



Terms of Reference for the Review of the Metadatabase of Salmon Survey Data and Sample Collections

1. A Working Group reporting to the Board is established with the following high-level objectives:
 - a. Consider the relevance and utility of the Metadatabase of Salmon Survey Data and Sample Collections (the Metadatabase)

In the event that the Working Group recommends that the Metadatabase continue to be maintained:

- b. Propose a future course for the Metadatabase by considering a full range of options, to increase its relevance and utility;
 - c. Consider how the Metadatabase could be better managed and presented.
2. In carrying out the objectives in paragraph one, the Working Group will:
 - a. Review the relevance and utility of the entries in the Metadatabase;
 - b. Review the processes related to the Metadatabase, including:
 - i. The process for maintaining and providing annual updates;
 - ii. The process of advertising to, or sharing the resource with, non-NASCO salmon researchers; and
 - iii. Propose modifications to procedures and tools related to the Metadatabase;
 - c. Propose ways to enhance awareness of the Metadatabase, to encourage greater use.
3. The Working Group should also consider whether other areas of the Board's work require review.

The Working Group should take into account the following documents and information:

- [ICR\(17\)7](#), Report of the Sixteenth Meeting of the International Atlantic Salmon Research Board;
- [SAG\(15\)7](#), Report of the Meeting of the Scientific Advisory Group of the International Atlantic Salmon Research Board;
- [ICR\(12\)4](#), Progress in Developing a Metadatabase of Salmon Survey Data and Sample Collections of Relevance to Mortality of Salmon at Sea; and
- [ICR\(11\)4](#), Interim Report of the IASRB Working Group on Marine Salmon Survey Data and Sample Collection.