

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
THE EUROPEAN AQUACULTURE SOCIETY
AND
THE INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL FOR THE EXPLORATION OF THE SEA**

Recognising that the European Aquaculture Society, hereinafter called "EAS", exists to a) promote contacts within the European aquaculture sector, b) disseminate to its members information relating to European aquaculture.

Recognising that the International Council for the Exploration of the Sea, hereinafter called "the Council", exists to a) promote and encourage research and investigations for the study of the sea particularly related to the living resources thereof; b) draw up programmes required for this purpose and to organise, in agreement with its Contracting Parties, such research and investigations as may appear necessary; c) publish or otherwise disseminate the results of its work; and d) provide scientific information and advice to Member Country governments, and the regulatory commissions with which cooperative relationships have been established. In order to carry out these tasks appropriately and efficiently, the Council seeks, *inter alia*, to establish and maintain mutually agreed working arrangements with other international organisations, which have related objectives.

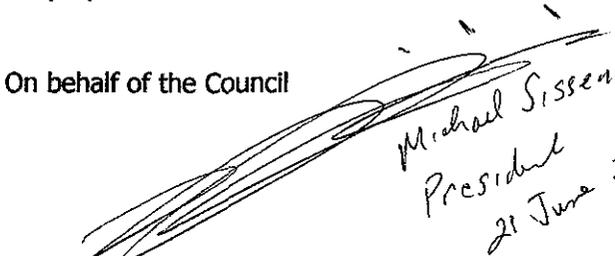
EAS and the Council, hereinafter called "the Parties" have, therefore, agreed to the following Understanding:

1. There shall be reciprocal consultations and regular contacts between the Parties on matters of common interest in the field of aquaculture.
2. There shall be regular exchange between the Parties of information, documentation and publications relating to the results of activities agreed to be of mutual interest, notably with regard to aquaculture.
3. The Parties shall invite each other to be represented, in an observer capacity, at meetings of common interest, to the extent that this is possible within their respective working procedures.
4. EAS offers the possibility for the Councils' mariculture working groups to be held in conjunction with its annual "Aquaculture Europe" meetings, or other events organised by EAS, where the dates of these meetings are in accordance with the reporting deadlines for relevant meetings of the Council or its subsidiary bodies. Upon signature of this Agreement, a schedule will be prepared between the Parties to plan these meetings for the next 5 years.
5. The terms of this Understanding take effect from the time of signature. Any specific association or activity, relating to any of the points of this Understanding will be the subject of a separate annex or specific agreement made with the consent of the Managing Bodies of the Parties.
6. Notice of intention to change or terminate this Understanding is required in writing at least six months before the proposed change or termination date, so that the Management Bodies of each of the Parties can be informed and discuss the proposal.

On behalf of EAS


EAS President (2002-2004)
11 June 2004
Name, position, signature, date

On behalf of the Council


Michael Sissenwine
President
21 June 2004
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