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**Council**

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

1. There have been two further applications for observer status to NASCO from Clean Catch, Gloucester, Massachusetts, USA, and the College of the Atlantic, Bar Harbor USA.
2. The primary objective of Clean Catch is “to focus on the impacts of pollutants, industrial fisheries, and large-scale aquaculture operations upon marine food chains and on target species of small-scale coastal fisheries”. Clean Catch is currently focusing on the impacts of large-scale forage species fisheries in the Gulf of Maine and the development of industrial aquaculture in US waters. The curriculum of the College of the Atlantic focuses on environmental issues and a class is offered specifically on Atlantic salmon. The College works on Atlantic salmon with NGOs in Maine. Students have attended international sessions such as the Convention on Biological Diversity, the Commission on Sustainable Development, and the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES). The conservation of Atlantic salmon is a long-term professional interest of several faculty members.
3. After consulting the President, it was decided that these organizations have a legitimate interest in the proceedings of NASCO. The organizations have accepted the conditions governing observer status to NASCO and have, accordingly, been invited to attend the Twenty-Fourth Annual Meeting.
4. In total, NASCO currently has 34 accredited NGOs, as listed in Annex 1. Two of the organizations, Fondation Saumon, and Stop Salmon Drift Nets Now, have advised that they have changed their names to Conservatoire National du Saumon Sauvage and Salmon Watch Ireland respectively. Having reviewed their new objectives, we believe that both organizations retain a legitimate interest in the proceedings of NASCO.

Secretary  
Edinburgh  
29 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)
Clean Catch	(based in USA)
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 (formerly Fondation Saumon)	(based in France)
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)
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)
Salmon Watch Ireland (formerly Stop Salmon Drift Nets Now)	(based in Ireland)
Sami Parlamenta	(based in Finland)
Scottish Anglers National Association	(based in the UK)
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.