

## Schedule of International Meetings and Events 2008-2009

**March 1, 2008**

Dates	Location	Activity*
(A key to acronyms is included at the end of the table.)		
<b>2008</b>		
MAR 1-8	Orlando, FL	American Geophysical Union Ocean Sciences Conference
MAR 4-6	Reykjavik, Iceland	Meeting of the NASCO Socio-Economic Working Group
MAR 5-7	La Jolla, CA	77 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the IATTC
MAR 5-8	Cook Islands	South Pacific Tuna Treaty, US Treaty Consultation 20 <sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting (Consultation between the U.S. and the Pacific Island Parties)
MAR 5-9	St Thomas, Virgin Islands	Council Chairs Executive Directors Meeting
MAR 6-7	Washington, DC	Workshop on the Arctic Council's Circumpolar Biodiversity Monitoring Program
MAR 6-8	London, UK	IWC Intercessional Meeting on the Future of the IWC
MAR 8-15	Madrid, Spain	Ecosystem Working Group-Birds
MAR 10-12	Guayaquil, Ecuador	5 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the SPRFMO Negotiations
MAR 10-14	Madrid, Spain	ICCAT SCRS Meeting of the Sub-Committee on Ecosystems
MAR 10-14	Copenhagen, Denmark	ICES/NAFO Meeting of the Working Group on Deep-water Ecology
MAR 17-18	London, UK	IUU--4 <sup>th</sup> Chatham House Update and Stakeholder Consultation Meeting
MAR 17-20	Halifax, Nova Scotia	Canada-ICCAT Precautionary Approach Working Group Meeting
MAR 25-28	Vancouver, B.C., Canada	FAO Experts Meeting on Flag State Responsibilities
MAR 26-27	Tokyo, Japan	Meeting of Managers and Stakeholders on Atlantic Bluefin Tuna
MAR 26-APR 2	Syktyvkar, Komi Republic, Russia	Arctic Science Summit Week
MAR 31-APR 4	London, UK	IMO Marine Environment Protection Committee 57 <sup>th</sup> Session
APR 1-4	Rome, Italy	FIRMS Technical Working Group Meeting 2 <sup>nd</sup> session
APR 1-11	Accra, Ghana	Fishery Observer Training Program
APR 2-4	Oxford, UK	Food Security and Environmental Change: Linking Science, Development and Policy for Adaptation

APR 7-9	Rome, Italy	FAO Experts Meeting on Climate Change and Fisheries and Aquatic Culture
APR 7-11	Hanoi, Vietnam	4th Global Conference on Oceans, Coasts, and Islands: Advancing Ecosystem Management and Integrated Coastal and Ocean Management by 2010 in the Context of Climate Change
APR 10-11	Sokcho-si, Korea	NPAFC Research Planning and Coordinating Meeting
APR 14-18	Piura, Peru	APEC Marine Resources Conservation & Fisheries Working Group Annual Meeting
APR 19	Geneva, Switzerland	Joint Meeting of the CITES Animals and Plants Committees
APR 21-24	Geneva, Switzerland	23 <sup>rd</sup> Meeting of the CITES Animals Committee
APR 22-24	Santander, Spain	ICCAT World Symposium for the Study into the Stock Fluctuation of Northern Bluefin Tunas ( <i>Thunnus thynnus</i> and <i>Thunnus orientalis</i> ), Including the Historic Periods
APR 22-24	Brussels, Belgium	Brussels International Seafood Expo
APR 23-24	Svolvær, Norway	Arctic Council Senior Arctic Officials Meeting
APR 23-24	Montreal, Canada	Informal Meeting of the NASCO North American Commission
APR 24-25	Vancouver, B.C., Canada	US-Canada Albacore Treaty
APR 28-MAY 2	New York, NY	UN Ad Hoc Open-Ended Informal Working Group to Study Issues Relating to the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Marine Biological Diversity Beyond Areas of National Jurisdiction
APR 30-MAY 6	Montreal, Canada	NAFO Intersessional Meeting on Shrimp Management and Protection of Vulnerable Marine Ecosystems
MAY 5-9	Málaga, Spain	GFCM-ICCAT Joint Small Tuna Working Group Meeting
MAY 5-9	Honolulu, HI	International Scientific Committee for Tuna and Tuna-like Species, Bycatch Working Group Assessment workshop
May 6-7	Riga, Latvia	Conference on Aquaculture in the Eastern Baltic Region: Potential and Development Possibilities
MAY 12-16	Merida, Mexico	North American Trilateral
MAY 12-16	La Jolla, CA	9 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the IATTC Working Group on Stock Assessment
MAY 12-16	Bonn, Germany	4 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the COP serving as the Meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety
MAY 12-16	Bonn, Germany	Biodiversity Research – Safeguarding The Future
MAY 13	Washington DC	2008 National Wetlands Awards

