

## Schedule of International Meetings and Events 2009-2010

**January 1, 2009**

Dates	Location	Activity*
(A key to acronyms is included at the end of the table.)		
<b>2009</b>		
JAN 12-16	Vancouver, BC, Canada	PSC Post-Season Meeting
JAN 13-16	Vancouver, BC, Canada	IPHC Annual Meeting
JAN 19-20	Tromsø, Norway	CAFF CBMP Marine Expert Monitoring Group Workshop
JAN 21-23	Tromsø, Norway	Arctic Frontiers - Arctic Marine Ecosystems in an Era of Rapid Climate Change
JAN 25-30	Nice, France	ASLO Aquatic Sciences Meeting
JAN 26-30	Rome, Italy	Technical Consultation to Draft a Legally-Binding Instrument on Port State Measures to Prevent, Deter and Eliminate Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated Fishing (resumed session)
FEB 2-5	Vancouver, BC, Canada	State of the Salmon 2009 Conference: Bringing the Future into Focus ( <a href="http://www.stateofthesalmon.org">www.stateofthesalmon.org</a> )
FEB 3-11	Dakar, Senegal	Joint U.S.-Senegal Observer Training
FEB 9-13	Portland, OR	24 <sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the PSC
FEB 10-11	Copenhagen, Denmark	Senior Arctic Officials Meeting (Arctic Council)
FEB 16-20	Busan, Korea	6 <sup>th</sup> Inter-governmental Meeting on Establishment of New Mechanism for Management of High Seas Bottom Fisheries in the North Western Pacific Ocean
FEB 17-19	Brisbane, Australia	29 <sup>th</sup> Symposium on Sea Turtle Biology and Conservation ( <a href="http://www.turtlesbrisbane2009.org/">http://www.turtlesbrisbane2009.org/</a> )
FEB 23-25	Fukuoka, Japan	2009 NPAFC EECM
MAR 2-6	Rome, Italy	28 <sup>th</sup> Session of FAO COFI
MAR 4-6	Honduras	Inter-American Convention for the Conservation and Protection of Sea Turtles
MAR 9-11	Rome, Italy	IWC Intersessional
MAR 9-12	Madrid, Spain	2009 Meeting of the ICCAT Working Group on Stock Assessment Methods
MAR 16-19	New York, NY	8 <sup>th</sup> Round of Informal Consultations of States Parties to the United Nations Fish Stocks Agreement
MAR 23-27	Tunis, Tunisia	GFCM 33rd Session and Committee on Compliance - 3rd Session
MAR 23-28	Bergen, Norway	Arctic Science Summit Week ( <a href="http://www.imr.no/assw2009/start">http://www.imr.no/assw2009/start</a> )
MAR 24-27	TBD	ICCAT Compliance Committee Intersessional Meeting

MAR 29- APR 3	Maui, HI	International Conference on Marine Mammal Protected Areas
MAR 30- APR 3	Bali, Indonesia	13th Session of the IOTC
APR 6-17	Baltimore, MD	ATCM XXXII Meeting and CEP XII Meeting ( <a href="http://www.ats.aq">www.ats.aq</a> )
APR 20-24	Geneva, Switzerland	24 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the CITES Animals Committee
APR 21-23 (T)	Yuzhno-Sakhalinsk, Russia	2009 NPAFC RPCM
APR 26-27	Tromsø, Norway	Senior Arctic Officials Meeting (Arctic Council)
APR 28-29	Tromsø, Norway	Arctic Council Ministerial Meeting
APR TBD	Bergen, Norway	ACAP 3 <sup>rd</sup> Meeting of the Parties
MAY 11	La Jolla, CA	IATTC Technical Meeting on Seabirds
MAY 11-15	Miami, FL	Trilateral Committee for Wildlife and Ecosystem Conservation
MAY 11-15	Manado, Indonesia	World Ocean Conference
MAY 12-15	La Jolla, CA	IATTC 10 <sup>th</sup> Stock Assessment Review Meeting
MAY 18-21	Lake Arrowhead, CA	60 <sup>th</sup> International Tuna Conference ( <a href="http://www.tunaconference.org/">http://www.tunaconference.org/</a> )
MAY 18-22	Lima, Peru	7 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Parties to Develop a South Pacific RFMO
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
MAY 28-28	Vancouver, BC, Canada	APEC Fisheries Working Group Workshop: Implementing an Ecosystem Approach to Fisheries in the Context of Broader Marine Ecosystem-based Management
JUNE 1-3	Vancouver, BC, Canada	20 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the APEC Fisheries Working Group
JUNE 1-5	Brazil TBD	ICCAT 2009 Sailfish Stock Assessment Session
JUNE 1-12	TBD	Annual AIDCP and IATTC Meetings
JUNE 4	Vancouver, BC, Canada	APEC 8 <sup>th</sup> Fisheries Working Group - Marine Resource Conservation Working Group Joint Session
JUNE 4-18	Dartmouth, NS, Canada	NAFO Scientific Council Meeting
JUNE 8-12	Brazil TBD	ICCAT Intersessional Meeting of the Sub-committee on Ecosystems
JUNE 17-19	New York, NY	United Nations Open-ended Informal Consultative Process on Oceans and the Law of the Sea (10 <sup>th</sup> Meeting)
JUNE 22-26	New York, NY	Meeting of States Parties to the 1982 UN Convention on the Law of the Sea (19 <sup>th</sup> Meeting)

