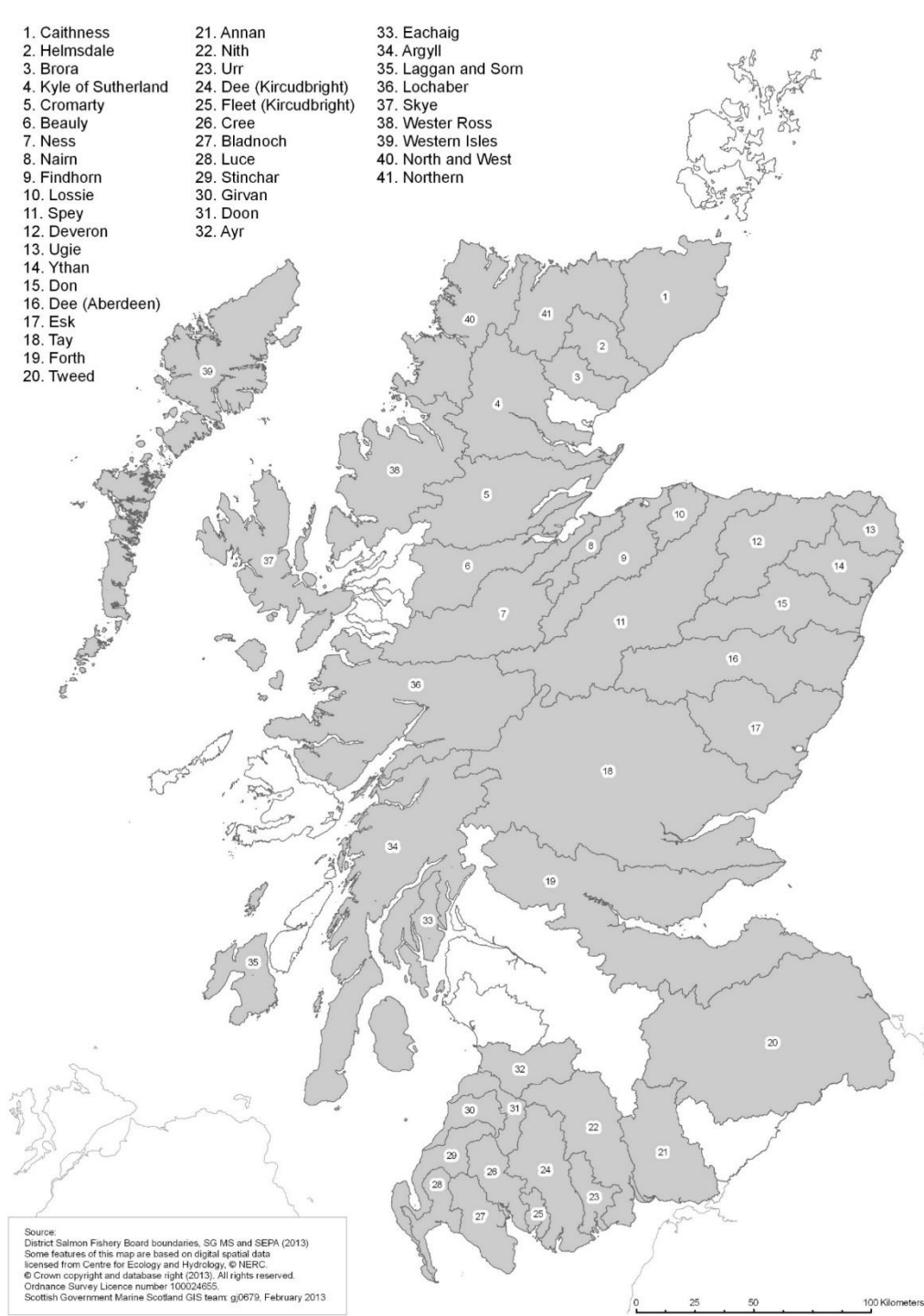
NASCO in Edinburgh

Salmon strategy

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Fisheries management in Scotland





