

	<p>International Atlantic Salmon Research Board</p> <p><i>Revised Guidelines on Acceptance of Voluntary Contributions to the International Atlantic Salmon Research Fund</i></p>	<p>ICR(24)02</p> <p>Agenda item: 3a)</p>
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The vision of the International Atlantic Salmon Research Board (the Board) is that:

‘Factors causing salmon mortality at sea are understood to the level that supports the development of management actions by Parties to reduce mortality to recover, protect and conserve salmon stocks’

In order to achieve its vision, the Board may agree to accept voluntary contributions to the International Atlantic Salmon Research Fund (the Fund) by individuals or other interested parties in accordance with its financial rules, [ICR\(23\)15](#). The decision on whether to accept any such contribution will be taken by the Board on a case-by-case basis, taking into account:

- NASCO’s [Financial Rule 7.2 \(a\)](#), namely that voluntary contributions offered by non members may be accepted, provided that the purposes of the contributions are considered to be consistent with the Board’s policies, aims and activities;
- the information presented by the potential donor;
- any other information deemed relevant by the Board; and
- the Board’s needs and priorities at the time of the proposed donation.

The following criteria will also be taken into account in any decision regarding potential donations:

- (1) the Board shall decide if the purpose of the contribution is consistent with the purpose of the Fund;
- (2) voluntary contributions from individuals or other interested parties may be accepted for research in relation to the causes of marine mortality of Atlantic salmon and the opportunities to counteract this mortality. Provided this criterion and criterion (1) are met, a donor may direct the contribution to specific research;
- (3) those offering the voluntary contribution recognise that acceptance of the contribution does not signify that the Board endorses the products, aims or objectives of those making the donations;
- (4) those offering the voluntary contribution recognize that the Board may decide not to accept a contribution from individuals or other interested parties;
- (5) the Board will not enter into agreements (funding or others) where clauses may be perceived as restricting the Board’s ability to achieve its goals and objectives;
- (6) those offering the voluntary contributions may not attach conditions to the contribution that are inconsistent with the rules and procedures of the Board;
- (7) voluntary contributions do not confer any rights to participate in, or influence the general work of, NASCO;
- (8) those offering voluntary contributions may not use NASCO’s or the Board’s name and / or logo without prior approval from the Secretary; they may, however, indicate their general support for the objectives of NASCO or the Board;

- (9) those offering voluntary contributions accept these conditions in writing prior to the contribution being accepted.