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As noted in the Memorandum of Understanding between Canada and USA (NAC(05)7), introductions and transfers of salmonids in both Canada and the USA may have effects in the other's jurisdiction, and there is a need to coordinate and communicate on such issues. As such, the Parties of the NAC agree to meet inter-sessionally to coordinate on the following issues:

Establishing a communication and notification protocol regarding escapes of farmed salmon so that Federal, State, and provincial authorities in each jurisdiction are notified in a timely manner of such events.

Sharing of information on regulations related to aquaculture practices in each jurisdiction, such as use of non-North American stocks, containment measures, marking schemes, measures to minimize disease transfer, bay management, etc.

Informing each other on the statutory and policy guidelines used in each jurisdiction for management of introductions and transfers in regards to Atlantic salmon.

At this inter-sessional, the Parties will also review, and agree on, the North American research plan for the Northwest Atlantic portion of SALSEA. This research plan will have been developed via coordination between US and Canadian scientists prior to this meeting.