

IYS(18)14

Report of the Fifth Meeting of the North Atlantic Steering Committee for the International Year of the Salmon (IYS)

Conference call

04 May 2018

1. Opening of the meeting

The Chair, Kim Damon-Randall (USA), opened the meeting by welcoming the members of the North Atlantic Steering Committee (the Committee). It was recognised that communication between recent meetings of the Committee had been limited. Apologies of absence were noted from Arnaud Peyronnet (EU) and Raoul Bierach (Norway). The EU and Norway provided representatives to attend the meeting, Ciaran Byrne and Anne-Kristin Jøranlid respectively, a full list of participants is given in Annex 1.

2. Adoption of the agenda

The Committee agreed to adopt the agenda with no amendments. The agreed Agenda IYS(18)12 is given as Annex 2.

3. Update on actions resulting from the meeting on the 04 April 2018 (See table in Annex 2)

3.1 *The Rivers Database*

The relevant Heads of Delegation have been contacted regarding inputs to the database. The Committee were informed that an initial analysis of the Rivers Database would not be possible ahead of the 2018 Annual Meeting as significant amounts of data were still to be added.

3.2 *Briefing document and official letter for the Ministerial Launch*

The Committee was informed that a briefing document was being drafted. An official letter from NASCO to introduce the IYS was discussed and text will be exchanged. The date of the launch was raised and the Committee were updated that the USA have had to assign the launch date as October 30 due to the New England Aquarium's availability.

3.3 *'Epic' photographs*

An update was given on the success, or otherwise, of sourcing images and footage. It was suggested that Torfinn Evensen from the Norwegian NGO Salmon Rivers Association should be approached. It was also recommended that consideration be given to commissioning images if suitable ones cannot be found. It was proposed that people or organizations undertaking activities deploying camera traps could be asked to supply footage.

3.4 *IYS 2017 Special Session Report*

The need for this to be completed ahead of the 2018 Annual Meeting was emphasised and Ciaran Byrne committed to providing input by Wednesday 9 May to enable this.

3.5 *Outline budget for IYS spend*

This is covered in item 4 of the agenda.

4. Verbal presentation and discussion of outline budget for IYS spend

4.1 The budget was discussed and areas of major spend highlighted. The money currently residing in the NASCO IYS account is £145,000 and there will be a further £20,000 added to this in 2019, as previously agreed by the Council (CNL(17)5). It was proposed and agreed that a minimum of £25,000 will be required to support the IYS Symposium in 2022, the event being scheduled as a concluding symposium for IYS. It is anticipated that two other areas of major spend would be the State of Salmon report, due to the proposal that ‘salmon and people’ stories are commissioned that would include short videos or photo stories by professionals, and a new NASCO website.

4.2 The previous recommendation from the Committee that the NASCO website is refreshed ahead of the IYS was discussed. The Committee was reminded that the IYS will result in more visits to the NASCO website which was last updated eight years ago using an infrastructure that has now been superseded. The Secretary added that the Secretariat had been informed that the current infrastructure supporting the website would not be able to accommodate elements of the State of Salmon report.

4.3 It was proposed that the budget will be sent out to the NASC once more accurate figures are available for some of the major spend items. The Committee agreed to the three main sections suggested by the Secretary: Meetings; Activities; Workshops and Communications.

5. Verbal update on IYS website

The current situation with the IYS website was described. It was not felt that the text content was at an appropriate stage to share with the Committee as it is the Secretariat's intention to provide a near final version for sign off and minor edits. The Secretariat is in discussion with the IYS team in the Pacific to finalise a draft of the content. The mock-ups of the pages to date will be shared with the Committee.

6. Any other business

The next meeting of the Committee has been agreed as 1 June 2018 at 13:00 (Edinburgh local time). No other business was raised.

7. Report of the Meeting

The Secretariat agreed to circulate a draft report.

8. Close of the Meeting

The meeting concluded at 14:30 BST

List of Participants

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| Doug Bliss | Canada |
| Ciaran Byrne | European Union |
| Julie Crocker | USA |
| Kim Damon-Randall | USA (Chair) |
| Cathal Gallagher | EIFAAC |
| Emma Hatfield | NASCO Secretariat |
| Anne-Kristin Jøranlid | Norway |
| Paul Knight | NGO Co-Chair |
| Sarah Robinson | NASCO Secretariat |
| Wojciech Wawrzynski | ICES |

IYS(18)12

**Meeting of the North Atlantic Steering Committee for the International
Year of the Salmon (IYS)**

Conference call

13:00-15:00 (BST) 04 May 2018

Agenda

1. Opening of the meeting
2. Adoption of the agenda
3. Update on actions resulting from the meeting on the 04 April 2018 (See table below)
4. Verbal presentation and discussion of outline budget for IYS spend
5. Verbal update on IYS website
6. Any other business
7. Report of the Meeting
8. Close of the Meeting

Secretary
Edinburgh
03 May 2018

| Related section of IYS(18)10 | Action | Who will take this forward? |
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| 3.2 | Contact Heads of Delegation to the EU and Greenland and Sergey Prusov for the Russian Federation about the Rivers Database | Secretariat |
| 3.3 | Briefing document and official letter for the Ministerial Launch. | Secretariat |
| 3.3 | Approach EU Head of Delegation to discuss providing letters for each of the jurisdictions | Secretariat |
| 4.2 | Additional spend on the IYS website agreed and this decision will be taken forward to the Technical Team | Secretariat |
| 4.3 | 'Epic' photographs Kenneth Bruvik Lost at Sea Deirdre Brennan NGOs Atlantic Salmon Federation Audun Rikardsen Nick Hall | All E Hatfield/ R Bierach Emma Hatfield Paul Knight Doug Bliss Emma Hatfield Sarah Robinson |
| 6 | IYS Special Session Report – Secretariat to send round for review | Ciaran Byrne Kim Damon-Randall |
| 7 | Outline budget for IYS spend | Secretariat |