



Agenda Item 4.3
For information

Council

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The Official Catch Statistics, as submitted by the Parties, are tabulated overleaf (Table 1). The figures for 1996 are provisional. These catch statistics, which have been rounded to the nearest tonne, will be used to calculate the contributions to NASCO for 1998 unless the Secretary is advised otherwise.

2. Under Article 12 of the Convention, the Secretary shall compile and disseminate statistics and reports concerning the salmon stocks subject to the Convention. Table 2 presents catch statistics for the period 1960-1996 by Party to the NASCO Convention.
3. Tables 1 and 2 are set out in the format for the presentation of catch statistics which was agreed by the Council at its Fifth Annual Meeting. further, more detailed, record of catch statistics during the period 1960-1996 is provided, for informatio only, in paper CNL(97)16.
4. Last year the Council noted some discrepancies between the figures contained in the ICES report and the Official Statistics as notified to ASCO. It was agreed that the Secretary should consult the parties to seek clarification of the reasons for the differences. In accordance with this request I contacted the Parties concerned. In the case of the European Union, a number of discrepancies were identified. For Northern Ireland, the statistics provided to NASCO were provisional statistics while the confirmed catch was sent to ICES. For Scotland, the figure provided to NASCO comprised salmon (including fish farm escapes) caught and released as well as those retained while the ICES figure only contained salmon (excluding fish farm escapes) which had been retained. This year the statistics sent to both organizations are comparable. For England and Wales, the figure provided to NASCO was in error. In the case of Denmark (in respect of the Faroe Islands and Greenland) the difference was due to an error in the figure provided to the ICES Working Group. This year there are again discrepancies in the statistics provided by some Parties and I will seek clarification as to the reasons for these differences with the Parties concerned.

Secretary
Edinburgh
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Table 1: Official Catch Statistics

	Provisional 1996 Catch (Tonnes)	Provisional 1996 Catch According To Sea Age						Confirmed 1995 Catch (Tonnes)
		1SW		MSW		Total		
		No	Wt	No	Wt	No	Wt	
Canada	287	-	141.7	-	145.1	-	286.8	259
Denmark (In Respect Of Faroe Islands And Greenland)	92	-	-	-	-	-	-	86
Faroe Islands *	0	0	0	-	-	-	-	3
Greenland	92	-	-	-	-	-	-	83
European Union	1,414	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,852
Iceland	357	-	-	-	-	-	-	439
Norway	787	110,085	215	97,016	572	207,101	787	839
Russian Federation	131	33,986	79	9,158	52	43,144	131	130
United States Of America	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	0

* Compensation agreements were in place for the Faroese fishery in 1995 and 1996.

Table 2: Catches Of Atlantic Salmon By The Parties To The NASCO Convention

	Canada	Denmark *	European Union	Finland	Iceland	Norway	Russian Federation	Sweden	USA
1960	1636	60	2641		100	1576	1100	40	1
1961	1583	127	2276		127	1456	790	27	1
1962	1719	244	3894		125	1838	710	45	1
1963	1861	466	3842		145	1697	480	23	1
1964	2069	1539	4242		135	2040	590	36	1
1965	2116	861	3693		133	1900	590	40	1
1966	2369	1338	3549		106	1823	570	36	1
1967	2863	1600	4492		146	2058	883	25	1
1968	2111	1167	3623		162	1752	827	150	1
1969	2202	2350	4407		133	2083	360	76	1
1970	2323	2354	4069		195	1861	448	52	1
1971	1992	2511	3745		204	1847	417	35	1
1972	1759	2146	4261	32	250	1976	462	38	1
1973	2434	2402	4604	50	256	2126	772	73	3
1974	2539	1945	4432	76	225	1973	709	57	1
1975	2485	2086	4500	76	266	1754	811	56	2
1976	2506	1479	2931	66	225	1530	772	45	1
1977	2545	1652	3025	59	230	1488	497	10	2
1978	1545	1159	3102	37	291	1050	476	10	4
1979	1287	1694	2572	26	225	1831	455	12	3
1980	2680	2052	2640	34	249	1830	664	17	6
1981	2437	2602	2557	44	163	1656	463	26	6
1982	1798	2350	2533	83	147	1348	354	25	6
1983	1424	1433	3532	79	198	1550	507	28	1
1984	1112	997	2308	75	159	1623	593	40	2
1985	1133	1430	3002	49	217	1561	659	45	2
1986	1559	1490	3524	38	330	1597	608	53	2
1987	1784	1539	2593	49	250	1385	559	47	1
1988	1311	1136	2833	34	412	1076	419	40	1
1989	1139	701	2450	52	277	905	359	29	2
1990	912	542	1645	59	426	930	316	33	2
1991	711	533	1139	69	505	877	215	38	1
1992	520	260	1506	77	636	867	166	49	1
1993	373	35	1483	70	656	923	140	56	1
1994	355	18	1919	48	448	996	141	44	0
1995	259	86	1852	-	439	839	130	-	0
1996	287	92	1414	-	357	787	131	-	0

NOTES: *In respect of the Faroe Islands and Greenland

1. The European Union catch from 1995 includes the catches by Finland and Sweden.
2. The catch for Denmark in respect of the Faroe Islands and Greenland includes the catch for Greenland when it was a member of the European Union and the catches up to 1983 by Denmark.
3. Figures from 1986 on are the official catch returns to NASCO. Figures to 1986 are based on data contained in the ICES Working Group Reports.
4. The Faroese fishery was subject to compensation agreements in 1991-1996. The West Greenland fishery was subject to compensation agreements in 1993 and 1994.