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### *Rules of Procedure for the International Atlantic Salmon Research Board*

1. The International Atlantic Salmon Research Board is a body, established by and reporting to the Council of NASCO, to promote collaboration and cooperation on research into the causes of marine mortality of Atlantic salmon and the opportunities to counteract this mortality.
2. The Board shall establish and administer 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.
3. The Board shall comprise one Member from each Contracting Party assisted, as appropriate, by one or more advisers. The costs associated with representation on the Board shall be borne by the Contracting 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 shall 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 shall 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.

8. The Board shall invite the Chairman 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 the issues under discussion. The Board should consider appropriate arrangements for increasing NGO involvement in its work.
9. The Board shall establish a Scientific Advisory Group (SAG) to identify research gaps and priorities, to develop recommendations for enhanced coordination of existing research, to develop calls for proposals, and to develop recommendations for research and other activities that may be supported by the Board. The SAG shall invite the Chairman of NASCO's accredited NGOs, or his/her nominee from within the accredited NGOs, to participate in its meetings so as to provide the NGO viewpoint on the issues under discussion.
10. The Board shall appoint a Chairman by consensus, who shall serve for a term of two years and who may be eligible for re-election for a further term of two years. A Contracting Party providing the Chairman shall also be entitled to provide a Member of the Board and one or more advisers.
11. The Board may establish Working Groups in order to progress specific areas of its work.
12. The Secretariat shall provide a Rapporteur and reports of the Board's meetings shall be presented to the Council in a timely manner.
13. The Board may seek advice from NASCO's Standing Scientific Committee.
14. 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.
15. These Rules of Procedure may be subject to review by the Council of NASCO at any time.