



International Atlantic Salmon Research Board

Annotated Agenda

ICR(26)01A

Twenty-Fifth Annual Meeting of the International Atlantic Salmon Research Board

Macdonald Aviemore Resort, Scotland

1 & 4 June 2026

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The purpose of this paper is to provide the background, decisions and links to papers for each item on the Agenda for the Annual Meeting of the International Atlantic Salmon Research Board (the Board).

Papers for the meeting are available on the Board's [website](#).

This Annotated Agenda references papers that the Secretariat is aware of at the time of writing. If additional papers are issued, they will be posted on the website and delegates will be informed by email.

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

Time of the Meeting (Aviemore local time)

The Board will meet at the following times:

- Monday 1 June: 09:00 – 12:00 hrs
- Thursday 4 June: 08:00 – 09:00 hrs

Order of Business

Agenda items will be taken in the following order:

1.	Opening of the Meeting
2.	Adoption of the Agenda
3.	Finance and Administrative Issues
4.a)	Consideration of a Basin-Wide Marine Growth Study: The Reports of the Steering Committee for a Basin-Wide Marine Growth Study
4.b)	Consideration of a Basin-Wide Marine Growth Study: Next Steps for the Proposed Basin-Wide Marine Growth Study
5.	Review of the 2025 Inventory of Research
6.	Projects of Interest to the Board and its Work
7.	Other Business
8.	Date and Place of the Next Meeting
9.	Report of the Meeting
10.	Close of the Meeting

1. Opening of the Meeting

The Chair, Peder Fiske (Norway) will open the meeting.

- *no decision is required.*

2. Adoption of the Agenda

A Draft Agenda, [ICR\(26\)01](#), issued on 30 March 2026. No supplementary items have been proposed by the members of the Board.

- *the Board may wish to adopt its Agenda.*

The following paper is available:

- Draft Agenda, [ICR\(26\)01](#).

3 Finance and Administrative Issues

At its 2006 Annual Meeting, [CNL\(06\)11](#), the Board recognised that it was not necessary to have its accounts audited annually and agreed that, in future, the Board's accounts should be audited as required in relation to the funds held. For years in which an audit is not conducted, details of the Board's income and expenditure statements would be circulated to the members of the Board and discussed at its Annual Meeting. In 2025 the Board agreed not to have its 2025 accounts audited and the Secretary was asked to provide income and expenditure statements.

The value of the Sterling accounts within the International Atlantic Salmon Research Fund on 31 December 2025 was £117,474.37. The United States made a voluntary contribution of £43,465 to the Board in 2025. This, along with a previous voluntary contribution of £40,150 provided by the United States in 2019, is ring-fenced within the Sterling accounts. Given these sums, approximately £32,920 of the £117,474 in the Sterling accounts is available to spend on other projects.

The value of the Fund's Euro account on that date was €412,072.27. All Funds in the Euro account are ring-fenced. In 2024, €68,093.09 for the 'IMPAS' and 'NASCO24' projects was paid mistakenly from the Board's Euro account. This sum was reimbursed to the Board's Euro account from the NASCO current account early in January 2025.

The Board may wish to:

- *accept the 2025 accounts; and*
- *decide whether to have the 2026 accounts audited.*

The following paper is available:

- 2025 Accounts for the International Atlantic Salmon Research Fund, [ICR\(26\)04](#).

4. Consideration of a Basin-Wide Marine Growth Study

At its 2025 Annual Meeting, [CNL\(25\)08](#), the Board agreed to move forward with the proposed Basin-Wide Marine Growth Study, which had been under consideration since 2024. While not all Parties and jurisdictions were able to participate at that stage, it was recognised that other Parties may become involved once a detailed project proposal was developed. To move matters forward, the Board agreed:

- to form a Steering Committee, comprised of a representative from each Party willing to participate in the study, the NGO representative to the Board and, once a mechanism had been established to allow IPRI participation in the work of the Board, a designee from the IPRI observers to:
 - a) co-ordinate scale sample digitisation through specific points of contact who

would be responsible for digitisation; and

- b) work inter-sessionally to identify and outline potential routes to funding the next phase of the project, including discussions with the NGOs, the IPRIs and the NASCO Secretariat.
- that the Steering Committee would work independently of the NASCO Secretariat but request help as and when necessary. The Steering Committee was asked to prepare:
 - an interim report with ballpark costings in February 2026, based on their work so far. This report may include identification of potential funding sources and an indication of how much money would be required to allow those Parties not currently able to participate to join the project; and
 - a further progress report in advance of the 2026 Annual Meeting of the Board to inform discussions at that meeting.

a) The Reports of the Steering Committee for a Basin-Wide Marine Growth Study

The Steering Committee has worked inter-sessionally to continue to develop the project proposal. The ‘Interim Report of the Steering Committee for a Basin-Wide Marine Growth Study’, [ICR\(26\)02](#), was issued in March 2026.

Given the short timeframe between submission of the Interim Report and the Annual Meeting, a second progress report will not be submitted in advance of the Annual Meeting. Instead, a verbal report will be provided during the meeting, focusing on the progress made to date in collating the scale image datasets.

