

Schedule of International Meetings and Events, 2014-2015

April 1, 2014

| Dates | Location | Activity* |
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| (A key to Acronyms is included at the end of the table.) | | |
| 2014 | | |
| APRIL 7-9 | Bremerhaven, Germany | CCAMLR International Expert Workshop: The Scientific Foundation of a CCAMLR Marine Protected Area in the Weddell Sea |
| APRIL 7-9 | Athens, Greece | GFCM - Extraordinary Session |
| APRIL 7-11 | Yeosu, Korea | CCSBT Compliance Committee Working Group |
| APRIL 7-12 | Helsinki, Finland | The Arctic Science Summit Week 2014 (Arctic Council) |
| APRIL 8-11 | Qingdao, China | Seventh Meeting of the Subgroup on Acoustic Survey and Analysis Methods (CCAMLR) |
| APRIL 15-18 | Kohala Coast, Big Island, HI | PICES FUTURE (Forecasting and Understanding Trends, Uncertainty and Responses of North Pacific Marine Ecosystems) Open Science Meeting |
| APRIL 23-25 | Cartagena, Colombia | IATTC Technical Experts Workshop on Capacity of the Tuna Fishing Fleet in the Eastern Tropical Pacific |
| APRIL 23-25 | La Jolla, CA | International Fisheries Commissions Pension Society Annual Meeting |
| APRIL 28-MAY 1 | Veracruz, Mexico | 27 th Meeting of the CITES Animals Committee |
| MAY 2 - 3 | | Joint sessions of the 27 th Meeting of the CITES Animals Committee and the 21 st Meeting of CITES Plants Committee |
| MAY 9-12 | Quindao, China | Meeting of the APEC Oceans and Fisheries Working Group |
| MAY 12-16 | Portland, OR | 22 nd Annual Meeting of the NPAFC |
| MAY 12-24 | Bled, Slovenia | Annual Meeting of the IWC Scientific Committee |
| MAY 13-16 | Anchorage, AK | 29th Lowell Wakefield Fisheries Symposium: Fisheries Bycatch: Global Issues and Creative Solutions (sponsored by Alaska Sea Grant and the University of Alaska) |
| MAY 19-21 | Barcelona, Spain | 2 nd Meeting of ICCAT's Convention Amendment Working Group |
| MAY 19-22 | Lake Arrowhead, CA | 65 th Tuna Conference |
| MAY 19-24 | Rome, Italy | 38th Session of the GFCM |
| MAY 22-24 | Barcelona, Spain | 9 th Meeting of ICCAT's Integrated Monitoring Measures (IMM) Working Group |
| May 26-28 | Colombo, Sri Lanka | IOTC - Compliance Committee (CoC11) - 11th Session |
| MAY 26-28 | Barcelona, Spain | 1 st Meeting of the Standing Working Group Dedicated to the Dialogue Between Fisheries Scientists and Managers |

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| MAY 29-30 | Colombo, Sri Lanka | 11 th Session of the IOTC Compliance on Finance and Administration |
| MAY 30- JUNE 12 | Nova Scotia, Canada | Meetings of the NAFO Scientific Council and its Standing Committees |
| JUNE TBA | Hyderabad, India | APFIC 33 rd Session |
| JUNE 1-5 | Colombo, Sri Lanka | 18 th Session of the Indian Ocean Commission (IOTC) |
| JUNE 2-4 | Porvoo, Finland | Symposium 2014: Ecological Basis of Risk Analysis for Marine Ecosystems (ICES, PICES) |
| JUNE 2-6 | Durban, South Africa | Second Sharks International Symposium |
| JUNE 3-6 | Saint-Malo, Bretagne, France | 31 st Annual Meeting of NASCO |
| JUNE 8-14 | Rome, Italy | 5 th Meeting of the Regional Fishery Body Secretariats' Network |
| JUNE 9-13 | Rome, Italy | 31st Session of the FAO COFI |
| 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" |
| JUNE 16-20 | Montreal, Canada | 5 th Meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-Ended Working Group on Review of Implementation of the CBD |
| JUNE 23-27 | Bergen, Norway | PICES/IMBER Session: The impacts of ecosystem responses to multiple stressors and climate variability: How will human societies respond and adapt? |
| JUNE 23-28 | Montreal, Canada | CBD SBSTTA 18 |
| JUNE 24-27 | Seattle, WA | CCSBT Operating Model Scientific Technical Meeting |
| JUNE 26-27 | Bergen, Norway | 2014 Annual Conference of the University of Virginia Center for Oceans Law and Policy |
| JUNE 30- JULY 4 | Punta Arenas, Chile | Working Group on Statistics, Assessments and Modelling (CCAMLR) |
| JULY 7-11 | Geneva, Switzerland | 65 th meeting of the CITES Standing Committee |
| JULY 7-18 | Punta Arenas, Chile | Working Group on Ecosystem Monitoring and Management (CCAMLR) |
| JULY 8 | Lima, Peru | 29 th Meeting of the Parties to the AIDCP |
| JULY 14-18 | Lima, Peru | 87 th Meeting of the IATTC |
| JULY 10-12 | Prince Edward Island, Canada | 2nd Meeting of the Working Group of Fishery Managers and Scientists in Support of the Western Atlantic Bluefin Tuna Stock Assessment |
| AUG 6-14 | Majuro, Republic of the Marshall Islands | 10 th Regular Session of the WCPFC Scientific Committee |
| AUG 14-19 | Glasgow, Scotland | International Marine Conservation Congress 3 |

