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There has been one new application for observer status to NASCO from the Angling Trust, based in England (Annex 1). The Angling Trust is a national representative body for coarse, sea and game angling in England and its mission is to promote angling, campaign for anglers' rights and the environment, lobby governments and agencies, protect waterways and the marine environment, develop angling as a sport for young and old and support angling interests.

Following consultation with the President, the Angling Trust was granted observer status to NASCO.

The Angling Trust has been advised of, and has accepted, the conditions governing NGO status to NASCO. In total, NASCO now has 35 accredited NGOs as listed in Annex 2.

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Edinburgh
23 May 2011

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Dear Dr Windsor,

Following dialogue with Chris Poupard in relation to acquiring NGO status with NASCO I would be delighted if you would accept the Angling Trust's application.

I can confirm that the Angling Trust's marine and freshwater campaigning objectives of conserving and restoring fish stocks are very much in line with those of NASCO.

The Angling Trust is the national representative body for all angling – coarse, game and sea – in England. Our mission is: to promote angling, campaign for anglers' rights and the environment, lobby governments and agencies, protect our waterways and marine environment, develop angling as a sport for young and old and support angling interests. As such, we believe registering as an NGO observer with NASCO will play an important role in representing the interests of our members who are direct stakeholders in, and beneficiaries of, wild Atlantic salmon stocks.

We currently have approximately 13,000 individual members and 1,400 affiliated clubs representing a total of approximately 350,000 anglers in England. We also represent the interests of fishery and riparian owners and our legal arm, Fish Legal, represents member clubs, fisheries and riparian owners across the whole of the UK taking legal action on their behalf.

In addition to this we are members of the European Anglers' Alliance and work closely with other member states to campaign and lobby the EU on issues affecting salmon at all stages in their life cycle, including both at sea and in the freshwater environment.

Being accepted as an NGO observer to NASCO and attending NASCO meetings would allow us to work constructively with other members and contribute to the overall objectives of the organisation while at the same time communicating the most current developments in the conservation of wild Atlantic salmon stocks to our members.

For more information about the Angling Trust, Fish Legal, and the work we do please visit our websites: <http://www.anglingtrust.net> and <http://www.fishlegal.net>

If you require any further information please feel free to contact us at the address above. We look forward to your response.

Yours sincerely,



David Mitchell
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NON-GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATIONS WITH OBSERVER STATUS TO NASCO

Angling Council of Ireland	(based in Ireland)
Association Internationale de Défense du Saumon Atlantique	(based in France)
Association of Salmon Fishery Boards	(based in UK)
Angling Trust	(based in 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 UK)
Coalition Clean Baltic	(based in Sweden)
College of the Atlantic	(based in USA)
Connecticut River Salmon Association	(based in USA)
Conservatoire National du Saumon Sauvage	(based in France)
Coomhola Salmon Trust Limited	(based in Ireland)
European Anglers Alliance	(based in Netherlands)
Faroes Sportsfishing Association	(based in Faroe Islands)
Federation of Irish Salmon and Sea-Trout Anglers	(based in Ireland)
Fédération Québécoise pour le Saumon Atlantique	(based in Canada)
Greenpeace International	(based in Netherlands)
Institute of Fisheries Management	(based in UK)
Irish Seal Sanctuary	(based in Ireland)
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)
Northwest Atlantic Marine Alliance	(based in USA)
Salmon Net Fishing Association of Scotland	(based in UK)
Salmon and Trout Association	(based in UK)
Salmon Watch Ireland	(based in Ireland)
Sami Parlamenta	(based in Finland)
Scottish Anglers National Association	(based in UK)
Ulster Angling Federation Limited	(based in 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.