- *no decision relating to the reports is required.*

The following paper is available:

- ‘Interim Report of the Steering Committee for a Basin-Wide Marine Growth Study’, [ICR\(26\)02](#).

b) Next Steps for the Proposed Basin-Wide Marine Growth Study

- *the Board may wish to consider the next steps in respect of the Basin-Wide Marine Growth Study.*

The following paper is available:

- ‘Interim Report of the Steering Committee for a Basin-Wide Marine Growth Study’, [ICR\(26\)02](#).

5. Review of the 2025 Inventory of Research

As agreed in 2020, [CNL\(20\)12](#), changes to the process of collecting Inventory data and to the presentation of the Inventory on the website have been implemented. It was also agreed that webpage hit statistics and related metrics for the Inventory would be presented to the Board annually to understand the extent to which the Inventory is used. Due to a technical issue which has recently been identified, it has not been possible to provide updated webpage metrics in 2026. We are working with our partners to find a resolution for 2027.

Following the Board’s agreement on its future research priorities as contained in [ICR\(24\)01](#), the Board agreed at its 2024 Annual Meeting, [ICR\(24\)17](#), that information on how future projects reported on in the Inventory relate to the agreed priority research

areas should be added to future Inventory update requests.

There will be no presentation. However, the Chair may allow questions and comments, time permitting.

The Board may wish to:

- ***ask members to check and update the information held in the Inventory relevant to their Party / jurisdiction;***
- ***ask the Secretariat to update the Inventory in 2026 / 27.***

The following paper is available:

- Review of the 2025 Inventory of Research, [ICR\(26\)03](#).

6. Projects of Interest to the Board and its Work

Updates on Projects of Interest to the Board and its Work

In 2020, [CNL\(20\)12](#), the Board agreed to retain an item on its Agenda to allow for updates on projects of interest to the Board and its work.

The updates provided are contained in the document ‘Projects of Interest to the Board and its Work’, [ICR\(26\)05](#). It is anticipated that an update on the ‘ROAM’ project will be provided at the meeting. The Chair may allow questions and comments on this item, time permitting.

- ***no decision is required.***

The following paper is available:

- Projects of Interest to the Board and its Work, [ICR\(26\)05](#).

7. Other Business

The Terms of Reference for the International Atlantic Salmon Research Board and its Scientific Advisory Group, [ICR\(25\)12](#), state that the purpose of the Board is to ‘*promote and initiate collaboration and co-operation on research into the causes of marine mortality of Atlantic salmon and the opportunities to counteract this mortality*’ through a number of activities, including ‘identifying and prioritising research needs’.

In 2024, the Board issued a ‘Statement of the International Atlantic Salmon Research Board on Future Research Priorities’ [ICR\(24\)01](#). This statement lists ‘Potential interactions between pink salmon and Atlantic salmon’ as one of the Board’s top five research priorities.

In light of this, the Chair of NASCO’s Working Group on Pink Salmon has submitted a paper, [ICR\(26\)06](#), to raise awareness among Board members of a number of knowledge gaps regarding the impacts pink salmon have on wild Atlantic salmon. The Board may wish to consider if it wishes to take action in relation to this paper.

No other business is anticipated.

- ***the Board may wish to consider whether it wishes to take action in relation to the paper submitted by the Chair of NASCO’s Working Group on Pink Salmon.***

The following paper is available:

- Knowledge Gaps in Pink Salmon Research Impacts on Atlantic Salmon, [ICR\(26\)06](#)

8. Date and Place of the Next Meeting

The Board will be asked to confirm the date and venue for its next Annual Meeting. It is usual practice for the Board to meet immediately prior to the Annual Meeting of the Council of NASCO, and in the same location. The date and location of the 2027 Council Annual Meeting will be considered during its 2026 Annual Meeting.

The Board may wish to:

- *agree to hold its next Annual Meeting in conjunction with the Forty-Fourth Annual Meeting of the Council.*

9. Report of the Meeting

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

- *the Board may wish to adopt the Report of the Meeting.*

10. Close of the Meeting

The Chair will close the Twenty-Fifth Annual Meeting of the Board.

Secretariat
Edinburgh
22 May 2026

Summary of International Atlantic Salmon Research Board Decisions

Agenda Item	Decision	Paper No.
2. Adoption of the Agenda	Adopt the Agenda.	ICR(26)01
3. Finance and Administrative Issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • accept the accounts for 2025; and • whether to have the 2026 accounts audited. 	ICR(26)04
4.b) Next Steps for the Proposed Basin-Wide Marine Growth Study	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • agree the next steps in respect of the basin-wide marine growth study. 	ICR(26)02
5. Review of the 2025 Inventory of Research	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ask members to check and update the information held in the Inventory relevant to their Party / jurisdiction; • ask the Secretariat to update the Inventory in 2026 / 27. 	ICR(26)03
7. Other Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • whether to take action in relation to the paper submitted by the Chair of NASCO's Working Group on Pink Salmon 	ICR(26)06
8. Date and Place of the Next Meeting	Agree to hold the next Annual Meeting of the Board in conjunction with the next Annual Meeting of the Council	
9. Report of the Meeting	Adopt the Report	Issued at meeting