



CNL40.2175

21 December 2020

Dear { },

Further to my letter in October (CNL40.2168) I write to inform you of the outcome of the review of {Party / jurisdiction}'s Implementation Plan (IP), and to let you know the next steps.

NASCO considers that the provision of Implementation Plans, together with annual reporting of progress on actions contained within them, is one of the most valuable mechanisms that it has developed. It is a vitally important mechanism to strengthen implementation of NASCO's Resolutions, Agreements and Guidelines. Parties to NASCO have committed to the conservation of wild Atlantic salmon. {Parties' / jurisdictions}' Implementation Plans set out their planned actions and these are reviewed by an expert Review Group. Reporting is carried out annually on these Plans (see <https://nasco.int/conservation/implementation-plans-and-reporting/>).

As previously advised, NASCO's expert Review Group met in November and December and considered all IPs in light of the guidance from Council.

I attach the detailed outcome of the review of {Party / jurisdiction}'s IP, along with a summary.

I request that you respond to this review with details of how {Party / jurisdiction} will demonstrate progress towards the attainment of NASCO's Resolutions, Agreements and Guidelines, in the areas where deficiencies have been identified.

A Special Session on the NASCO Council will be held by webinar on 5 May 2021 to allow scrutiny of the 2019 – 2024 Implementation Plans, their reviews, and the responses of the Parties / jurisdictions to their evaluation. All NASCO Parties / jurisdictions and accredited NGOs will be able to participate in this session. There will be a period of correspondence prior to the Special Session to allow questions and answers on the IPs and on your response to this letter, with the aim of making the webinar as efficient as possible. However, questions may still be raised during the webinar.

This letter and the accompanying IP review will be posted on the NASCO website. In order that your response can be posted prior to the IP webinar, to inform delegates, please respond by 31 March 2021.

I look forward to hearing from you in due course.

Kind regards,



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President