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**Council**

***Applications for NGO Observer Status to NASCO***

1. Since the last Annual Meeting there have been new applications for observer status to NASCO from the following organizations:
  - Marine and Environmental Law Institute, Dalhousie University, Canada;
  - Atlantic Salmon Conservation Foundation, Canada;
  - Connecticut River Salmon Association, USA.
2. The primary objective of the Marine and Environmental Law Institute is “encouraging good ocean governance through law and policy research and advocacy”. They are conducting a major research project evaluating all of Canada’s transboundary fisheries arrangements in light of sustainability principles such as precaution and the ecosystem approach.
3. The objectives of the Atlantic Salmon Conservation Foundation are to “improve and strengthen the conservation of wild Atlantic salmon and its habitat in Atlantic Canada and Quebec”. Its mandate is to “foster and assist conservation of wild Atlantic salmon and salmon habitat through community-based partnerships.”
4. The mission of the Connecticut River Salmon Association (CRSA) is “to actively support the effort to restore Atlantic salmon in the Connecticut River Basin”. The major activity of CRSA at the present time is development and management of the Salmon in Schools Program. CRSA operates the Program in many Connecticut public schools (74 in 2006-2007).
5. After consulting the President, it was decided that these three organizations have a legitimate interest in the proceedings of NASCO. The organizations have all accepted the conditions governing observer status to NASCO and have, accordingly, been invited to attend the Twenty-Fourth Annual Meeting.
6. I am also pleased to report that the WWF (Norway) has accepted the conditions governing NGO participation in NASCO and the suspension of their observer status has, therefore, been lifted. This organization has been invited to attend the Twenty-Fourth Annual Meeting.
7. In total, NASCO currently has 32 accredited NGOs, as listed in Annex 1.

Secretary  
Edinburgh  
11 May, 2007

**NON-GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATIONS WITH OBSERVER STATUS TO NASCO**

Association of Icelandic Angling Clubs	(based in Iceland)
Association Internationale de Défense du Saumon Atlantique	(based in France)
Association of Salmon Fishery Boards	(based in the UK)
Atlantic Salmon Conservation Foundation	(based in Canada)
Atlantic Salmon Federation	(based in Canada)
Atlantic Salmon Federation	(based in USA)
Atlantic Salmon Trust	(based in the UK)
Coalition Clean Baltic	(based in Sweden)
Connecticut River Salmon Association	(based in USA)
Coomhola Salmon Trust Limited	(based in Ireland)
European Anglers Alliance	(based in the Netherlands)
Faroes Sportsfishing Association	(based in the Faroe Islands)
Federation of Icelandic River Owners	(based in Iceland)
Federation of Irish Salmon and Sea-Trout Anglers	(based in Ireland)
Fédération Québécoise pour le Saumon Atlantique	(based in Canada)
Fondation Saumon	(based in France)
Greenpeace International	(based in the Netherlands) *
Institute of Fisheries Management	(based in the UK)
Marine and Environmental Law Institute	(based in Canada)
National Anglers Representative Association	(based in Ireland)
Norges Bondelag (Norwegian Farmers Union)	(based in Norway)
Norges Jeger og Fiskerforbund (Norwegian Association of Hunters and Anglers)	(based in Norway)
Norske Lakseelver (Norwegian Salmon Rivers)	(based in Norway)
Salmon Net Fishing Association of Scotland	(based in the UK)
Salmon and Trout Association	(based in the UK)
Sami Parlamenta	(based in Finland)
Scottish Anglers National Association	(based in the UK)
Stop Salmon Drift Nets Now	(based in Ireland)
Ulster Angling Federation Limited	(based in the UK)
World Wide Fund for Nature (Norway)	(based in Norway)
WWF (France)	(based in France)
World Wildlife Fund (US)	(based in USA)

**Note:** The NGO accreditation of Greenpeace International has been suspended by the Council.