

Agenda Item 6.5
For Decision

Council

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St Pierre & Miquelon Salmon Fishery



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Général de la Mer**

Le Secrétaire général

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Le Secrétaire général de la mer

à

Sir Arni ISAACSON
President of NASCO

Object : The Saint Pierre et Miquelon fishery and France observer status in the North American Commission of NASCO

The French territorial collectivity of Saint-Pierre et Miquelon has been cooperating with your organization since the early 1990s.

Within this framework, capture data and information on the monitoring and management system for this fishery have regularly been provided to NASCO.

However, this cooperation has been more active since 2005, as NASCO Contracting Parties invited France on behalf of Saint-Pierre et Miquelon to participate in meetings as an observer.

The North Atlantic salmon fishery in Saint-Pierre et Miquelon is a subsistence activity and in the last ten years, captures varied between 2 and 3,5 tonnes per year.

To Mr Arni ISAACSON
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The outcome of an interministerial consultation, in line with the opinion of the territorial Council of Saint-Pierre et Miquelon, is that France full membership to NASCO North American Commission does not seem to be convenient, given the low level of captures taken by this traditional fishery which has little impact on the economic development of the archipelago.

The Saint-Pierre et Miquelon fishery policy is mostly based on the regulated exploitation of quotas allocated within the France-Canada agreement, NAFO and ICCAT.

Hence, France, on behalf of this territory, wishes to have its representation at NASCO annual plenary meetings confirmed as an observer.

Pour et par empêchement du
Secrétaire général de la mer,
Le Secrétaire général adjoint
Bruno PAULMIER

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Bruno Paulmier', written over the printed name.