



Historic overview of contributions made to the Board and its subsequent work

Purpose

The purpose of this paper is to provide the Board with an overview of contributions made to the International Atlantic Salmon Research Fund since its inception and the main activities enabled through the Fund.

Introduction

The Board has sponsored and / or endorsed work since its inception. This paper provides information on projects that have been endorsed, but not funded; projects that have been both endorsed and funded, by category where the information is available; and the main sources of income to its Fund.

The sums are all taken from financial spreadsheets available to the Secretary, back to 2005, and have been confirmed where possible with archived accounts information, which is only available back to 2010, or comments in the relevant year's Board reports.

Board Endorsement of Projects

The Board endorsed the SALSEA concept in 2005. It could be said to have provided the platform upon which the original SALSEA projects could be built, having endorsed it and provided seed corn money for discussions, even though the Board did not fund the projects directly.

In 2014, the Board had endorsed the need for an international acoustic tracking programme and adopted a Resolution, ICR(14)10, encouraging Parties to continue the development of local collaborative telemetry projects, encouraging the development of large international collaborative projects building on local efforts and encouraging Parties to make efforts to identify funding sources. SALSEA-Track emerged from this endorsement.

In 2015, the Board considered that it had:

'been able to support important new projects e.g. the genetic studies of historic samples from West Greenland and the Faroe Islands and the ongoing study to develop a North American genetic baseline and undertake finer scale analysis of samples from West Greenland. The funds contributed by the Board had been useful in leveraging additional resources from other funding sources.'

In 2016, the Board endorsed the study entitled 'Effects of recent ocean warming on growth and migration of Southern NEAC 1SW salmon'.

In 2018, the Board requested that the Secretary liaise with ICES about the possibility of organizing a data workshop to clearly identify and prioritise data gaps in relation to candidate mortality factors to support the Likely Suspects Framework project. Two workshops have since been held with a final one still to be held.

In 2022, the Board agreed to endorse the concept of composing a new North-East Atlantic salmon genetic baseline for the purpose of assigning salmon samples from Greenland to region of origin, to aid receipt of funding.

Main Income to the Fund (£)

Contributor	Ring fenced	Not ring fenced (or no information available)	Total contributions
Council	30,000	18,000	48,000
Canada	43,911	2,131	46,042
EU	1,052,497	119,659	1,172,156
Iceland		2,800	2,800
Norway	11,968	9,992	21,960
Scotland	5,000		5,000
USA	154,666	24,924	179,590
AST	100,000		100,000
'Contributions'		53,415	53,415
'Donations'		52,517	52,517
Total Foundation	90,777		90,777

Main Expenditure from the Fund (£)

Expenditure category	Expenditure
Comms	4,847
EU Project Funding (to date)	586,406
Faroese GSI project	8,500
'Lost at Sea' Film	2,500
Meetings / project funding	190,308
North American genetic baseline project	35,231
Promotion	97,249
Salmon Summit	28,000
SALSEA-Merge co-ordinator	100,000
SALSEA-Merge survey	90,805
Stable isotope analysis	33,583
West Greenland enhanced sampling	15,708
West Greenland GSI project	6,000
Workshops	15,616

For the category 'Meetings / project funding' in the table above, a breakdown of the individual meetings and projects funded is not available.

There was a 2004 workshop sponsored by the Board to further develop SALSEA, with involvement of scientists from North America and more widely in Europe. The expenditure for this workshop is not available.

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