

## CNL(04)47

### *Terms of Reference - Working Group on Next Steps for NASCO*

A Working Group will be established on the Next Steps for NASCO; the objectives are to:

- Identify the challenges facing NASCO in the management and conservation of the wild Atlantic salmon, with particular reference to Article 3 of the Convention;
- Identify ways to address these challenges, specifically highlighting areas which would benefit from international cooperation and collaboration;
- Conduct a review of the management and organizational structure of NASCO, specifically focusing on its ability to meet current salmon management challenges and flexibility to address future issues; and
- Discuss the current procedural aspects of NASCO and the relationship between the Organization, its Parties and stakeholders.

The Working Group will consist of designated representatives from each of the Contracting Parties and will be Chaired by Mr Steinar Hermansen (Norway). It will seek advice, as appropriate, from its accredited NGOs and other stakeholders.

The Working Group will organize and convene a consultative meeting with stakeholders. Following this consultative process, the Group will summarise the input it has received. This summary will be made available to the stakeholders.

The Working Group will develop options and recommendations on the Next Steps for NASCO to be considered by the Organization at its Twenty-Second Annual Meeting.