

FOI/0056/2007

16 August 2007



Dear Mr Paul

I refer further to your request under the Freedom of Information Act for access to records held by this Department in relation to "full presentation" given by Irish officials at a meeting held on 9 November 2005 in Brussels, between officials from the Infringement Unit of the Department of the Environment and the Department of Communications, Marine and Natural Resources (including the Marine Institute and the Central Fisheries Board).

Your request has been granted and attached is a copy of the 'slide presentation' employed by the Martine Institute at the meeting. Attached is a schedule of the records associated with your request.

I wish to advise you that, if for any reason you are not satisfied with the outcome of your request, you are entitled to seek a review of the case by appealing the decision to this Department's FOI Internal Review Board. To appeal, you need to write to Mr. Frank O'Brien, FOI Unit, Department of Communications, Energy and Natural Resources, Elm House, Earlsvale Road, Co Cavan. You must make your appeal within 4 weeks of the date of this letter, but the making of a late appeal may be permitted in appropriate circumstances. The appeal will involve a complete reconsideration of the matter by a more senior member of the staff of this Department.

Please note that an application fee for an appeal is currently €75 and a reduced fee of €25 applies if you are covered by a Medical Card.

If claiming a reduced application fee, the request must also be accompanied by

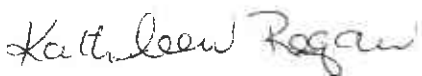
- The Medical Card Registration Number
- The name of the issuing Health Board
- Your consent to the verification of these details with that Health Board.

Payment should be made by way of bank draft, money postal order, or personal cheque made payable to "The Department of Communications, Energy & Natural Resources".

On receipt of the fee, an acknowledgement letter will be sent to you outlining details of when you can expect a decision on your appeal, and the contact details of the person handling the appeal.

I regret any inconvenience caused in relation to this request due to a misunderstanding of your requirement. I have informed the Marine Institute that the information you requested has been provided to you and that you will not require a response to your request to them. You should contact the Marine Institute withdrawing your FOI request in relation to this matter and request a refund of the fee.

Yours sincerely



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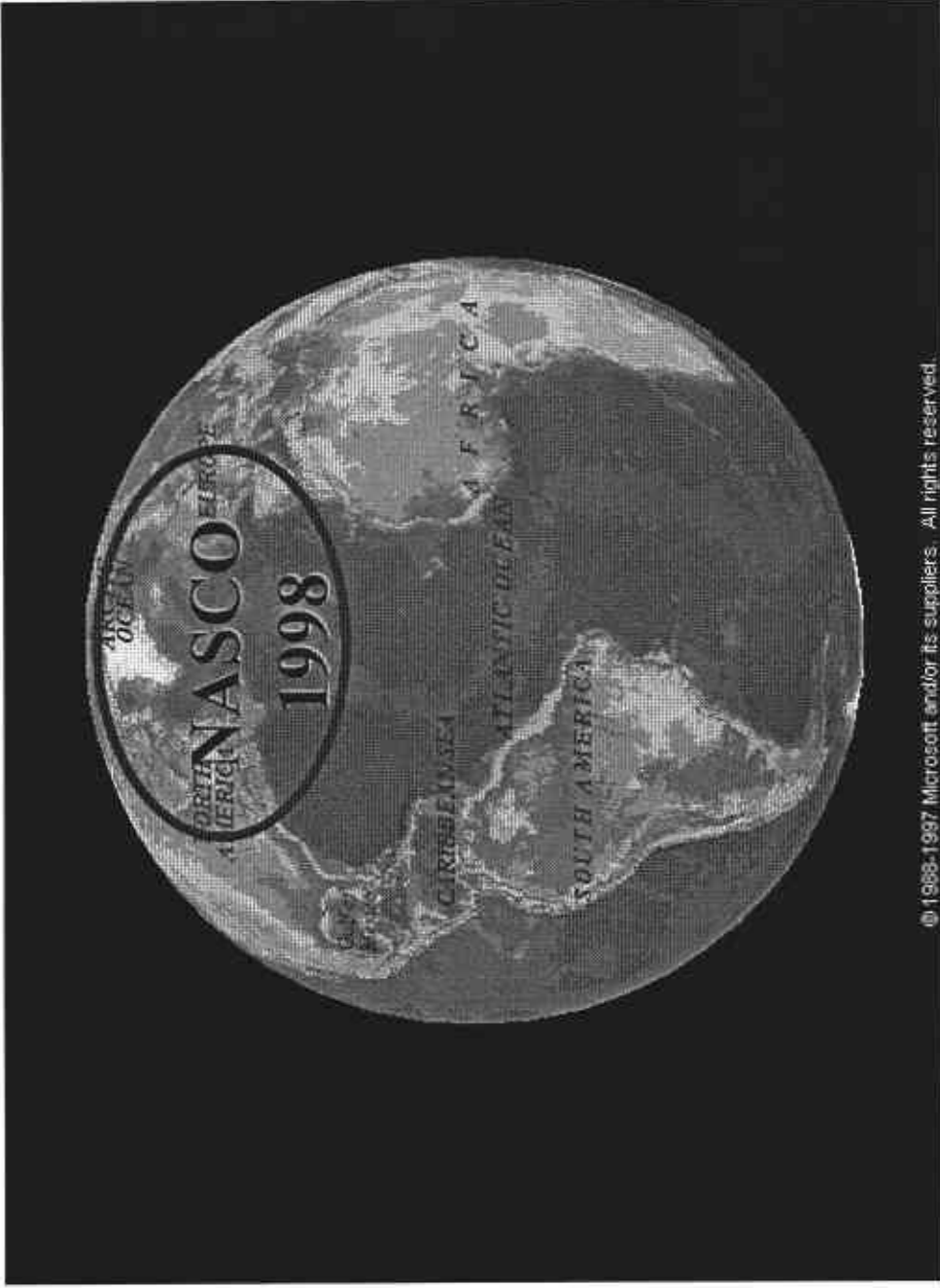
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# The Salmon Management Task