District Salmon Fishery Boards and River Tweed Commission

Powers and duties set out in law

Power to raise a salmon levy for the purposes of funding management

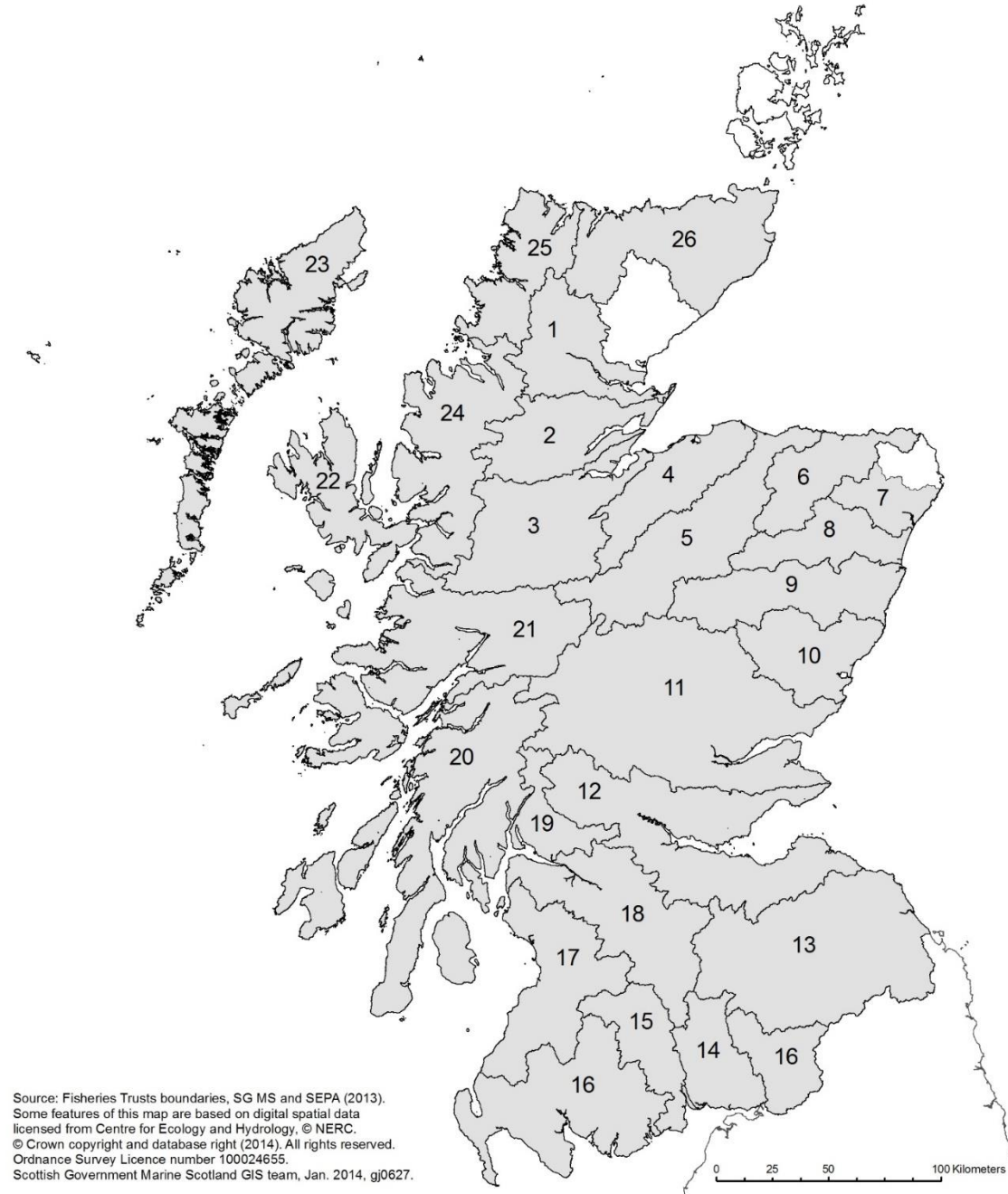
Power to appoint fisheries enforcement officers - water bailiffs

Remit limited to salmon and sea trout

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Rivers and Fisheries Trusts
Research and monitoring
River restoration works
Education initiatives
All species remit

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What is fisheries management?

