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Taking into account the 'Statement of the Council Regarding Pink Salmon, *Oncorhynchus gorbuscha*, in the NASCO Convention Area', <u>CNL(22)47</u>, and information provided by ICES, the Working Group is asked to:

- consider the research and data collection needs in relation to pink salmon in the Convention area, such that management measures may be underpinned by robust data;
- consider possible threats that the increase in the abundance of pink salmon might pose to populations of Atlantic salmon and the implications they have for the conservation and management of wild Atlantic salmon stocks;
- consider how Parties should co-operate efficiently to minimise adverse effects of pink salmon on wild Atlantic salmon;
- consider the corrective measures that might be implemented by Parties to prevent significant adverse effects on wild Atlantic salmon stocks;
- identify good practice in the production of educational materials that increase awareness of the risks that pink salmon pose to wild Atlantic salmon and the need for the measures to control their spread; and
- propose revised Terms of Reference and a timeframe for regular meetings of NASCO's Working Group on Pink Salmon.

The Working Group is asked to submit its report to the Council by April 2024, for consideration at the Annual Meeting in June 2024.