

Wanderfische ohne Grenzen – NASF Deutschland

Foundation of the German Section of the North Atlantic Salmon Fund (NASF) named “Wanderfische ohne Grenzen”

Ladies and Gentlemen!

On the “Erlebniswelt Fliegenfischen 2014 (EWF) “ in Fürstenfeldbruck/Germany the idea was born to take action for an intensified effort for the restoration of Atlantic Salmon stocks in Germany.

Furthermore international aspects of salmon conservation should be implemented into the German activities.

Many of the salmon stock restoration projects in the different German federal states are very successful on either a local, a regional or a national scale. Some of the projects though are suffering from a certain stagnation.

The life cycle of salmon requires to consider an international and transregional point of view which is sometimes neglected in the local activities.

Therefore a network of salmon conservationists between the German-speaking part and the entire Europe needs to be promoted.

Issues like erection of new hydropower plants (e.g. Bremen, Hemelingen/ river Weser), transverse obstructions, slow and incomplete implementation of the European Water Framework Directive (EU-WFD), inadequate consideration of the Renewable Energy Sources Act on water courses, too small dimensions of fish passes and many more are very often too ambitious for a single or local group to take influence on.

Political level activities on a national and European scale are required at this point.

This is where the idea for the foundation of the German Section of NASF started from.

Meanwhile Orri Vigfússon, chairman of the NASF, and his Atlantic wide operation are not just known by insiders or delegates of the Governments of salmon neighboring countries.

The fact that there are at least some returning salmon still in Germany, France, Great Britain, Norway, Canada and elsewhere around the Atlantic is owed to his salmon netting quota buy-out in the entire North Atlantic.

The NASF also takes care of the numerous other threats to the Atlantic Salmon and tries to develop a convincing defense strategy to be successfully represented against the responsible political institutions.

NASF Germany should focus on German or even European key points.

It is not at all the intention of the NASF Germany to acquire the funds sponsored to the local and regional groups but to open up new and prolific sources of money to be spent for important trans regional and strategic objectives.

One more word of Orri Vigfússon: “If we do not get the average angler to understand what we are doing, all our efforts are futile.”

For the benefit of the Atlantic Salmon and all the species following in his wake we'd be pleased to welcome you at the EWF 2015 on the 18th and 19th of April at the Veranstaltungsforum Fürstenfeldbruck / Kloster Fürstenfeldbruck, Fürstenfeld 12, D-82256 Fürstenfeldbruck (near Munich).

On our booth on this show we would like to discuss the objectives of our initiative with you.

Please pass this invitation on to anybody who might be interested in this matter.

With best regards

Armin Weinbrenner, Orri Vigfússon, Stefan Ludwig in the name of all members of the organization.