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Closing Statement made by Canada

- Canada wishes to thank the Secretariat for their organization of this meeting.
- To the Secretariat; Peter, Mairi and Louise, we appreciate what you do for us every year, and we especially appreciate your work to organize this meeting. We also greatly appreciate the leadership of our President, Mary, during this meeting.
- We wish to thank the EU, and specifically our Irish hosts for providing such a remarkable venue.
- For 2014, Canada again appreciates the EU and France's offer to host, and we again look forward to our participation.
- Canada wishes to thank everyone here for all of their contributions to this meeting. To the representatives from the Parties, both from the governmental and stakeholder perspective, all contributions for the purposes of stock conservation and preservation and growth of wild Atlantic salmon is appreciated.
- Canada knows that good science is fundamental for good decision making, and we thank all of NASCO's scientific groups for their work to preserve and grow wild Atlantic salmon.
- Specifically in regards to one of the most hotly debated subjects this week, Canada wishes to thank the representative from Denmark (in respect of the Faroe Islands and Greenland) for her passionate representation here at this meeting.
- It is not an easy subject for any of us, and we again thank Denmark (in respect of the Faroe Islands and Greenland) for their representation.
- As stated during last night's presentation during our wonderful dinner, it is important that all jurisdictions continue to communicate effectively to ensure that the resource is available for future generations. Canada feels that NASCO is the appropriate venue for these discussions.

- This issue is also quite challenging for Canada...No question.
- With subsistence fishing, the way in which one country manages its harvests can directly influence the way other countries manage their own subsistence fisheries. It is essential that we must continue the dialogue to ensure wild Atlantic salmon is available for future generations to enjoy.
- However, Canada, under current circumstance of limited returns, does not and cannot support an expanded and potentially larger fishery containing new commercial elements, for wild Atlantic salmon.
- Among the immediate concerns for Canada is the potential growth of this fishery, which commercialization, domestic or international commercialization, can often bring.
- As I stated earlier in this meeting, when money and salmon go head to head, the salmon are frequently not the winners.
- We must recognize that any new system designed to bring efficiencies to salmon harvests, and which put profits into the wallets of those other than the subsistence harvesters, be it fish plants, truckers or secondary vendors, could drive an expansion of this fishery.
- Canada wishes to advise Denmark (in respect of the Faroe Islands and Greenland) that this issue will be a subject of bilateral discussions during a meeting of the North Atlantic Fisheries Ministers Conference to take place later this month in Norway.
- Canada also looks forward to a Canada – Greenland bilateral meeting to take place later on in 2013. We hope to again discuss this issue with Greenland at that time.
- Canada looks forward to working with Parties and all of our domestic and international stakeholders in advancing our reporting through Implementation Plans. We feel that the new format is effective and we will continue to work with our stakeholders to provide the needed information.
- Canada again wishes to thank everyone for their contributions to this year's Annual Meeting and looks forward to meeting again next year in France.

