



Agenda item 6.8(b)
For decision

Council

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International Salmon Farmers Association - Constitution



INTERNATIONAL SALMON FARMERS ASSOCIATION

Australia, Canada, Chile, Faroe Islands, Iceland, Ireland, New Zealand, Norway, United Kingdom, United States

INTERNATIONAL SALMON FARMERS ASSOCIATION CONSTITUTION

as subscribed by Martin Conway and James Moncrieff, Chairman and Secretary, respectively, of the I.S.F.A. at Vancouver 7 September 1988 before Arnaldo Macaya of Santiago, Chile and Gino Blink, Toronto, Canada as witnesses,

and

amended by I.S.F.A's 14th General Meeting in Boston, 13th March 1995.

NAME

1.

The Association shall be called "The International Salmon Farmer's Association" (hereinafter referred to as the "I.S.F.A.").

MEMBERSHIP

2.

Application for membership of the I.S.F.A. shall be open to whichever association, body or group represents the majority of salmon farmers and their interests in each country within which significant salmon farming takes place. Each member association, body or group shall be entitled to have a number of representatives on the I.S.F.A., corresponding to the number of votes of the member, as fixed in Section Fourteen. Each member shall, however, be entitled to at least two representatives, but the number of votes shall correspond to Section Fourteen.

3.

Every association, body or group wishing to join the I.S.F.A. shall complete a form of application which shall be provided for that purpose. Rights of membership shall arise on receipt of the application by the I.S.F.A. and on payment of such annual membership fee as may from time to time be fixed by the I.S.F.A. in General Meeting.

4.

The objects of the I.S.F.A. shall be as follows, namely to:

a)

Advance the interests of the international salmon farming industry:

b)

Promote the free exchange and dissemination of information throughout the international salmon farming industry:

- c)
Encourage the steady and stable growth of the international market for farmed salmon:
- d)
Encourage the advancement of Quality Control Standards within the international salmon farming industry:
- e)
Aid and encourage research beneficial to the international salmon farming industry:
- f)
Take any action; further any purpose; participate financially or otherwise directly or indirectly in any other purpose so far as may be lawful; or do such other things as may be conducive to the attainment of any of the above objects.

Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Secretary

- 5.
The Chairman and Vice-chairman of the I.S.F.A. shall be elected by the members in Annual General Meeting.
- 6.
The chairman and Vice-Chairman of the I.S.F.A. shall hold office until the Annual General Meeting to be held two years following their election and shall both be eligible for re-election.
- 7.
The Secretary of the I.S.F.A. shall be appointed by the members in annual General Meeting.
- 8.
The Secretary of the I.S.F.A. shall hold office until the Annual General Meeting to be held two years following appointment and shall be eligible for re-appointment.
- 9.
Notwithstanding the provisions of Clauses " Five" to "Eight" above, vacancies arising in the positions of Chairman, Vice-Chairman or Secretary of the I.S.F.A. can be filled by the members in General Meeting and any person so appointed shall hold office until the next Annual General Meeting.

MEETINGS

10. The Annual General Meeting of the I.S.F.A. shall be held as soon as may be convenient after the financial year of the I.S.F.A. and at such place as may be deemed convenient. At least 21 days notice of the Annual General Meeting shall be given to all members in writing.
11. General Meetings of the I.S.F.A. may be held from time to time throughout the year, at times and at such places as may be deemed necessary and convenient.
12. General Meeting of the I.S.F.A., the Chairman, if present, shall preside, whom failing the Vice-Chairman. If both the Chairman and Vice-Chairman are absent then any other person may be elected to preside as Chairman for that meeting.

CONDUCT OF MEETING

13. At any meeting of the I.S.F.A., the Chairman, if present, shall preside, whom failing the Vice-Chairman. If both the Chairman and Vice-Chairman are absent then any other person may be elected to preside as Chairman for the meeting.
14. The number of votes for each member shall be according to the schedule set below:

Output of salmon in member country	Fee	Votes
0 – 10.000 tons	US\$ 2,000	1
10 – 25.000 tons	US\$ 3,000	2
25 – 50.000 tons	US\$ 4,000	3
50 – 100.000 tons	US\$ 5,000	4
100,000 tons +	US\$ 6,000	5

If at any meeting a member has fewer representatives present than the member is entitled to, the representatives present can nevertheless cast the full number of votes that the member has according to the schedule.

15. If at any meeting an equality of votes are cast on a particular issue, the Chairman, shall have an additional and casting vote.

ALTERATIONS TO CONSTITUTION

16.

This Constitution shall continue in force until altered by the I.S.F.A. in General Meeting, the Notice calling which shall be transmitted to members at least 21 days before the meeting in writing and shall specify the proposed amendment.