



Agenda item 6.6
For decision

Council

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1. Last year the Socio-Economic Sub-Group reported to the Council, CNL(13)14, on progress on a number of areas on which it had been working. Prior to the Thirtieth Annual Meeting, the Sub-Group had completed the development of the NASCO web pages concerning the socio-economic aspects of the wild salmon. A new page 'Measuring Value' had been included and other pages had been updated. The Sub-Group had concluded that this aspect of its work was complete except for updating the pages as new information became available. The Sub-Group had also considered arrangements for a possible Special Session on the socio-economic aspects of the wild Atlantic salmon. Rather than holding a Special Session exclusively on socio-economic aspects, the Sub-Group had recommended that the first Theme-based Special Session of the Council on the topic of 'Management of single and mixed stock fisheries with particular focus on fisheries on stocks below their conservation limits' should include consideration of socio-economic factors. The Council had agreed that this session should include consideration of how socio-economic factors are integrated into management decisions and of the interests of indigenous peoples and a programme for the 2014 Theme-based Special Session has been developed (see CNL(14)13). The Sub-Group further recommends that further Special Sessions on integrating socio-economic factors in decisions relating to habitat protection, restoration and enhancement and to aquaculture and related activities be planned in future.
2. The Sub-Group had previously prepared tables of socio-economic information relating to rod and line and net and trap fisheries. The intention was to include these tables on the NASCO website. However, these tables were based on information available to the Sub-Group in 2008 and they were not complete but seen as work in progress. In 2011, the Council had asked that Parties update the information but as no feedback had been received the tables had not been made available on the website. Following presentation of the Sub-Group's report last year, the Council had again asked that Parties update these tables but to date we have only received information from Canada, EU - Germany and EU - UK (England and Wales) and the US had indicated that since there have been no targeted fisheries for Atlantic salmon in the US for many years, the information should be removed. Given that most of the information in the tables is five or six years old and is far from complete, and in view of the limited amount of new information provided in response to the Council's requests to the Parties, the Sub-Group recommends that rather than trying to collate tables from each jurisdiction, some examples of socio-economic information be included on the web site drawing on the most recently available information. The Sub-Group also recommends that the Parties/jurisdictions be requested to advise the Secretariat of any new studies relating to the socio-economic values of the wild Atlantic salmon.
3. The Council is requested to consider these proposals from the Socio-Economic Sub-Group and decide on appropriate action.

Secretary
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