JUNE 22-26	Madeira, Portugal	61 <sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting of the IWC ( <a href="http://www.iwcoffice.org/meetings/meeting2009.htm">http://www.iwcoffice.org/meetings/meeting2009.htm</a> )
JUNE 29-JULY 3	Madrid, Spain	Joint ICES-ICCAT Porbeagle Shark Assessment Session
JULY 6-10	Geneva, Switzerland	58th Meeting of the CITES Standing Committee
JULY 6-10	Bergen, Norway	CCAMLR SCIC Compliance Evaluation Workshop
JULY 6-17	Bergen, Norway	CCAMLR Working Group on Ecosystem Monitoring and Management
JULY 13-18	Madrid, Spain	2009 ICCAT Atlantic Albacore Stock Assessment Session
JULY 20-24	Portland, Maine	6th International Fisheries Observer and Monitoring Conference ( <a href="http://ifomc.com/">http://ifomc.com/</a> )
AUG 3-7	La Jolla, CA	CCAMLR Vulnerable Marine Ecosystems Workshop
AUG 10-21	Port Vila, Vanuatu	WCPFC Scientific Committee 5 <sup>th</sup> Regular Session
AUG 31-SEPT 4	New York, NY	UN Ad hoc Working Group of the Whole to Recommend a Course of Action Towards the Establishment of a Regular Process for Global Reporting and Assessment of the State of the Marine Environment, Including Socio-economic Aspects
SEPT 1-5	Madrid, Spain	2009 ICCAT Atlantic Swordfish Stock Assessment Session
SEPT 5-18	New York, NY	64 <sup>th</sup> Session of UNGA: Sustainable Fisheries, Including Through the 1995 Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 Relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks, and Related Instruments
SEPT 21-25	Bergen, Norway	NAFO 31 <sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting
SEPT 28-OCT 2	Madrid, Spain	ICCAT Species Group Meetings
SEPT TBD	Japan TBD	14 <sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the Convention on the Conservation and Management of the Pollock Resources in the Central Bering Sea
SEPT TBD	Portland, OR (T)	20 <sup>th</sup> U.S.-Russia ICC Meeting
OCT 1-6	Pohnpei, FSM	WCPFC Technical and Compliance Committee 5 <sup>th</sup> Regular Session
OCT 5-9	Madrid, Spain	2009 Meeting of the ICCAT SCRS
OCT 12-16	Hobart, Australia	CCAMLR Working Group on Incidental Mortality Associated with Fishing
OCT 12-23	Hobart, Australia	CCAMLR Working Group on Fish Stock Assessment
OCT 20-22	Sitka, Alaska	PSC Executive Session
OCT 20-23	Jeju Island, Korea	CCSBT 16th Annual Meeting

OCT 21-29	Dartmouth, NS, Canada	NAFO Scientific Council Meeting
OCT 26-NOV 6	Hobart, Australia	CCAMLR XXVIII Annual Meeting (Commission) and CAMLR XXVIII Meeting of the Scientific Committee
NOV 2-6	Niigata, Japan	NPAFC 17 <sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting
NOV 3-6	Warnemünde, Germany	Symposium on Rebuilding Depleted Fish Stocks - Biology, Ecology, Social Science and Management Strategies
NOV 6-20, 23	New York, NY	64 <sup>th</sup> Session of UNGA: Sustainable Fisheries, Including Through the 1995 Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 Relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks, and Related Instruments
NOV 11-12	Singapore	21st APEC Ministerial Meeting
NOV 14-15	Recife, Brazil	ICCAT Compliance Committee Meeting
NOV 16-22	Recife, Brazil	ICCAT 21 <sup>st</sup> Regular Meeting
NOV 23-26	Manila, Philippines	The East Asian Seas Congress 2009 - International Conference on Sustainable Coastal and Ocean Development ( <a href="http://www.pemsea.org/eascongress">http://www.pemsea.org/eascongress</a> )
DEC 7-11	Papeete, Tahiti	6 <sup>th</sup> Regular Session of the WCPFC
<b>2010</b>		
JAN 11-15	Vancouver, B.C., Canada	PSC Post-Season Meeting
JAN 16-28	Doha, Qatar	15 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to CITES
FEB 8-12	Portland, OR	PSC 25 <sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting
JUNE TBD	TBD	NASCO Annual Meeting
OCT 18-19	Nagoya, Japan	10 <sup>th</sup> Conference of the Parties to the CBD (COP10)
OCT 19-21	British Columbia TBD	PSC Executive Session
TD	Doha, Qatar	15 <sup>th</sup> Conference of the Parties to CITES ( <a href="http://www.cites.org">http://www.cites.org</a> )

\* 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)
EECM	Enforcement Evaluation and Coordination Group Meeting (NPAFC)
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
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
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
UNGA	United Nations General Assembly
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