MAY 12-16	Vladivostok, Russia	2 <sup>nd</sup> Intergovernmental Meeting on the Management of High Seas Bottom Fisheries in the Northwestern Pacific Ocean
MAY 18-21	Ensenada, Mexico	XXXI Reunion Internacional para el Estudio de los Mamíferos Marinos
MAY 19-22	Lake Arrowhead, CA	59th International Tuna Conference
MAY 19-24	Madrid, Spain	ICCAT SCRS Sailfish Data Preparatory Meeting
MAY 19-23	Busan, Korea	World Aquaculture Society Annual Meeting
MAY 19-23	Gijón, Spain	International Symposium on "Effects of climate change on the world's oceans" (co-sponsored by ICES, PICES, IOC, GLOBEC, SCOR and WCRP)
MAY 19-30	Bonn, Germany	9 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the CBD
MAY 21-JUN 4	Japan	International Scientific Committee for Tuna and Tuna-like Species, Pacific Bluefin Tuna Working Group stock assessment workshop
MAY 25-29	Paris, France	3 <sup>rd</sup> GLOBEC Open Science Meeting
MAY 25-30	Salt Lake City, UT	North American Benthological Society
MAY 26-30	Dartmouth, Nova Scotia, Canada	Meeting of the NAFO Scientific Council Working Group on Ecosystem Approach to Fisheries Management
MAY 26-JUN 6	Kingston, Jamaica	International Seabed Authority 14 <sup>th</sup> Session
MAY TBD	Martinique	STAC Under the SPAW Protocol of the Cartagena Convention
MAY TBD	Montreal, Canada	Special Session of NAFO
MAY TBD	Mexico	Eastern Pacific Leatherback Bycatch Workshop
MAY TBD	Russia	Fourth Inter-Governmental Meeting on Management of High Seas Bottom Fisheries in the North Western Pacific Ocean
JUN 1-27	Santiago, Chile	IWC Meeting
JUN 1-13	Santiago, Chile	IWC Scientific Committee Meeting
JUN 2-6	Canary Islands, Spain	GLOBEC Upwelling Symposium
JUN 2-6	Gijón, Spain	25 <sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of NASCO
JUN 2-6	Bremen, Germany	11 <sup>th</sup> Session of the FAO COFI Sub-Committee on Fish Trade
JUN 3-5	Rome, Italy	FAO High-Level Conference on World Food Security and the Challenges of Climate Change and Bioenergy
JUN 3-10	Japan	International Scientific Committee for Tuna and Tuna-like Species, Billfish Working Group stock assessment workshop
JUN 3-13	Kiev, Ukraine	Antarctic Treaty Consultative Meetings

JUN 3-27	Rome, Italy	FAO Technical Consultation on Port State Measures to Address IUU Fishing
JUN 5-19	Dartmouth, Nova Scotia, Canada	NAFO Scientific Council Meeting
Circa JUL 7-9 TBD	Ecuador or Chile	APEC/IUCN Shark Workshop
JUL 7-10	TBD	WCPFC Regional Observer Program Intersessional Working Group
JUN 7-11	Muscat, Oman	12 <sup>th</sup> Session of the IOTC
JUN 13-20	New York, NY	18 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the States Parties to the UN Convention on the Law of the Sea
JUN 16-20	Bergen, Norway	ICES Symposium on the Ecosystem Approach with Fisheries Acoustics and Complementary Technologies
JUN 16-20	Hobart, Tasmania	CCAMLR Predator Survey Workshop, WG-Ecosystem Monitoring and Management
JUN 16-27	Panama City, Panama	IATTC and AIDCP Annual Meetings
JUN 23-27	Rome, Italy	FAO Technical Consultation to draft a legally-binding instrument on port State measures to prevent, deter and eliminate illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing
JUN 23-27	Santiago, Chile	60 <sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the IWC
JUN 23-27	New York, NY	UN 9 <sup>th</sup> Open-Ended Informal Consultative Process on Oceans and the Law of the Sea
JUN 23-27	Calgary, Canada	International Symposium on Fish Endocrinology
JUN 23-JUL 4	Madrid, Spain	ICCAT SCRS BFT Stock Assessment Session
JUN 29-JUL 2	Redondo Beach, CA	21 <sup>st</sup> Biennial Conference of The Coastal Society: Coastal Footprints--Minimizing Human Impacts, Maximizing Stewardship
JUL 1-3	Nuuk, Greenland	NAFO STACTIC Meeting
JUL 7-11	Ft. Lauderdale, FL	11 <sup>th</sup> International Coral Reef Symposium
JUL 7-12	St. Petersburg, Russia	Scientific Committee on Antarctic Research Open Science Meetings
JUL 8-11	Rome, Italy	FAO International Symposium on Coping with Global Change in Marine Socio-Ecological Systems
JUL 14-18	Geneva, Switzerland	57 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the CITES Standing Committee
JUL 14-Aug 1	St. Petersburg, Russia	CCAMLR Stock Assessment Models Working Group and WG-EMM
JUL 15-18	Nha Trang, Vietnam	IIFET 2008 Vietnam: Achieving a Sustainable Future--Managing Aquaculture, Fishing, Trade and Development
JUL 15-18	Madrid, Spain	ICCAT Intersessionals: ICCAT Capacity Working Group and Integrated Monitoring Measures Working Group

