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Dear Dr Arnaud Peyronnet, President of NASCO

Thank you for the letter of 19 December 2022 where you invite Iceland to rejoin The North Atlantic Salmon Conservation Organization (NASCO).

As you mention in the letter, the withdrawal in 2009 was solely for economic reasons and not because of Iceland's lack of commitment to the conservation and rational management of Atlantic salmon. Iceland's commitment remains resolute and we recognize the responsibility we bear in safeguarding this remarkable species for future generations.

We firmly believe that cooperation among nations is vital in addressing the challenges faced by our shared environment and we acknowledge the invaluable role played by NASCO in promoting the preservation and sustainable use of salmon populations.

It is indeed timely that Iceland re-enters NASCO and we are excited about the prospect of joining the organization in the new phase that will commence in the months following the latest performance review. Therefore, I hereby confirm that Iceland is seeking full membership of NASCO from the date first of January 2024.

Rejoining NASCO will allow us to collaborate with like-minded nations and pool our expertise and resources to further the cause of salmon conservation.

As a member of NASCO once again, Iceland is committed to actively participating in the organization's endeavors, including the implementation of effective measures to protect and enhance salmon stocks, the exchange of scientific knowledge, and the promotion of sustainable fishing practices. We believe that our collective efforts will yield positive outcomes and reinforce the long-term conservation goals we share.

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