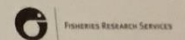
Managing impacts, pressures and people to ensure that the environment on which the fish depend is optimal

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Threats to Salmon and Sea Trout Survival



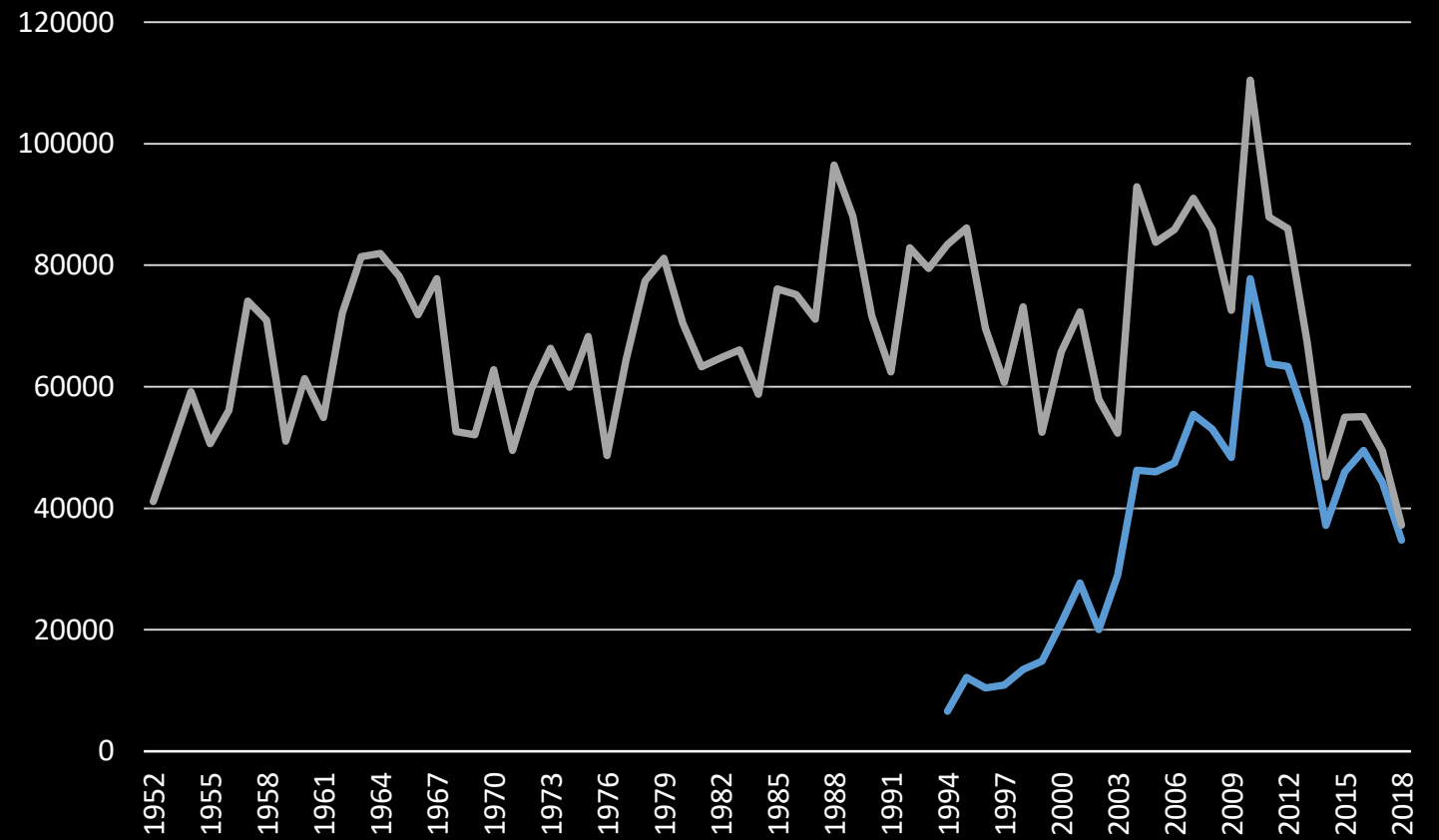
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Recent declines in salmon abundance



Atlantic salmon catches (rod and line)



