

Schedule of International Meetings and Events, 2013-2014

May 1, 2013

Dates	Location	Activity*
(A key to Acronyms is included at the end of the table.)		
2013		
MAY 1-3	La Rochelle, France	ACAP Seabird Bycatch Working Group Meeting
MAY 2-4	Maputo, Mozambique	IOTC 10 th Session of the Compliance Committee
MAY 6-8	Bergen, Norway	International Conference on Arctic Ocean Acidification
MAY 6-10	La Rochelle, France	7 th Meeting of ACAP's Advisory Committee
MAY 6-10	Mauritius	17 th Session of the IOTC
MAY 7-9	London, UK	NAFO STACTIC Intersessional Meeting
MAY 7-9	Maputo, Mozambique	IOTC 10 th Standing Committee on Administration and Finance Meeting
MAY 7-13	Tenerife, Spain	2013 Bluefin Meeting on Biological Parameters Review
MAY 13-17	Split, Croatia	37 th Session of the GFCM
MAY 13-17	Woods Hole, MA	IWC Preparatory Workshop on Assessing the Impacts of Marine Debris
MAY 15	Kiruna, Sweden	8 th Arctic Council Ministerial Meeting
MAY 20-23	Lake Arrowhead, CA	64 th Tuna Conference (www.tunaconference.org)
MAY 20-24	Rome, Italy	FAO Technical Consultation on the Development of International Guidelines for Securing Sustainable Small-Scale Fisheries
MAY 22-24	St. Petersburg, Russia	Joint PICES/ICES Workshop on "Global assessment of the implications of climate change on the spatial distribution of fish and fisheries"
MAY 24-25	Brisbane, Australia	Meeting of the IWC Whale Watching Working Group and Operator Workshop
JUNE 3-10	Madrid, Spain	ICCAT Atlantic Swordfish Data Preparatory Meeting
JUNE 3-14	Vera Cruz, Mexico	85th Meeting of the IATTC and 27th Meeting of the Parties to the AIDCP
JUNE 3-14	Jeju Island, Korea	2013 Annual (65th) Meeting of the IWC Scientific Committee
JUNE 4-7	Drogheda, Co. Louth, Ireland	NASCO 30 th Annual Meeting
JUNE 5-7	Hiroshima, Japan	4th International Jellyfish Bloom Symposium
JUNE 7-20	Dartmouth, Nova Scotia, Canada	NAFO Scientific Council and its Standing Committees

JUNE 17-24	Sukarrieta, Spain	ICCAT Atlantic Albacore Stock Assessment Meeting
JUNE 24-28	Bremerhaven, Germany	Meeting of the CCAMLR Working Group on Statistics, Assessments and Modeling
JUNE 26-28	Peru TBD	6 th Conference of the Parties to the IAC
JUNE 26-28	Montreal, Canada	ICCAT Working Group of Fisheries Managers and Scientists in Support of the Western Bluefin Tuna Stock Assessment
JUNE 26 – JULY 9	Paris, France	27 th Session of the IOC Assembly
JULY 1-6	Madrid, Spain	ICCAT Intersessional Meeting of the SCRS Subcommittee on Ecosystems
JULY 1-10	Bremerhaven, Germany	Meeting of the CCAMLR Working Group on Ecosystem Monitoring and Management
JULY 7-9	Sapporo, Japan	Meeting of the ICCAT Working Group on Integrated Monitoring Measures
JULY 9-11	Saint Pierre et Miquelon	NAFO Working Group on Conservation Plans and Rebuilding Strategies
JULY 10-12	Sapporo, Japan	Meeting of the ICCAT Working Group on Convention Amendment
JULY 11-13	Bremerhaven, Germany	First Intersessional Meeting of the CCAMLR Scientific Committee
JULY 15-16	Bremerhaven, Germany	Second Special Meeting of CCAMLR
JULY 15-19	Boston, MA	ICES World Conference on Stock Assessment Methods for Sustainable Fisheries
JULY 20-22	Boston, MA	ICCAT Bluefin Tuna Stock Assessment Methods Meeting
AUG 20-22	Vancouver, BC, Canada	8th International Conference on Marine Bioinvasions: "Biological Invasions in Changing Waters: Envelopes, Estuaries, and Evolution"
SEPT 2-10	Olhao, Portugal	ICCAT Atlantic Swordfish Stock Assessment Meeting
SEPT 3-4	St. Lucia	Meeting of the IWC Bureau
SEPT 12-19	Dartmouth, Nova Scotia, Canada	NAFO/ICES Pandalus Assessment Group
SEP 16-20	Majuro, Marshall Islands	44 th Pacific Islands Forum
SEP 23-27	Madrid, Spain	ICCAT SCRS Species Groups Meetings
SEP 23-27	Halifax, Canada	35 th Annual Meeting of NAFO
SEP 23-27	Reykjavik, Iceland	ICES Annual Science Meeting
SEP 30- OCT 4	Madrid, Spain	Meeting of the ICCAT Standing Committee on Research and Statistics
OCT 7-18	Hobart, Australia	Meeting of the CCAMLR Working Group on Fish Stock Assessment
OCT 7-11	St. Petersburg, Russia	7 th Session of the COFI Subcommittee on Aquaculture

