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1. The International Atlantic Salmon Research Board is a body, established by and reporting to the Council of NASCO, to promote collaboration and co-operation on research into the causes of marine mortality of Atlantic salmon and the opportunities to counteract this mortality.
2. The Board will oversee, administer, and seek to advance an International Atlantic Salmon Research Programme into the causes of marine mortality of Atlantic salmon and the opportunities to counteract this mortality with the following Terms of Reference:
  - maintaining an inventory of relevant research projects which are ongoing or planned and for which budgets have been confirmed;
  - identifying research needs;
  - evaluating the inventory against research needs;
  - identifying gaps in the inventory of research and setting priorities for further research;
  - providing a forum for coordination of relevant research efforts by the Contracting Parties of NASCO;
  - developing administrative mechanisms to accept financial contributions to an International Atlantic Salmon Research Fund;
  - soliciting and accepting financial contributions and managing the Fund;
  - establishing terms and conditions for soliciting, evaluating, approving and funding relevant research projects;
  - funding approved projects and reviewing results in relation to the objectives of the Programme;
  - endorsing projects that are consistent with the objectives of the Programme.
3. The Board will comprise one Member from each Party assisted, as appropriate, by one or more advisers. The costs associated with representation on the Board will be borne by the Parties. In exceptional circumstances the Board may, by consensus, deviate from this rule concerning membership and costs.
4. The Board may establish criteria for appointment of, and may appoint, Patrons to the International Atlantic Salmon Research Fund.
5. The Board will work by consensus but in the event that agreement cannot be reached the matter concerned shall be referred to the Council of NASCO for resolution.
6. The Board will meet on an annual basis or at more frequent intervals if it, or the Council of NASCO, so decides.
7. Between meetings the Board may conduct its work and take decisions by correspondence, conference calls, and electronic means.

8. The Board will appoint a Chair by consensus, who will serve for a term of two years and who may be eligible for re-election for a further term of two years. A Party providing the Chair will also be entitled to provide a Member of the Board and one or more advisers.

#### NGO INVOLVEMENT

9. The Board will invite the Chair of NASCO's accredited NGOs, or his / her nominee from within the accredited NGOs, to participate in the meetings of the Board so as to provide the NGO viewpoint on all issues under discussion. The Chair of the Board may recognise requests for the floor by the NGO representative on any agenda item under discussion. The NGO representative will be included in all correspondence to the Board.

#### SCIENTIFIC ADVISORY GROUP

10. As needed, the Board may establish Terms of Reference for a Scientific Advisory Group (SAG). The Terms of Reference would outline tasks, timelines, and meeting procedures. The SAG is composed of one Member from each Party. The costs associated with representation on the SAG will be borne by the Parties.

11. The SAG will appoint a Chair by consensus, who will serve for a term of two years and who may be eligible for re-election for a further term of two years. A Party providing the Chair of the SAG will also be entitled to provide a Member of the SAG.

12. The Board will invite the Chair of NASCO's accredited NGOs, or his / her nominee from within the accredited NGOs, to participate in SAG meetings so as to provide the NGO viewpoint on the issues under discussion. The NGO representative will be included in all correspondence to the SAG.

#### OTHER FUNCTIONS

13. The Board may establish Working Groups in order to progress specific areas of its work.

14. The Secretariat will provide a Rapporteur and reports of the Board's meetings will be presented to the Council in a timely manner.

15. To maintain an inventory of the current Members, the Secretary will request confirmation of the Board Member and SAG Member from each Party every two years. The Secretary will also request confirmation of the NGO Representative from the NGO co-chairs every two years.

16. The Board may seek advice from NASCO's Standing Scientific Committee.

17. The Board may make arrangements for external scientific evaluation of research projects funded by the Board or any research projects considered for funding under the International Atlantic Salmon Research Programme.

18. These Rules of Procedure may be subject to review by the Council of NASCO at any time.