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Dear Mr President,

In your letter of 31 January you invited France (in respect of St Pierre and Miquelon) to join the North Atlantic Salmon Conservation Organization (NASCO), in order to enhance co-operation and dialogue related to the conservation and management of Atlantic salmon.

I share your concerns about the situation facing salmon, whose decline is noted by ICES, given the considerable fishing effort around the North Atlantic. Like you, on the basis of the scientific advice I am dedicated to ensuring that catches are as low as possible. The aim is to ensure that fishing is sustainable, while taking socio-economic factors into account.

France has, therefore, decided to strengthen the framework around the fishery at St Pierre and Miquelon, shortening the fishing season to 1 May – 21 July and capping the number of recreational licenses issued at 80 in 2021. This cap is now written into an Order of the Prefect.

Furthermore, no commercial fishing takes place beyond the EEZ by fishers from St Pierre and Miquelon.

France therefore wishes to retain its status as observer to NASCO. France also wishes to continue the close exchanges with your organization on all potential improvements designed to increase the protection of salmon stocks, whether that be regarding controls on landings and sales, the scientific programme or further limits on catches.

Yours sincerely,

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