OCT 10-11	La Jolla, CA	28 th Meeting of the Parties to the AIDCP
OCT 11-20	Nanaimo, BC, Canada	PICES Annual Meeting: Communicating Forecasts, Uncertainty and Consequences of Ecosystem Change
OCT 14-17	Adelaide, Australia	20 th Annual Meeting of the CCSBT
OCT 14-18	Montreal, Quebec, Canada	CBD SBSTTA 17
OCT 14-18	St. Andrews, New Brunswick, Canada	Joint ICES-NAFO Symposium – "Gadoid Fisheries: The Ecology and Management of Rebuilding"
OCT 16-18	St. Andrews, New Brunswick, Canada	NAFO Scientific Council WG on Reproductive Potential
OCT 21-25	Hobart, Australia	32 nd Meeting of the CCAMLR Scientific Committee
OCT 21-25	Marseille, France	3 rd International Marine Protected Area Congress
OCT 21-27	La Jolla, CA	1 st Meeting of the SPRFMO Scientific Committee
OCT 22-24	Ketchikan, AK	PSC Executive Meeting
OCT 23-NOV 1	Hobart, Australia	32 nd Meeting of CCAMLR
NOV 11-15	London, UK	NEAFC 32 nd Annual Meeting
NOV 18-25	Cape Town, South Africa	23 rd Regular Meeting of ICCAT
NOV 19-30	Busan, Korea	SEAFO 8 th Scientific Committee Meeting
NOV 21-29	Dartmouth, Nova Scotia, Canada	NAFO Scientific Council Working Group on Ecosystem Approach to Fisheries Management
NOV 28-29	Seattle, WA	IPHC Interim Meeting
NOV 28-30	Busan, Korea	SEAFO Extra Ordinary Compliance Committee Meeting
NOV TBD	Virtual Meeting	21 st Annual Meeting of the NPAFC
DEC 2-4	Buenos Aires, Argentina	13 th Session of the Commission for Inland Fisheries and Aquaculture of Latin America and the Caribbean (COPESCAALC)
DEC 3-7	Busan, Korea	SEAFO 9 th Annual Meeting
DEC 9-13	Copenhagen, Denmark	ICCAT-ICES Training course on Management Strategy Evaluation
2014		
JAN 13-17	Portland, OR	PSC Post-Season Meeting
JAN 21-24	Seattle, WA	90 th Annual Meeting of the IPHC
JAN 27-31	Manta, Ecuador	2 nd Meeting of SPRFMO
FEB 10-14	Vancouver, BC, Canada	PSC 29th Annual Meeting
MARCH TBD	Rome, Italy (FAO Headquarters)	ICES Symposium on "Making the Most of Fisheries Dependent Data: Science, Management, and Policy-making with the Active Participation of Stakeholders"

