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Draft Resolution of the International Atlantic Salmon Research Board (IASRB) on Research on Salmon at Sea

NOTING that there has been a substantial decline in salmon stocks throughout much of their migratory range over the last two to three decades despite substantial reductions in exploitation;

NOTING the advice from the International Council for the Exploration of the Sea (ICES) that there has been a substantial reduction in survival of salmon at sea possibly resulting from natural factors and/or anthropogenic pressures;

WELCOMING the major advances in understanding of the distribution and migration of salmon at sea that have been made under the SALSEA Programme;

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT the role of the IASRB to promote collaboration and co-operation on research into the causes of marine mortality of Atlantic salmon and the opportunities to counteract it;

DESIRING to encourage studies to partition marine mortality of migrating Atlantic salmon in order to support the conservation and management of Atlantic salmon stocks across the North Atlantic;

RECOGNISING the potential that a large international collaborative telemetry project has to provide valuable new information on migration paths and quantitative estimates of mortality during phases of the marine life-cycle of salmon;

RESOLVES as follows:

- to encourage NASCO Parties to continue the development of local collaborative telemetry projects;
- to encourage the development of large international collaborative projects that together build upon and expand local efforts;
- to request Parties to make efforts to identify funding sources to support telemetry projects;
- to support such initiatives by facilitating international collaboration.