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from: Secretary-General of the European Commission,
signed by Mr Jordi AYET PUIGARNAU, Director

date of receipt: 10 July 2012

to: Mr Uwe CORSEPIUS, Secretary-General of the Council of the European
Union

Subject: North Atlantic Salmon Conservation Organisation (NASCO)
Notification of regulatory measures adopted at its Twenty-Ninth Annual
Meeting, held in Edinburgh, UK, from 5 to 8 June 2012

Delegations will find attached the above-mentioned regulatory measures.

Encl.: 2 Regulatory measures

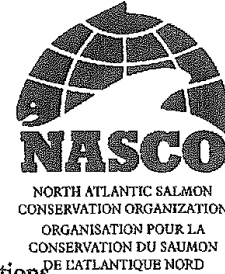
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WGC15.075

12 June 2012

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Dear Ms Veits,

West Greenland Commission of NASCO

I have the honour to inform you that, at its Twenty-Ninth Annual Meeting in Edinburgh, during 5-8 June 2012, the West Greenland Commission adopted the multi-annual Regulatory Measure WGC(12)12 below:

**WGC(12)12
Regulatory Measure for Fishing for Salmon at West Greenland
for 2012, 2013, and 2014**

RECALLING that the Parties to the West Greenland Commission have previously agreed to regulatory measures for the West Greenland fishery based on the scientific advice from the International Council for the Exploration of the Sea (ICES);

RECALLING that at its 2006 Annual Session, the West Greenland Commission adopted a multiannual regulatory measure, as suggested within the 'Next Steps' Process, for 2006 that was continued in 2007 and 2008, as the result of application of the Framework of Indicators;

RECALLING that at its 2009 Annual Session, the West Greenland Commission adopted a multiannual regulatory measure, as suggested within the 'Next Steps' Process, for 2009 that was continued in 2010 and 2011, as the result of application of the Framework of Indicators;

RECALLING that NASCO has requested that ICES advice for 2012 include annual catch options or alternative management advice for 2012-2014 and an update of the Framework of Indicators for the West Greenland Commission area;

ACKNOWLEDGING the good work undertaken by Greenland to improve the estimates of the annual catches of salmon taken for private sales and local consumption in Greenland and encouraging Greenland to continue this work;

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ENCOURAGING Greenland to obtain the additional information ICES recommends from fishers in West Greenland including catch site, catch date, numbers of nets, net dimensions, and numbers of hours nets were fished;

COMMITTING to continue to cooperate in the design and implementation of a sampling program in close coordination with the fishery;

CONSIDERING that ICES considers the stock complex at West Greenland to be below conservation limits and, thus, is suffering reduced reproductive capacity;

CONSIDERING FURTHER that ICES has advised that none of the stated management objectives which would allow a fishery at West Greenland will be met in 2012, 2013 or 2014;

RECOGNIZING that an updated Framework of Indicators has been provided by ICES and will be applied in 2013 and 2014 to evaluate if a significant change is signaled by the indicators and, therefore, a reassessment is warranted;

The Parties agree that:

- (1) In 2012 the catch at West Greenland will be restricted to that amount used for internal consumption in Greenland, which in the past has been estimated at 20 tons annually. There will be no commercial export of salmon.
- (2) This regulatory measure applies in 2013 and 2014 unless application of the Framework of Indicators indicates that there had been a significant change in the indicators and, therefore, a reassessment is warranted.
- (3) Denmark (in respect of the Faroe Islands and Greenland) will inform NASCO of the outcome of the 2012, 2013 and 2014 fisheries.

End of Regulatory Measure

In accordance with Article 13, paragraph 3 of the Convention any member in whose area of fisheries jurisdiction a regulatory measure would apply may lodge an objection to it within 60 days of the date specified in the Secretary's notification, i.e. no later than 11 August 2012.

This notification has been sent to Heads of Delegations of all Parties to the Convention and copied to all Delegates and is dated 12 June 2012. It has also been sent by letter to Heads of Delegations only.

Best regards.

Yours sincerely



Malcolm Windsor
Secretary

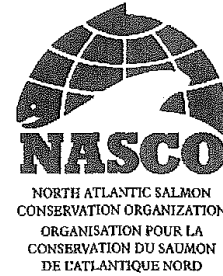
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Dear Ms Veits,

North-East Atlantic Commission of NASCO

I have the honour to inform you that, at the Twenty-Ninth Annual Meeting of NASCO in Edinburgh, during 5 - 8 June 2012, the North-East Atlantic Commission adopted the multi-annual decision below, NEA(12)7.

NEA(12)7

Decision regarding the salmon fishery in Faroese waters in 2013, 2014 and 2015

The North-East Atlantic Commission:

RECOGNIZING the right of the Faroe Islands to fish for salmon in their area of fisheries jurisdiction;

ACKNOWLEDGING the restraint demonstrated by the Faroe Islands by not having commercial salmon fisheries for a number of years;

RECALLING that the Parties to the North-East Atlantic Commission have previously agreed decisions for the Faroese fishery based on the scientific advice from ICES;

ACKNOWLEDGING that in the past the Faroe Islands have managed the salmon fishery in the area of its fisheries jurisdiction in consideration of the advice from ICES concerning the biological situation and the status of the stocks contributing to the fishery;

AGREEING to continue to work together to establish an agreed mechanism to allocate any exploitable surplus between the Faroe Islands and homewater fisheries on a fair and equitable basis;

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NOTING that the Faroe Islands will manage any salmon fishery on the basis of the advice from ICES regarding the stocks contributing to the Faroese salmon fishery in a precautionary manner and with a view to sustainability, taking into account relevant factors, such as socio-economic needs;

ACKNOWLEDGING that Faroese management decisions will be made with due consideration to the advice of ICES concerning the biological situation and the status of the stocks contributing to the fishery;

RECOGNIZING that ICES considers it highly unlikely that the catch options provided for the North-East Atlantic Commission will change during the next three years;

NOTING that Denmark (in respect of the Faroe Islands and Greenland) will, in case of any decision to open the fishery, inform the NASCO Secretariat and all members of the Commission of that decision and the attached conditions. In that event, other members of the Commission could call for a Commission meeting in accordance with Article 10 (7) of the Convention. In such a case, it is agreed to derogate from the provisions of Rule 16 of Procedure;

RECOGNISING that a Framework of Indicators has been provided by ICES and will be applied in 2013 and 2014 to evaluate if a significant change is signalled by the indicators and therefore that a reassessment is warranted;

HEREBY DECIDES:

Not to set a quota for the salmon fishery in the Faroese Fisheries Zone for 2013. This decision will also apply in 2014 and 2015 unless the application of the Framework of Indicators shows that a reassessment is warranted.

End of Decision

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Yours sincerely



Malcolm Windsor
Secretary