

**Council**

**CNL(10)42**

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proceeding with implementation of the Guidance on Best  
Management Practices to address impacts of sea lice and escaped  
farmed salmon on wild salmon stocks***

***(Tabled by Canada)***

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In recognition of the work of:

- parties to complete the FAR
- the FAR Review Group
- the ISFA-NASCO Liaison Group, as well as the the work of the **ISFA-NASCO Task Force on Best Practice in Aquaculture to Address Impacts on Wild Salmon Stocks** to prepare ***Guidance on Best Management Practices***

Canada proposes the following course of action to result in clear and relevant progress to **address impacts of sea lice and escaped farmed salmon on wild salmon stocks:**

1. **Allow the FAR process to continue as it has been established**
2. **Reconstitute the Task Force to consider implementation of the BMP Guidance**
3. **Report on the FAR process and the work of the Task Force at a special session of Council in 2011.**

The Task Force terms of reference have been established and agreed by NASCO and ISFA (ATF(09)2), and could be augmented as follows:

**Mandate**

Taking account of the best management practice BMP document prepared by the Task Force and adopted by NASCO in 2009, the reinstated Task Force will facilitate implementation of the BMP Guidance by:

1. Providing a broad base for discussion of the various aspects of implementation;
2. Facilitating sharing of information between members; and,
3. Assisting the Parties of NASCO in the development and implementation of appropriate monitoring, regulatory, and management programs applicable to sea lice and containment.

**Subject Areas**

As highlighted by the Task Force in the development of the BMP Guidance, there are specific areas of focus that must be considered to facilitate implementation. These shall be considered by the Task Force to include:

1. Research and development;
2. Monitoring programs;
3. Management and regulatory programs, including government approvals of farm practices and procedures;
4. Reporting within Parties and to NASCO.

The composition of the Task Force will be a key aspect of its success. The collaborative nature of the group requires that it be comprised of an equal number of party representatives, aquaculture industry, and conservation groups. Individuals on the group would have an expertise in aquaculture and farmed-wild interactions, and would work together to fulfill the mandate. The Chair of the group would rotate annually.