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| AUG 25-29 | Tampa, FL | 6 th International Symposium on GIS/Spatial Analyses in Fishery and Aquatic Sciences |
| SEPT 1-4 | Japan TBD | 10 th Regular Session of the WCPFC Northern Committee |
| SEPT 1-6 | Auckland, New Zealand | CCSBT 19 th Meeting of the Scientific Committee |
| SEPT 11-18 | Portoroz, Slovenia | 65 th Meeting of the IWC |
| SEPT 15-19 | La Coruña, Spain | ICES Annual Science Conference 2014 |
| SEPT 16-29 | New York, NY | 69 th Session of the UN General Assembly (UNGA 69) |
| SEPT 22-26 | Vigo, Spain | NAFO 36 th Annual Meeting |
| SEPT 25-30 | Pohnpei, Federated States of Micronesia | 10 th Regular Session of the WCPFC Technical and Compliance Committee |
| SEPT 29-OCT 3 | Madrid, Spain | Meeting of ICCAT's Standing Committee on Research and Statistics |
| SEPT 29-OCT 10 | Windhoek, Namibia | SEAFO 10 th Scientific Committee Meeting |
| OCT 6-17 | Hobart, Australia | Working Group on Fish Stock Assessment (CCAMLR) |
| OCT 6-17 | Pyeongchang, Republic of Korea | CBD COP 12 |
| OCT 9-11 | Auckland, New Zealand | CCSBT 9 th Meeting of the Compliance Committee |
| OCT 13-16 | Auckland, New Zealand | 21 st Annual Meeting of the CCSBT, incorporating the Extended Commission |
| OCT 16-26 | Yeosu, Korea | PICES 2014 Annual Meeting: Toward a better understanding of the North Pacific: Reflecting on the past and steering for the future |
| OCT 20-24 | Mallorca, Balearic Islands Spain | 5 th International Otolith Symposium 2014 |
| OCT 20-24 | Hobart, Australia | 33 rd Meeting of the Scientific Committee of CCAMLR |
| OCT 20-31 | Hobart, Australia | 33 rd Meeting of CCAMLR |
| OCT 21-23 | Vancouver, BC, Canada | PSC Fall Session |
| OCT 31-NOV 2 | Reykjavik, Iceland | Arctic Circle 2014 |
| NOV 10-17 | TBD | ICCAT Annual Meeting |
| NOV 12-19 | Sydney, Australia | IUCN World Parks Congress (http://www.worldparkscongress.org/) |
| NOV 17-21 | Barcelona, Spain | 2 nd International Ocean Research Conference (IORC): One Planet, One Ocean |
| DEC 1-5 | Apia, Samoa | 11 th Regular Session of the WCPFC |

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| DEC 1-5 | Windhoek, Namibia | SEAFO 11 th Annual Meeting |
| DEC 2-4 | Trondheim, Norway | Arctic Council 1 st Arctic Biodiversity Congress |
| DEC 8-12 | Ottawa, Canada | Arctic Change 2014 |
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| JAN 1 (T) | Punta del Este, Uruguay | Ramsar COP 12 |
| JAN 12-16 | Vancouver, B.C., Canada | PSC Post-Season Meeting |
| FEB 9-13 | Portland, OR | 30 th PSC Annual Meeting |
| MAR 23-27 | Santos City, Brazil | 3 rd PICES/ICES/IOC Symposium on "Effects of Climate Change on the World's Oceans" |
| May 11-15 T | Kobe, Japan | 23 rd Annual Meeting of the NPAFC |
| MAY 17-19 | Kobe, Japan | International Symposium: Forecasting Pacific salmon Production in Ocean Ecosystems under Changing Climate |
| JUNE TBD | TBD | 67 th Annual Meeting of the IWC Scientific Committee |
| AUG 31 – SEPT 4 | Geneva, Switzerland | 66 th meeting of the CITES Standing Committee |
| OCT 26-30 | Cape Town, South Africa | 2 nd World Seabird Conference |

* 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

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| 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 |
| AGU | American Geophysical Union |
| 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 |

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| 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 |
| EBSAs | Ecologically or Biologically Significant Marine Areas |
| 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 |

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| ICES | International Council for the Exploration of the Sea |
| ICRI | International Coral Reef Initiative |
| IIFET | International Institute of Fisheries Economics and Trade |
| IMBER | Integrated Marine Biochemistry and Ecosystem Research |
| 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 |
| NPRB | North Pacific Research Board |
| NSF | National Science Foundation |
| 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 |

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| | (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 |
| TOS | The Oceanography Society |
| 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 |
| UNESCO | United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization |
| 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 |