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Meeting with Minister of Fisheries

On March 1st a top level meeting was hosted in Moscow to review the status of wild salmon stocks and environmental issues in the North East Atlantic. The meeting was attended by Mr. Ilya Shestakov – Head of the Federal Agency for Fisheries and his team of experts: Head of the Directorate for International Cooperation, Director of the Polar Research Institute of Marine Fisheries and Oceanography (PINRO), Head of the Directorate for Aquaculture and other experts. From Iceland attended Orri Vigfússon, Chairman of the North Atlantic Salmon Fund (NASF) and Mr. Albert Jónsson Ambassador of Iceland to the Russian Federation.

Concerns was expressed by the huge decline of the salmon stocks, the highly uncertain outlook for the future and the exploitation by Norwegian nets intercepting salmon native to Russian rivers. The Russian minister offered close collaboration and cooperation in activities with NASF. NASF Chairman suggested a range of measures to improve the situation in the short run and called upon Russia to take a global leadership to conserve and restore this pristine North Atlantic resource in accordance with the terms of the UN Law of the Sea Convention article 66. Mr. Vigfússon also suggested the development of a new international treaty covering the whole life cycle of the salmon where every nation has equal rights and responsibilities.



Mr Ilya Shestakov receiving the new NASF book with artistic photographs of salmon.

Below: Press release from the meeting issued by the Russian Federal Agency for Fisheries in Moscow

<http://fish.gov.ru/press-tsentr/novosti/12165-rossiya-i-islandiya-ob-edinyat-usiliya-po-sokhranenyu-zapasov-atlanticheskogo-lososya>

The North Atlantic Salmon Fund, NASF, is a coalition of voluntary conservation groups that have come together to restore stocks of wild Atlantic salmon to their historic abundance. — See more at www.nasfworldwide.com

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