

	<p>Council</p> <p><i>Terms of Reference for the Stocking Guidelines Working Group</i></p>	<p>CNL(24)68</p>
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Taking into account:

1. The Guidelines for Stocking Atlantic Salmon, [CNL\(24\)61](#).

The Working Group is tasked with:

1. Considering and recommending to Council for agreement at the 2025 Annual Meeting an updated document ‘Guidelines on the Use of Stock Rebuilding Programmes in the Context of the Precautionary Management of Salmon Stocks’, [CNL\(04\)55](#), which, amongst other things, indicates the need to identify and involve stakeholders and assess social and economic factors (which addresses recommendation T2 as noted in the Draft of an Action Plan for NASCO, [CNL\(24\)14](#)).
2. Investigating both the scientific and management protocols for gene banking and developing guidelines in this regard (which addresses a recommendation from the External Performance Review (EPR23) and is proposed as an action in the Draft of an Action Plan for NASCO, [CNL\(24\)14](#)).

Working Methods for the Stocking Guidelines Working Group

The following people have been nominated to sit on the Stocking Guidelines Working Group:

- Livia Goodbrand, Canada;
- Sarah McLean, European Union;
- Hlynur Bárðarson, Iceland;
- Lovise Marie Varhus, Norway;
- Simon Toms, United Kingdom;
- Stephen Gephard, United States; and
- Steve Sutton, NGO.

The Working Group should use the following working methods:

- the Working Group should meet inter-sessionally as required, to address its Terms of Reference;
- meetings shall be via video conference;
- the Working Group will decide how to conduct its business to allow it to address its Terms of Reference effectively;
- the Working Group should seek consensus in agreeing its report and in drafting updated guidelines on stock rebuilding programmes and gene banking;
- in conducting its work the Working Group may wish to communicate with, and request information, from experts in the field;
- the Secretariat will provide logistical support and background information to the Working Group, as requested; and
- the Working Group should submit its report to the Council of NASCO for its consideration.