**Goal:** Allow for the implementation of Atlantic salmon aquaculture projects through the adjustment of the management measures prohibiting the possession and harvest of wild Atlantic salmon in the EEZ. If necessary, add or adjust management measures to ensure aquaculture projects in the EEZ are conducted in a manner consistent with the goals and objectives of the Atlantic Salmon Fishery Management Plan.

**Objectives:**

1. Clarify, add, or adjust management measures that differentiate authorized possession of aquaculture raised Atlantic salmon from unauthorized possession of wild caught Atlantic salmon in the EEZ. This will allow for the continued enforcement of the prohibition on the harvest and possession of wild caught Atlantic Salmon within the EEZ. Examples of possible adjustments or new management measure include:
   a. Amending the FMP with additional language clarifying the terms of authorized possession,
   b. Requiring aquaculture operations to obtain aquaculture operation and/or vessel specific authorizations from NMFS prior to possessing Atlantic salmon within the EEZ,
   c. Requiring aquaculture operators to employ techniques that would allow cultured and wild Atlantic salmon to be differentiated (e.g., reporting, container tagging, notching, etc.) to aid in enforcement during vessel inspections, and/or
   d. Developing protocols to ensure any aquaculture reared salmon are not landed by unauthorized entities.
2. Identify specific concerns related to Atlantic salmon aquaculture in the EEZ that may require monitoring and develop management measures to address concerns.
3. Identify any specific concerns related to Atlantic salmon aquaculture in the EEZ that may require reporting to NMFS and develop measures, including reporting methods and frequency, to address concerns.
4. Avoid duplication of existing state and federal enforcement, monitoring, and reporting requirements and mechanisms, while meeting the Council’s conservation and management objectives for Atlantic salmon.
5. Clarify, add, or adjust management measures, as necessary, to ensure that federal dealers are not restricted from purchasing, possessing, and/or selling Atlantic salmon harvested from authorized EEZ aquaculture operations. This includes federal dealer permitting requirements.
6. Ensure adjustments to the FMP are done in a manner that applies generally to Atlantic salmon aquaculture operations and allows for flexibility associated with future changes in enforcement, monitoring, or reporting technologies and methods.