

FIRMS Steering Committee Meeting

Eleventh Session

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**ACTIVITIES CARRIED OUT BY NASCO DURING THE
INTERSESSIONAL PERIOD (June 2017 – April 2019)**

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1. Developments on inventories of Marine resources, and of fisheries; revision of annex 2
 - NASCO joined FIRMS on 16 December 2013 and provided an inventory at that time.
2. Reporting on status/trends of Marine resources, and of fisheries;
 - The FIRMS factsheet was last updated in February 2017 and will be further updated after the NASCO Annual Meeting in June 2019. The 2019 ICES advice (CNL(19)08) is enclosed with this report and will shortly be available at www.nasco.int. The advice notes that the 2018 total catch was the second lowest in the 10-year time-frame 2009 – 2018. ICES considers that mixed-stock fisheries present particular threats to stock status.
3. Development/review of standards
 - None
4. Development of Applications (e.g. new module at Secretariat level, or enhancements in streamlining workflow at Partner level);
 - None
4. Development of case studies/prototypes;
 - None
5. Training or skills development;
 - None
6. Promotional / fund raising activities
 - 2019 is the focal year of the International Year of the Salmon, organized jointly by NASCO and NPAFC. Through outreach and research activities, the IYS aims

to create awareness and foster understanding of the issues facing wild salmon and their impact on the communities that benefit from the resource. NASCO's priority is outreach. Collective efforts around the Northern Hemisphere will ensure a new generation of policy makers, managers and scientists are better equipped to manage and conserve wild salmon rationally by building resilience for salmon and people. See www.nasco.int/iys.html for further details.

7. Planned activities during the coming intersession period.
 - Various outreach activities under the International Year of the Salmon, such as the production of the 'State of Salmon' report
 - Continuing to support activities carried out under SALSEA-Track, an innovative international telemetry project developed by NASCO's International Atlantic Salmon Research Board, to improve understanding of the factors affecting mortality of salmon at sea
 - Annual critical evaluation by a Review Group of Progress Reports submitted by Parties / jurisdictions each year in accordance with NASCO Agreements
 - Conducting a third performance review of NASCO in 2021

Annex: Revised annex 2 (if applicable)