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## The Basic Management Concepts

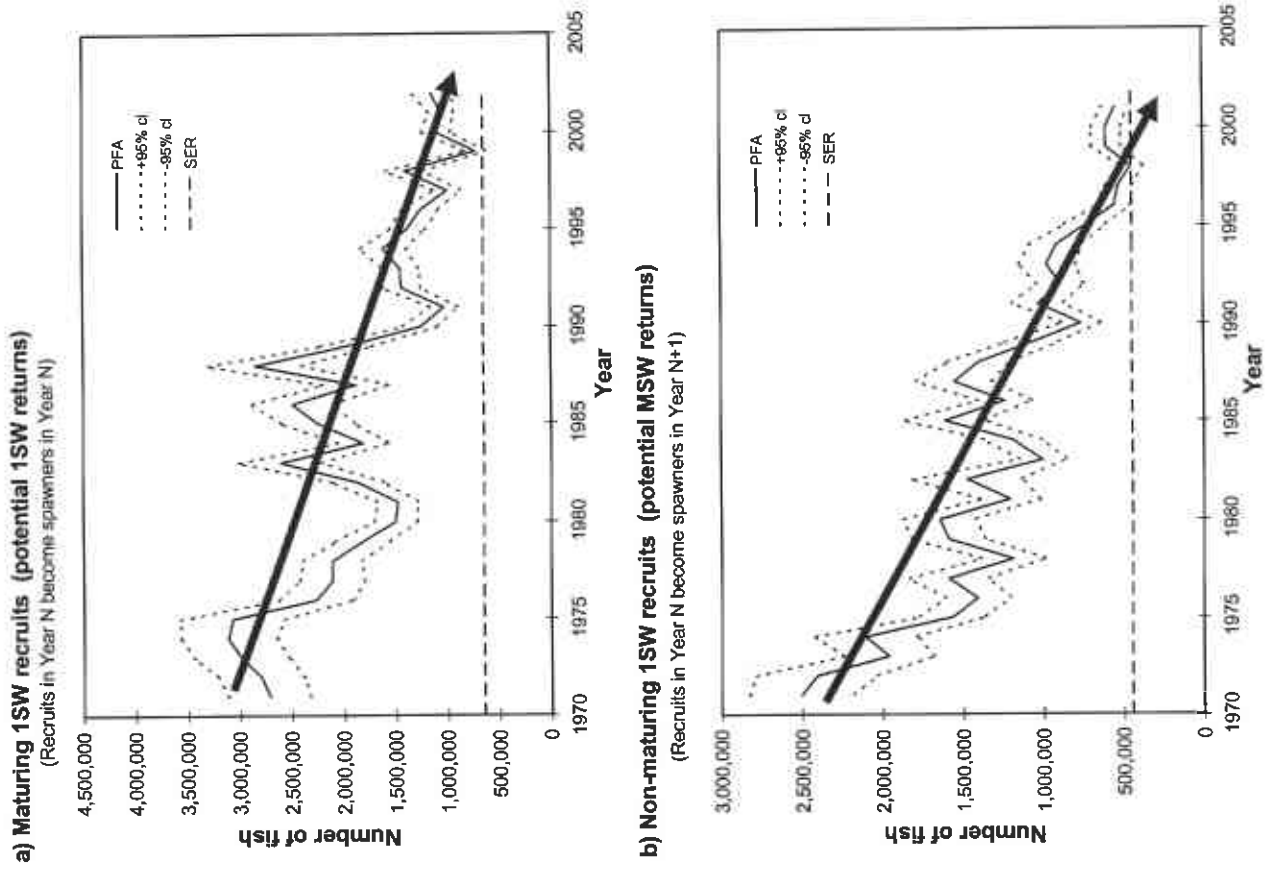
**“Sustainable fishing can take place  
if there is a surplus of fish over  
spawning requirements”**



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***“stocks should be maintained above  
conservation limits by use of management  
targets “***

**Figure 3.5.1.5** Estimated recruitment (PFA) and Spawning Escapement Reserve (SER) for maturing and non-maturing salmon in Southern Europe, 1971-2002



1SW  
3.5 million down to  
1 million

MSW  
2.5 million down to  
500,000

- There is an optimal number of spawners for a given river

- i.e. a **Conservation Limit or CL**

- When the CL is being met the surplus to spawning requirements is maximised
- This surplus can be harvested sustainably.
- Scientific advice is based on achieving CL
- Distribution to stakeholders is a socio-economic matter

## **Standing Scientific Committee**

***•to advise and assist the Commission on all technical and scientific matters in relation to the performance of the Commission's functions.***

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