MAY 12-16	Portland, OR	22 nd Annual Meeting of the NPAFC
JUNE (TBD)	Rome, Italy	31 st Session of the FAO COFI
JUNE (TBD)	TBD	IWC Scientific Committee Meeting (66 th)
JUNE 2-4	Porvoo, Finland	ICES/PICES Symposium on "Ecological basis of risk analysis for marine ecosystems"
JUNE 2-6	Helsinki, Finland	Ecological Basis of Risk Analysis for Marine Ecosystems
JUNE 16-19	Tromsø, Norway	ICES Symposium on "Effects of fishing on benthic fauna and habitat: Change in ecosystem composition and functioning in response to fishing intensity, gear type and discard"
SEPT-OCT	TBD	IWC Biennial Meeting (65 th)

* The Office of International Affairs, National Marine Fisheries Service, has compiled this schedule to inform the public of living marine resource-related international meetings or events that are of interest to the United States Government. The schedule does not constitute a travel schedule for the National Marine Fisheries Service.

List of Acronyms

ACAP	Agreement on the Conservation of Albatrosses and Petrels
ACFM	Advisory Committee on Fisheries Management (ICES)
ACFR	Advisory Committee on Fisheries Research (ICES)
AEWC	Alaska Eskimo Whaling Commission
AFS	American Fisheries Society
AIDCP	Agreement on the International Dolphin Conservation Program
AIFRB	American Institute of Fishery Research Biologists
AMAP	Arctic Monitoring and Assessment Program (Arctic Council)
APEC	Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation
APFIC	Asia-Pacific Fishery Commission
ASEAN	Association of Southeast Asian Nations
ASLO	American Society of Limnology and Oceanography
ATCM	Antarctic Treaty Consultative Meeting
BASIS	Bering-Aleutian Salmon International Survey Plan
BFT	Bluefin Tuna
CAFF	Program for the Conservation of Arctic Flora and Fauna (Arctic Council)
CAFTA-DR	Dominican Republic–Central America Free Trade Agreement
CBD	Convention on Biological Diversity
CCAMLR	Commission for the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources
CCSBT	Commission for the Conservation of Southern Bluefin Tuna
CEC	North American Commission for Environmental Cooperation
CECAF	Fishery Committee for the Eastern Central Atlantic
CEP	Committee on Environmental Protection (CCAMLR)
CIFAA	Committee for Inland Fisheries and Aquaculture of Africa
CITES	Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Flora and Fauna

CMS	Convention on Migratory Species
CLIOTOP	Climate Impacts on Oceanic Top Predators (GLOBEC)
COFI	Committee on Fisheries (FAO) and (OECD)
COMAAR	Coordinated Observation of the Arctic for Assessment and Research
COML	Census of Marine Life
COP	Conference of the Parties
CRTF	Coral Reef Task Force
CSD	Commission on Sustainable Development
CSIRO	Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization (Australia)
CTE	Committee on Trade and Environment
ECOSOC	Economic and Social Council (UN)
EECM	Enforcement Evaluation and Coordination Group Meeting (NPAFC)
EMM	Ecosystem Monitoring and Management (CCAMLR)
EPPR	Emergency Prevention, Preparedness and Response Working Group (Arctic Council)
FAO	Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations
FFC	Forum Fisheries Committee (Forum Fisheries Agency)
FIRMS	Fisheries Resource Monitoring System
FSA	Fish Stock Assessment (CCAMLR)
GAC	General Advisory Committee (IATTC)
GATT	General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade
GCFI	Gulf and Caribbean Fisheries Institute
GEF	Global Environment Facility
GeoHAB	Marine Geological and Biological Habitat Mapping
GFCM	General Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean
GLOBEC	Global Ecosystem Dynamics
IAC	Inter-American Convention for the Protection and Conservation of Sea Turtles
IATTC	Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission
IBSFC	International Baltic Sea Fisheries Commission
ICC	Intergovernmental Consultative Committee (US-Russia)
ICCAT	International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas
ICES	International Council for the Exploration of the Sea
ICRI	International Coral Reef Initiative
IIFET	International Institute of Fisheries Economics and Trade
IMO	International Maritime Organization
IOC	Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission
IOSEA	Indian Ocean South East Asian (MOU for sea turtles)
IOTC	Indian Ocean Tuna Commission
IPHC	International Pacific Halibut Commission
IPY	International Polar Year
IRP	International Review Panel (AIDCP)
ISC	International Scientific Committee for Tuna and Tuna-like Species in the North Pacific Ocean
IUCN	World Conservation Union
IUU	Illegal, Unregulated and Unreported Fishing
IWC	International Whaling Commission

