

## **WGC(08)4**

### ***Proposed Text For Sampling Agreement (Tabled by the US)***

ICES, the SAG, the IASRB and NASCO all endorse taking additional samples from fish captured in the internal use only fishery in Greenland. This expanded sampling program, SALSEA West Greenland, is recognized as complimentary to SALSEA Merge and SALSEA North America, which collectively hold promise in providing insights into the critical marine portion of the salmon's life cycle. There is a desire to maximize the likelihood that the whole fish required for some scientific analysis (e.g. stomach content, isotope analysis) are fish that would otherwise be part of the internal use fishery and are not additive to that fishery. Strong coordination and cooperation with the Greenland Home Rule Government and the KNAPK in carrying out this scientific research program is required in order to fully integrate the sampling program into the internal use fishery.