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Rules of the NASCO Tag Return Incentive Scheme

1. The objectives of the Scheme are to encourage and improve the return of tags and recapture information.
2. Participation by the Parties in the NASCO Tag Return Incentive Scheme is on a voluntary basis.
3. The Council will review the operation of the Scheme at three year intervals.
4. The Scheme only applies to individually identifiable external tags, except in the case of tags returned from the West Greenland Commission area where any tag may be included in the scheme. Only tags returned to the appropriate official agency of a NASCO member Party and deemed to be legitimate by the official agency will be eligible. The authorities where the tag originates report the tag to NASCO.
5. The Secretary will, in December prior to the year when the prizes will be awarded, request each Party wishing to participate to send a list of the names and addresses of eligible participants who have returned tags during the calendar year ending on 31 December. A Party may choose to submit only a list of eligible tag numbers for each Commission area as long as that Party knows the identity of the tag holder and can supply this information in the event of the tag winning an award. The Secretary will request that this be provided to NASCO by 1 May. Only tag returns received by that date will be eligible.
6. All tag returns will be subject to a random selection procedure in which they will be mixed in a closed container and one tag will be selected blind. The procedure will be scrutinised by a representative of the auditors to NASCO. The persons who returned the selected tag will receive a Grand Award of £1,500 which the President will announce at the Annual Meeting of the Council. This tag will not be eligible for a further award.
7. The remaining returns will be sorted into the three Commission areas of NASCO according to the place of recapture of the tagged fish. For the purposes of the Scheme the Commission areas shall be considered to include the river systems flowing into the appropriate Commission area. For each Commission one tag will be selected blind. The person who returned the selected tag in each Commission area will receive an award of £1,000 which will be announced by the Chairman at the Annual Meeting of the respective Commission.
8. The Secretary will send cheques to the winners within 60 days of the announcement of the awards. The Secretary will circulate a list of winners to the Parties.
9. In the event of any dispute by a participant in this Scheme the decision of the Secretary shall be final.