KORDI	Korean Ocean Research and Development Institute
LOS	Law of the Sea (Convention)
MCS	Monitoring, Control, and Surveillance
MPA	Marine Protected Area
MOP	Meeting of the Parties
MOU	Memorandum of Understanding
NAAEC	North American Agreement on Environmental Cooperation
NAFO	Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organization
NAFTA	North American Free Trade Agreement
NASCO	North Atlantic Salmon Conservation Organization
NEAFC	North East Atlantic Fisheries Commission
NMFS	National Marine Fisheries Service
NOAA	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
NPAFC	North Pacific Anadromous Fish Commission
NPFC	North Pacific Fishery Commission
OECD	Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development
OSPESCA	An intergovernmental organization comprised by the fisheries and aquaculture authorities of Belize, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua and Panama, the countries which constitute the Central American Isthmus
PAME	Protection of the Arctic Marine Environment (Arctic Council)
PICES	North Pacific Marine Science Organization
PREPCOM	Preparatory Committee
PSC	Pacific Salmon Commission
PWG	Permanent Working Group (ICCAT)
RAMSAR	RAMSAR Convention on Wetlands
RFMO	Regional Fishery Management Organization
RPCM	Research Planning and Coordinating Meeting (NPAFC)
SBSTTA	Subsidiary Body for Scientific, Technical, and Technological Advice (Convention on Biological Diversity)
SCAR	Scientific Committee on Antarctic Research
SCIC	Standing Committee on Implementation and Compliance
SCOR	Scientific Committee on Oceanic Research (IOC)
SCPA	Standing Committee on the Precautionary Approach (NASCO)
SCRS	Standing Committee on Research and Statistics (ICCAT)
SEAFDEC	Southeast Asian Fisheries Development Center
SEAFO	Southeast Atlantic Fisheries Organization
SPAW	Protocol Concerning Specially Protected Areas and Wildlife in the Wider Caribbean (Cartegena Convention)
SPC	Secretariat of the Pacific Community
SPREP	Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme
SPRFMO	South Pacific Regional Fisheries Management Organization
SPTT	South Pacific Tuna Treaty
STACFAD	Standing Committee on Finance and Administration (NAFO)
STACTIC	Standing Committee on International Control (NAFO)
SWIOFC	Southwest Indian Ocean Fisheries Commission
T	Tentative

TBD	To Be Determined
TED	Turtle Excluder Device
TPP	Trans-Pacific Partnership
UNCED	United Nations Conference on Environment and Development
UNCSD	United Nations Commission on Sustainable Development
UNEP	United Nations Environment Program
UNFSA	United Nations Fish Stocks Agreement (for straddling and highly migratory stocks)
UNGA	United Nations General Assembly
UNICPOLIS	United Nations Informal Consultative Process on Oceans and Law of the Sea
UNLOS	United Nations Law of the Sea
VME	Vulnerable Marine Ecosystems
WCPFC	Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission
WDFG	Washington Department of Fish and Game
WECAFC	Western Central Atlantic Fishery Commission
WSSD	World Summit on Sustainable Development (United Nations)
WTO	World Trade Organization