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Subject: RE: Package Meeting with the Commission - Tuesday 24 January 2012 - Draft Agenda and request for briefing

Hi again [REDACTED] others

Yes, I do apologise, it was me getting confused. Certainly no need to turn it into text.

As well as Wales we'll also need to check whether Scotland and NI have anything else to add to the list – if you are checking for Wales, would you want to check with NI and Scotland too, or should I do that?

We'll also need to describe what we are doing to address the issue (of salmon marine mortality). Beyond the bans on fishing for them (and the actions on protecting salmon in freshwater, which aren't strictly relevant here) we are not sure what else we could say in this category, so I'd be grateful for thoughts from you, CEFAS colleagues and EA as to whether there's anything we should be saying.

Kind regards

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Hi [REDACTED]

There may have been a misunderstanding. The NASCO inventory is meant to include ALL research being undertaken on salmon mortality at sea, and NASCO Parties have been asked to provide as complete a list as they can - not just work undertaken by national agencies. Information has been provided for England and Wales, Northern Ireland and Scotland, and summaries of the projects being undertaken within these jurisdictions are shown in rows 44 to 68 of the Excel spreadsheet sent previously.

I've cut this information down in the attached file, and you can extract the information for England and Wales and/or current programmes if this is all you need. I could turn this into text if that's what you need, but it's a rather diverse list of projects so it would probably still have to be an abbreviated list of the objectives.

If you would prefer an alternative format please let me know. If this format is OK, we'll do a final check that there are no other relevant projects underway (in England and Wales).

Best regards

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Hi [REDACTED]

Thanks for the welcome! I am finding the role very interesting not to mention different in pretty much every way from what I was doing before (in Defra's Waste Programme).

Thanks also for the pointer to the NASCO research inventory; I've had a quick look this morning. Having discussed with [REDACTED] our understanding is that we need to provide information on research 'carried out by ALL UK authorities' i.e. where governments and their agencies have been the principal commissioners/funders of that research (or major partners in so doing). So, can I ask you/colleagues to produce a short summary of relevant research where this is the case? This would as mentioned in the other emails exchanged cover both England and Wales (I've been in touch with officials from Scotland and Northern Ireland so expecting a contribution from them too, directly).

And, regarding the North East Coast Fishery my predecessors have pointed me to some files we have, so I'll look at what we've got here, and let you know shortly what I find so we can then fill in any gaps.

Hope this sounds like a reasonable approach (let me know if you think otherwise!).

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Hi [REDACTED]

May I also offer you a warm welcome to the world of salmonids, eels and freshwater fish!

In answer to your question about research on the increased mortality of salmon in the sea, NASCO has produced an inventory of current research which is updated each year. The inventory is available - and searchable - on the IASRB website at <http://www.nasco.int/sas/research.htm>. Last There is also a summary of the inventory in Excel format (copy attached) - and you may find this easier to search for summary information. This may be all that you need to answer this question, but please let me know if you need more information or would like help with collating the UK information into a suitable format.

In common with [REDACTED] I note that the Commission has also asked for information on the North East Coast Fishery. I am surprised that they suggest that the last assessment was conducted in 1982, and we can certainly point to more recent work, including the EA's current evaluation of the fishery. Please let us know if you require any help with this.

Best regards