



International Atlantic Salmon Research Board

Explanatory Memorandum on the Agenda

ICR(21)05

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The 2021 Annual Meeting of the International Atlantic Salmon Research Board (the Board) will be held virtually due to the ongoing restrictions and uncertainty related to the Covid-19 pandemic.

The meeting will take place on 26 and 28 May 2021.

Papers for the meeting are posted on the [Board website](#).

A summary of the decisions before the Board is contained in Annex 1.

Adoption of the Agenda

The Draft Agenda, is available, [ICR\(21\)02](#). The Board will adopt its Agenda on 30 April, by correspondence. The period of inter-sessional correspondence will take place from Monday 3 May until Friday 14 May. All Board inter-sessional correspondence will be included in the Annotated Agenda posted on the Board's website before the start of the first video conference (VC).

1. Opening of the Meeting

The Chair, Ciaran Byrne, will open the meeting.

- no decision is required.

No correspondence is expected.

2. Election of Officers

In accordance with the Terms of Reference for the International Atlantic Salmon Research Board and its Scientific Advisory Group, [ICR\(20\)03](#), the Board will be asked to elect the Chair. The current Chair, Ciaran Byrne, is eligible for re-election.

No papers are produced for this item.

- a decision to (re)elect the Chair is required.

The decision will be taken during the VC.

3. The Review of the Metadatabase of Salmon Survey Data and Sample Collections

In 2020, the Board agreed that 'the metadatabase be reviewed and consideration be given as to whether other areas of the Board's work require review, and that this review be conducted by the Board.' The Board agreed that the timing of the review of the metadatabase should be agreed by the Chair and the Secretary, as and when NASCO business allows.

In order that the review of the metadatabase takes place before the 2022 Board Meeting, the Board may wish to agree Terms of Reference for the review and agree who will conduct the Review.

Draft Terms of Reference will be tabled by the Chair for consideration by the Board, ICR(21)06.

- agreement on the Terms of Reference for the review of the metadatabase is required;
- a decision on who will conduct the review may be required.

Inter-sessional correspondence is encouraged. Discussion and decision making will take place during the VC.

4. Review of the 2020 Updated Inventory of Research

In 2020, the Board adopted the recommendations in the Report of the Working Group for the Review of SALSEA-Track and the Inventory of Research, [ICR\(20\)07](#). As agreed, changes to the process of collecting Inventory data and to the presentation of the Inventory on the website have been implemented in 2021. It was also agreed that:

‘the Secretariat considers how the utility of the updated website can best be evaluated with the use of hit statistics and related metrics, and that these statistics should be presented to the Board annually to understand the extent to which the Inventory is used.’

The Secretariat will provide a paper including hit statistics related to the website, ICR(21)09.

- no decision is required.

Correspondence will take place if required by a Party or NGO Co-Chair. Discussion may take place during the VC.

5. A Potential Successor to SALSEA-Track

As agreed in 2020, the SALSEA-Track Programme has been closed and a final report circulated, ICR(21)04.

The Working Group for the Review of SALSEA-Track and the Inventory of Research, [ICR\(20\)07](#), proposed that Board members could canvass colleagues on a potential successor to SALSEA-Track if the ROAM programme was not deemed a feasible candidate successor. The Chair said the Board could revisit progress under this Agenda item at its meeting in 2021.

This Agenda item will allow for an update on the ROAM programme and consideration, if appropriate, of a potential successor to SALSEA-Track.

A paper, on a potential successor to SALSEA-Track will be available, ICR(21)07.

- a decision on a potential successor to SALSEA-Track may be required; and
- a decision in relation to the ISMMI proposal is required, regarding the request for endorsement and matching support funding of £96K.

Inter-sessional correspondence is encouraged. Discussion and decision making will take place during the VC.

6. Projects of Interest to the Board and its Work

The Board agreed in 2020 to retain an Agenda item, focused on projects where NASCO has some ownership (such as EU-funded projects, the SALSEA-Track successor and the Likely Suspects Framework) and that if SAG and Board members know of other relevant projects, those researchers can be invited to contribute information.

A paper with project updates will be available, ICR(21)08.

- no decision is required.

Correspondence will take place if required by a Party or NGO Co-Chair. Discussion may take place during the VC.

7. Finance and Administrative Issues

In 2020 the Board agreed that it should have its 2020 accounts audited by NASCO's auditors, Saffery Champness (Edinburgh).

The 2020 Accounts for the International Atlantic Salmon Research Fund will be available, ICR(21)03.

- a decision to accept the audited accounts is required.

Correspondence will take place if required by a Party or NGO Co-Chair. Decision will be taken during the VC.

8. Other Business

Any other business may be raised via inter-sessional correspondence or during the VC.

9. Report of the Meeting

A Draft Report of the Meeting will be circulated for review.

- a decision to adopt a Report of the Meeting is required.

Any proposed changes to the Draft Report will be discussed, agreed revisions incorporated, and a final Report of the Meeting adopted during the VC.

10. Date and Place of the Next Meeting

The Board will be asked to confirm the date for its next Annual Meeting.

- a decision to hold its next meeting in advance of the Thirty-Ninth Annual Meeting of the Council, 7 – 10 June 2022, is required.

The decision will be taken during the VC.

11. Close of the Meeting

The Chair will close the meeting.

Secretariat
Edinburgh
9 April 2021

Summary of Board Decisions

Agenda Item	Decision	Paper No.
Adoption of the Agenda	The Agenda will be adopted via correspondence by 30 April	ICR(21)02
2. Election of Officers	To (re)elect the Chair	
3. The Review of the Metadatabase of Salmon Survey Data and Sample Collections	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the Terms of Reference for the review of the metadatabase • who will conduct the review. 	ICR(21)06
5. A Potential Successor to SALSEA-Track	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a decision on a potential successor to SALSEA-Track may be required; and • a decision in relation to the ISMMI proposal is required, regarding the request for endorsement and matching support funding of £96K. 	ICR(21)07
7. Finance and Administrative Issues	To accept the audited accounts	ICR(21)03
9. Report of the Meeting	To adopt the Report of the Meeting	Issued at meeting
10. Date and Place of the Next Meeting	To hold the next meeting in advance of the Thirty-Ninth Annual Meeting of the Council	