JUL 16-28	Japan	International Scientific Committee for Tuna and Tuna-like Species, 7th meeting
JUL 21-29	Island of Florianopolis, Brazil	ICCAT SCRS Yellowfin and Skipjack Tuna Stock Assessments Session
JUL 23-28	Montreal, Canada	American Elasmobranch Society Meeting
JUL 23-28	Montreal, Canada	American Society of Ichthyologists & Herpetologists Annual Meeting
JUL 28-AUG 1	Portland, OR	International Congress on the Biology of Fishes
JUL TBD	Washington, D.C.	U.S.-EU Fisheries Bilateral Consultations
AUG 4-7	Kiel, Germany	32 <sup>nd</sup> Annual Larval Fish Conference
AUG 6-9	Manado, Indonesia	APFIC Regional Consultative Forum - 2nd Session
AUG 7-11	Trondheim, Norway	Second Global Fisheries Enforcement Training Workshop
AUG 11-13	Manado, Indonesia	APFIC 30th Session
AUG 11-15	Hobart, Tasmania	CCAMLR-IWC Workshop
AUG 11-22	Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea	4 <sup>th</sup> Regular Session of the WCPFC Scientific Committee
AUG 17-21	Ottawa, Ontario, Canada	138 <sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the AFS
AUG 25-28	Rio de Janeiro, Brazil	4 <sup>th</sup> International Symposium on GIS/Spatial Analyses in Fisheries and Aquatic Sciences
AUG 25-29	Rome, Italy	Continuation of the FAO Technical Consultation on the International Guidelines for the Management of Deep-Sea Fisheries in the High Seas
AUG 26-29	Galway, Ireland	Herring: Linking biology, ecology and status of populations in the context of changing environments (ICES/GLOBEC/PICES Symposium)
AUG TBD	Franklin, ME	US/Canada/Norway trilateral on aquaculture science meeting
SEPT 1-5	Uruguay TBD	ICCAT SCRS Shark Stock Assessment Session
SEPT 9-11	Tokyo, Japan	4 <sup>th</sup> Regular Session of the WCPFC Northern Committee
SEPT 22-26	Vigo, Spain	30 <sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of NAFO
SEPT 22-26	Halifax, Nova Scotia	ICES Annual Science Conference
SEPT 22-27	Madrid, Spain	ICCAT SCRS Species Group Meetings
SEPT 24-26	Anchorage, AK	5 <sup>th</sup> Northern Research Forum
SEPT 25-30	Pohnpei, Federated States of Micronesia	4 <sup>th</sup> Regular Session of the WCPFC Technical and Compliance Committee
SEPT 29-OCT 1	Halifax, Nova Scotia	NAFO/ICES International Symposium, "The Role of Marine Mammals in the 21 <sup>st</sup> Century",
SEPT 29-OCT 3	Madrid, Spain	ICCAT SCRS Plenary Meeting
SEPT 29-OCT 3	Nuuk, Greenland	Meeting of the Arctic Council's WG on the Conservation of Arctic Flora and Fauna