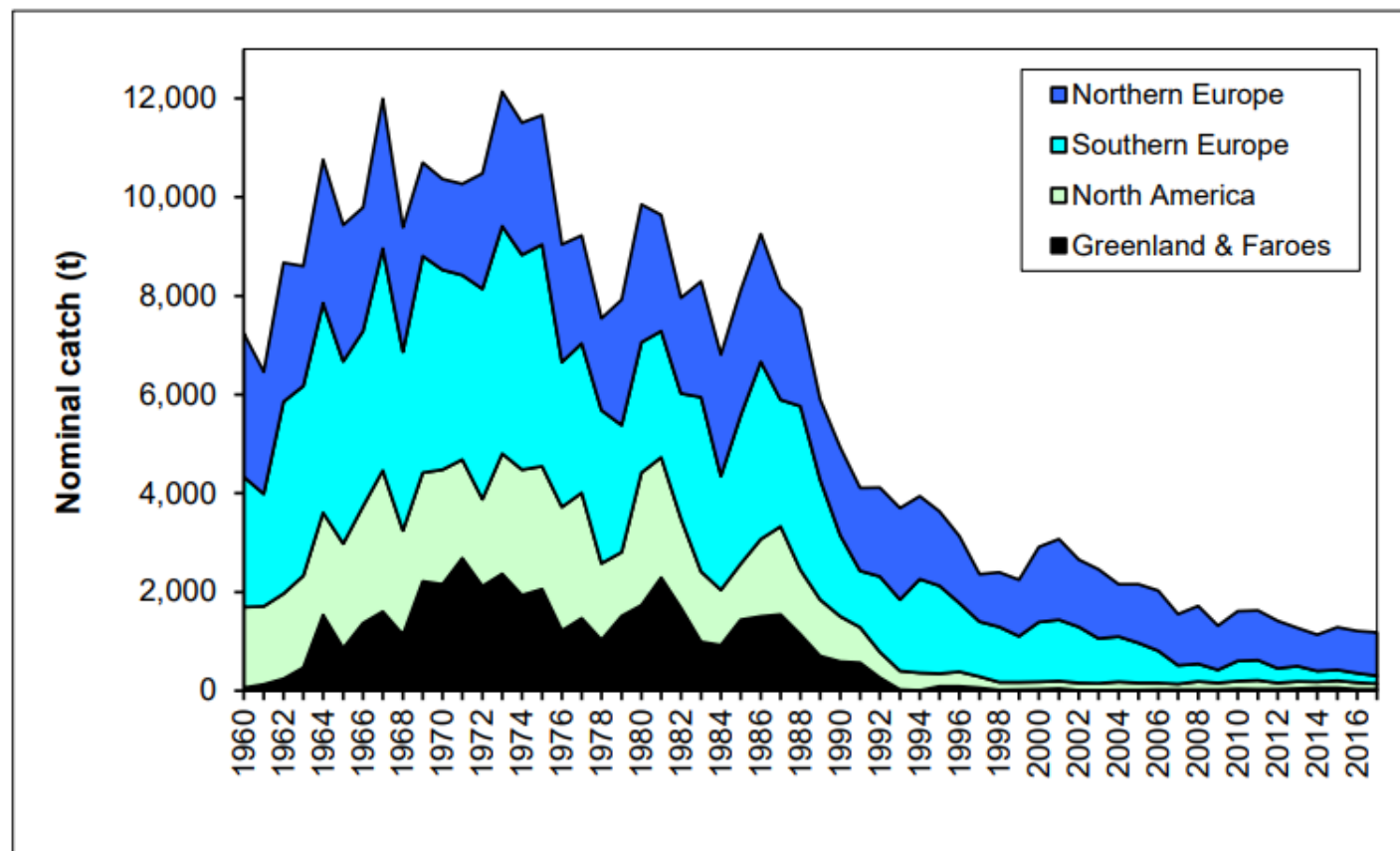


Figure 2.1.1.1. (a) Total reported nominal catch of salmon (tonnes round fresh weight) in four North Atlantic regions, 1960–2017.



