



Agenda item 4.1  
For information

**Council**

**CNL(00)32**

***Application for Non-Government Observer Status to NASCO  
by the World Wildlife Fund-US***

1. Since the Secretary's report, CNL(00)6, was prepared, the World Wildlife Fund-US has applied for Non-Government Observer Status to NASCO. The objectives of the WWF-US are to protect and conserve the world's biological diversity. WWF's Marine Conservation Programme has a long-standing interest in the conservation and management of marine resources.
2. In accordance with the conditions laid down by the Council, and after consulting the President, it was decided that the WWF-US has objectives which are compatible with those of NASCO (Condition 1) and has a legitimate interest in the proceedings of NASCO (Condition 5). They have been advised of, and have accepted, the conditions laid down by the Council and have been invited to attend the Seventeenth Annual Meeting of the Council and Commissions.

Secretary  
Edinburgh  
24 May, 2000