SEPT 17- NOV 21	New York, NY	63 <sup>rd</sup> Session of the UN General Assembly
SEPT TBD	Russia	13 <sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the Parties to the Convention on the Conservation and Management of Pollock Resources in the Central Bering Sea
OCT 5-14	Barcelona, Spain	4 <sup>th</sup> IUCN World Conservation Congress
OCT 6-9	Windhoek, Namibia	SEAFO 4 <sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting
OCT 6-10	Puerto Varas, Chile	4 <sup>th</sup> Session of the COFI Sub-Committee on Aquaculture
OCT 7-9	Longyearbyen, Svalbard, Norway	Arctic Council Working Group Chairs Meeting
OCT 11-15	Providence, RI	Restore America's Estuaries National Conference
OCT 13-17	Bangkok, Thailand	Global Conference on Small-Scale Fisheries (Co-organized with Thai Department of Fisheries)
OCT 13-24	Hobart, Tasmania	CCAMLR WG- Fish Stock Assessment and ad hoc WG-Incidental Mortality Associated with Fishing
OCT 14-17	Auckland, New Zealand	15 <sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the CCSBT
OCT 20-24	Yokohama, Japan	5 <sup>th</sup> World Fisheries Congress
OCT 21-23	Victoria, B.C., Canada	PSC Executive Session
OCT 21-24	Rome, Italy	7 <sup>th</sup> Session of the ICES ACFR
OCT 23-NOV 2	Dalian, China	PICES 17 <sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting
OCT 25-NOV 1	Japan	International Scientific Committee for Tuna and Tuna-like Species, Billfish Working Group stock assessment workshop
OCT 26-NOV 1	Yokohama, Japan	US-Japan Natural Resources Panel meeting on Aquaculture
OCT 27-NOV 7	Hobart, Australia	CCAMLR XXVII Scientific Committee and Commission Meetings
OCT 28-NOV 4	Changwon, Republic of Korea	10 <sup>th</sup> Conference of the Parties to the RAMSAR Convention on Wetlands
OCT 29-31	Sao Tome and Principe	19 <sup>th</sup> Session of CECAF
OCT TBD	San Salvador, El Salvador	Eastern Pacific Hawksbill Data Gathering Workshop
NOV 2-7	Lisbon, Portugal	International Flatfish Conference
NOV 9-21	Rome, Italy	9 <sup>th</sup> Conference of the Parties to the CMS
NOV 10-14	London, UK	Annual Meeting of NEAFC
NOV 11-15	Valencia, Spain	World Conference on Marine Biodiversity
NOV 17-21	Seattle, WA	16 <sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the NPAFC
NOV 17-24	EU TBD	ICCAT 16 <sup>th</sup> Special Meeting

NOV 23-25	Seattle, WA	NPAFC BASIS Symposium on Climate Change, Production Trends, and Carrying Capacity of Pacific Salmon in the Bering Sea and Adjacent Waters
NOV TBD	Panama City, Panama	Eastern Tropical Pacific Sea Turtle Network
NOV TBD	TBD	CMS Conference of the Parties (COP9)
DEC 1-5	Wellington, New Zealand	4 <sup>th</sup> International Symposium on Deep Sea Corals
DEC 8-12	Busan, Korea	5 <sup>th</sup> Regular Session of the WCPFC
DEC 9-16	TBD	International Scientific Committee for Tuna and Tuna-like Species, North Pacific Albacore Working Group Workshop
TBD	TBD	CIFAA - 15th Session (RAF-745-15)
TBD	TBD	Workshop on "Sustainable development and management of aquaculture and fisheries by increasing capacity for spatial analyses" (in collaboration/cooperation with 4th International Symposium on GIS/Spatial Analyses in Fisheries and Aquatic Sciences)
TBD	TBD	GFCM - Committee on Aquaculture - 6th Session
TBD	TBD	APFIC - Executive Committee - 72nd Session
TBD	TBD	WECAFC - Western Central Atlantic Fishery Commission - 13th Session (FI-739-13) - Lesser Antilles Fisheries Committee - 10th Session (FI-766-10)
TBD	TBD	Global Workshop on Capture Fisheries Insurance
TBD	TBD	Workshop on inland fisheries and aquaculture in Central Asia: status and development
<b>2009</b>		
JAN 12-16	Vancouver, BC, Canada	PSC Post-Season Meeting
JAN 25-30	Nice, France	ASLO Aquatic Sciences Meeting
FEB 9-13	Portland, OR	24 <sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the PSC
FEB 17-19	Brisbane, Australia	International Sea Turtle Symposium
FEB TBD	Brisbane, Australia	Western Pacific Leatherback Working Group
FEB TBD	Brisbane, Australia	Pacific Genetics Workshop
MAR TBD	Honolulu, HI	International Conference on Marine Mammal Protected Areas
MAY 20-24	Washington, D.C.	1 <sup>st</sup> International Marine Conservation Congress ( <a href="http://www.conbio.org/IMCC">www.conbio.org/IMCC</a> )
MAY 25-29	Paris, France	3 <sup>rd</sup> Global Ecosystem Dynamics Open Science Meeting
OCT 20-22	Alaska	PSC Executive Session

\* 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
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)
EMM	Ecosystem Monitoring and Management (CCAMLR)
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
IRP	International Review Panel (AIDCP)
ISC	North Pacific Interim Scientific Committee for Tuna and Tuna-like Species
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
NPAFC	North Pacific Anadromous Fish Commission
OECD	Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development
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

SBSTTA	Subsidiary Body for Scientific, Technical, and Technological Advice (Convention on Biological Diversity)
SCAR	Scientific Committee on Antarctic Research
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
SPRFMO	South Pacific Regional Fisheries Management Organization
SPTT	South Pacific Tuna Treaty
STACTIC	Standing Committee on International Control (NAFO)
SWIOFC	Southwest Indian Ocean Fisheries Commission
T	Tentative
TBD	To Be Determined
TED	Turtle Excluder Device
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 high migratory stocks)
UNICPOLIS	United Nations Informal Consultative Process on Oceans and Law of the Sea
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