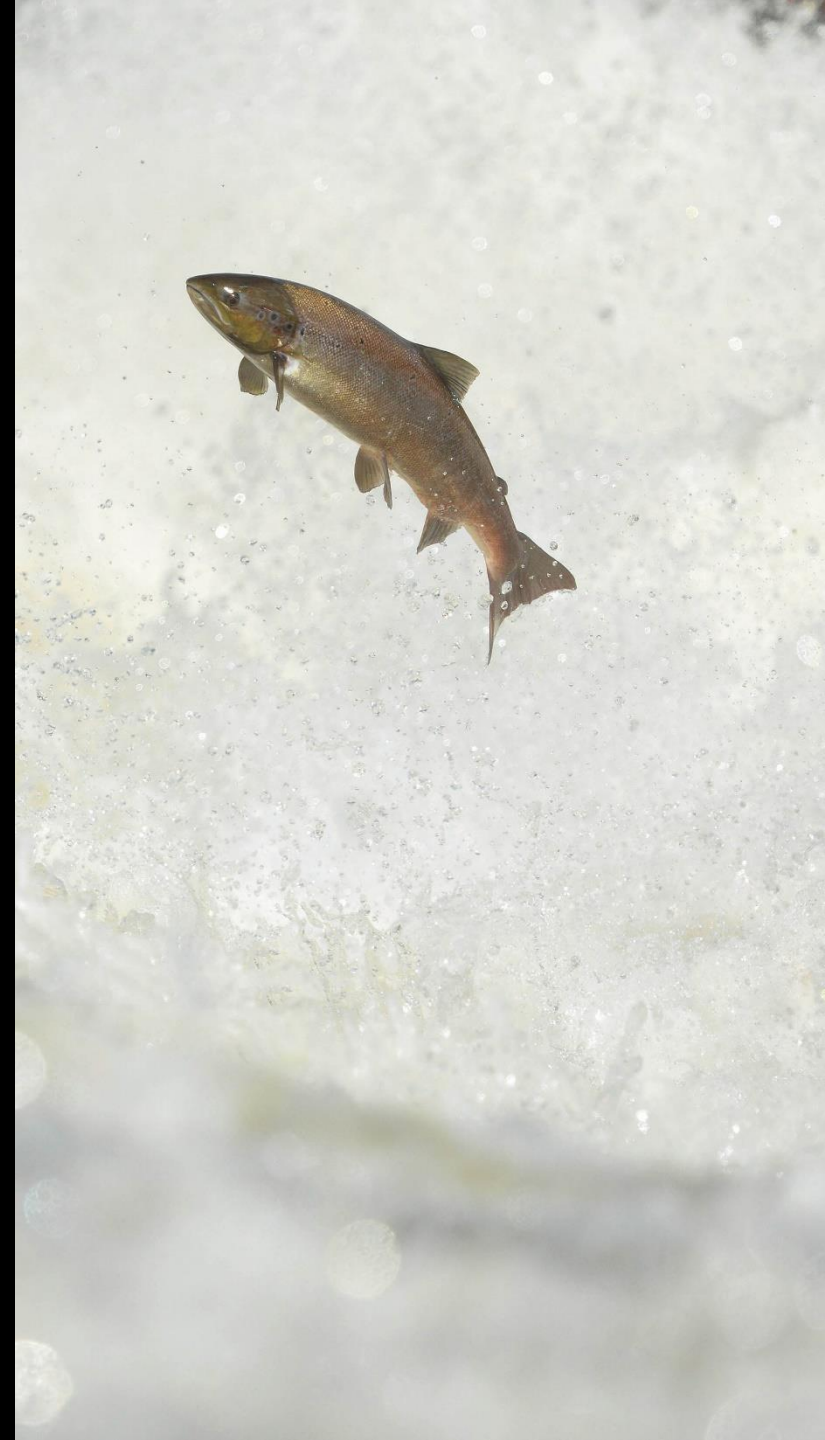
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International Council for
the Exploration of the Sea
Conseil International pour
l'Exploration de la Mer

Report of the Working Group on North Atlantic Salmon (2018)

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Marine survival down
Pre-fisheries abundance down
What can be done to address impacts?
Where should we focus our efforts?





Why is this important?

High conservation value (Natura Sites, Priority Marine Features)

High economic and cultural value - £79.9m Gross Value Added (GVA) and 4,300 full-time equivalent jobs in 2014

Declining rod catches have a knock-on effect on fragile rural economies and reduce the ability of managers to raise money to support management and restoration activities

Challenge is to maintain economic value, whilst achieving long-term conservation obligations

"We are at an important moment. When countries now understand that protecting the environment is not something that is done at the expense of jobs and the economy but is essential to securing jobs and economy for the future."

Nicola Sturgeon, 2018 Scottish Forum on Natural Capital