

**Memorandum of Understanding  
between  
the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry in Finland  
and  
the Ministry of Climate and Environment in Norway  
on**

**the cooperation on monitoring and research of the Teno Watercourse Atlantic Salmon stocks**

This Memorandum of Understanding on cooperation on monitoring and research on the Teno Watercourse Atlantic Salmon is based on the Agreement between Norway and Finland on the Fisheries in the Teno Watercourse of 30 September 2016.

The Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry in Finland and the Ministry of Climate and Environment in Norway (the Participants) have decided to establish a permanent common monitoring and research group (the MRG) with the following Terms of reference:

1. Deliver annual reports within given deadlines on the status of the salmon stocks, including trends in stock development.
2. Evaluate the management of stocks in light of relevant NASCO guidelines.
3. Integrate local and traditional knowledge of the stocks in their evaluations.
4. Identify gaps in knowledge and give advice on relevant monitoring and research.
5. Give scientific advice on specific questions from management authorities.

The MRG will consist of four scientists appointed by the Participants, two from each country. The MRG will mainly work by correspondence, but will have meetings as well. The working language of the MRG is English.

Local fishing rights holders will be involved in the work through meetings with the MRG on the salmon research and state of salmon stocks. Such meetings will be held at two occasions annually:

- After the MRG has delivered annual status report, but before the regulations for the next fishing season are concluded.
- During the autumn, after the fishing season, to exchange information on the past fishing season.

The meetings will be arranged jointly by the MRG and the fishing rights holders in both countries. Government authorities may participate as observers. There will be written minutes of the meetings and written responses from researchers regarding issues on research, monitoring and salmon stock status raised in the meetings.

Each Participant will cover its own costs related to this Memorandum of Understanding.

The foregoing represents the understanding between the Participants on the matters referred to in this Memorandum of Understanding.

This Memorandum of Understanding will come into effect upon signature by both Participants and will remain in effect until terminated by either of the Participants.


This Memorandum of Understanding replaces the Memorandum of Understanding signed by the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry in Finland and the Ministry of Environment in Norway: "Cooperation on monitoring and research on the Teno river salmon stocks" of February 2010.

Signed in duplicate at  
Helsinki/Oslo in the English language

For the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry  
Permanent Secretary

  
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4.12.2017

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Permanent Secretary

  
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