



**OSPAR  
COMMISSION**

*Protecting and conserving the  
North-East Atlantic and its resources*

## Memorandum of Understanding between the North Atlantic Salmon Conservation Organization and the OSPAR Commission

*The North Atlantic Salmon Conservation Organization (hereinafter 'NASCO') and the Commission established by the 1992 Convention for the Protection of the Marine Environment of the North-East Atlantic (hereinafter 'OSPAR Commission') have complementary competences, for the conservation and rational management of Atlantic salmon and for the protection of marine ecosystems, respectively, in the North-East Atlantic, including in areas beyond national jurisdiction.*

**RECOGNISING** that under the Convention for the Conservation of Salmon in the North Atlantic Ocean:

- NASCO's objective is to contribute to the conservation, restoration, enhancement and rational management of salmon stocks in the North Atlantic Ocean, through consultation and cooperation, taking into account the best scientific evidence available to it;
- NASCO seeks to promote the acquisition, analysis and dissemination of scientific information pertaining to salmon stocks in the North Atlantic Ocean.

**RECOGNISING** that under the Convention for the Protection of the Marine Environment of the North-East Atlantic:

- The Contracting Parties to the OSPAR Convention agreed to take necessary measures to protect the maritime area against adverse effects of human activities so as to safeguard human health and to conserve marine ecosystems and the biological diversity of the maritime area and, when practicable, restore marine areas which have been adversely affected;
- The OSPAR Commission aims for the application of an integrated ecosystem approach.

**NOTING** that both the OSPAR Commission and NASCO have entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with ICES for scientific information and advice.

**NASCO and the OSPAR Commission have reached the following understanding:**

1. The Secretariats of NASCO and the OSPAR Commission will invite each other to participate as observers in meetings of common interest that they each may organize;
2. The Secretariats of NASCO and the OSPAR Commission will communicate, as necessary, to share information, including annual reports and data and, where appropriate, coordinate on matters

concerning the conservation and rational management of Atlantic salmon and the protection of marine ecosystems in the North-East Atlantic;

3. The Secretariats of NASCO and the OSPAR Commission will report to their respective organizations on the actions each has taken pursuant to this Memorandum of Understanding;
4. Cooperation on specific issues within the scope of this Memorandum of Understanding may, if necessary, be specified in further detail through the development of separate sub-arrangements between NASCO and the OSPAR Commission.

This Memorandum of Understanding will come into effect upon its signature by both NASCO and the OSPAR Commission.

It may be terminated by either signatory by giving six months' written notice to the other signatory, prior to the proposed date of termination.

This Memorandum of Understanding may be modified by written, mutual consent, subject to approval by NASCO and the OSPAR Commission.

Signed on behalf of the OSPAR Commission:



Mr Victor Escobar  
Chairman of the OSPAR Commission

Date: 5 August 2013

Signed on behalf of NASCO:



Ms Mary Colligan  
President of NASCO

Date: 22 July 2013