

Schedule of International Meetings and Events 2009-2010

April 1, 2009

Dates	Location	Activity* (A key to acronyms is included at the end of the table.)
2009		
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 5-7	Silver Spring, MD	U.S. ICCAT Advisory Committee Species Working Group Meeting
APR 6-17	Baltimore, MD	ATCM XXXII Meeting and CEP XII Meeting (www.ats.aq)
APR 20-22	Matzatlan, Mexico	US-Mexico Fisheries Bilateral, MEXUS-Pacifico Scientific Meetings, and MEXUS-Gulfo Scientific Meetings
APR 20-24	Geneva, Switzerland	24 th Meeting of the CITES Animals Committee
APR 20-25	Madrid, Spain	ICCAT SCRS Tropical Species Group Meeting
APR 21-23	Yuzhno-Sakhalinsk, Russia	2009 NPAFC RPCM
APR 22-23	The Hague, Netherlands	Round Table on Ecolabelling and Certification in the Fisheries Sector (Co-organized by FAO, OECD, and the Government of The Netherlands)
APR 23-24	Honduras	Inter-American Convention for the Conservation and Protection of Sea Turtles
APR 26-27	Tromsø, Norway	Senior Arctic Officials Meeting (Arctic Council)
APR 28-29	Tromsø, Norway	Arctic Council Ministerial Meeting
APR 27- MAY 1	Bergen, Norway	3 rd Session of the Meeting of the Parties to ACAP
MAY 4-8	Rome, Italy	3 rd Session of the Technical Consultation to Draft a Legally-Binding Instrument on Port State Measures to Prevent, Deter and Eliminate Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated Fishing
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 (http://www.woc2009.org/)
MAY 11-15	Gland, Switzerland	40 th Meeting of the RAMSAR Standing Committee (http://www.ramsar.org/meetings.htm)

MAY 12-14	San Salvador, El Salvador	OSPESCA-NOAA IUU Fishing MCS Workshop
MAY 12-15	La Jolla, CA	IATTC 10 th Stock Assessment Review Meeting
MAY 13-14	Victoria, BC, Canada	U.S.-Canada Albacore Tuna Meeting
MAY 15	Gloucester, MA	Meeting of the U.S. Section to NASCO
MAY 18	La Jolla, CA	IATTC GAC Meeting
MAY 18-21	Lake Arrowhead, CA	60 th International Tuna Conference (http://www.tunaconference.org/)
MAY 18-22	Lima, Peru	7 th Meeting of the Parties to Develop a South Pacific RFMO (http://www.southpacificrfmo.org/)
MAY 18-22	Tangier, Morocco	ICCAT Scientific Training Workshop
MAY 20-24	Washington, D.C.	1 st International Marine Conservation Congress (www.conbio.org/IMCC)
MAY 25-29	Paris, France	3 rd Global Ecosystem Dynamics Open Science Meeting
MAY 28-29	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 th Meeting of the APEC Fisheries Working Group
JUNE 1-3	Vancouver, BC, Canada	22 nd Meeting of the APEC Marine Resource Conservation Working Group
JUNE 1-5	Recife, Brazil	ICCAT 2009 Sailfish Stock Assessment Session
JUNE 2-5	Molde, Norway	NASCO 26 th Annual Meeting
JUNE 4	Vancouver, BC, Canada	APEC 8 th Fisheries Working Group - Marine Resource Conservation Working Group Joint Session
JUNE 4-12	La Jolla, CA	21 st Meeting of the Parties to the AIDCP and 80 th Meeting of the IATTC (www.iattc.org)
JUNE 4-18	Dartmouth, NS, Canada	NAFO Scientific Council Meeting
JUNE 8	Rotterdam, The Netherlands	World Ocean Day
JUNE 8-12	Recife, Brazil	ICCAT Intersessional Meeting of the Subcommittee on Ecosystems
JUNE 16-17	Belfast, UK	Sustainable Ocean Summit 2009--Reducing Risk, Increasing Sustainability: Solutions Through Collaboration (www.oceancouncil.org)
JUNE 17-19	New York, NY	United Nations Open-ended Informal Consultative Process on Oceans and the Law of the Sea (10 th Meeting)
JUNE 22-26	New York, NY	Meeting of States Parties to the 1982 UN Convention on the Law of the Sea (19 th Meeting)
JUNE 22-26	Madeira, Portugal	61 st Annual Meeting of the IWC (http://www.iwcoffice.org/meetings/meeting2009.htm)

JUNE 22-27	Copenhagen, Denmark	Joint ICES-ICCAT Porbeagle Shark Assessment Session
JUNE 29-JULY 3	San Sebastian, Spain	Second Joint Meeting of the Tuna RFMOs (http://www.tuna-org.org/)
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 SCRS Atlantic Albacore Stock Assessment Session
JULY 20-24	Portland, Maine	6th International Fisheries Observer and Monitoring Conference (http://ifomc.com/)
AUG 3-7	La Jolla, CA	CCAMLR Vulnerable Marine Ecosystems Workshop
AUG 10-21	Port Vila, Vanuatu	5 th Regular Session of the WCPFC Scientific Committee
AUG 31-SEPT 3	Sapporo, Japan	Future of ICCAT Working Group Meeting
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
AUG 31 - SEPT 4 (T)	Portland, OR (T)	14 th Annual Conference of the Convention on the Conservation and Management of the Pollock Resources in the Central Bering Sea
SEPT 5-18	New York, NY	64 th 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 7-11	Madrid, Spain	ICCAT SCRS Atlantic Swordfish Stock Assessment Session
SEPT 15-17	Tokyo, Japan	5 th Regular Session of the WCPFC Northern Committee
SEPT 17-18	Silver Spring, MD	U.S. ICCAT Advisory Committee Meeting
SEPT 21-25	Bergen, Norway	NAFO 31 st Annual Meeting
SEPT 28-OCT 2	Madrid, Spain	ICCAT SCRS Species Group Meetings
SEPT TBD	Portland, OR (T)	20 th U.S.-Russia ICC Meeting
OCT 1-6	Pohnpei, FSM	5 th Regular Session of the WCPFC Technical and Compliance Committee

OCT 5-8	Windhoek, Namibia	6 th Annual Meeting of SEAFO (http://www.seafo.org)
OCT 5-9	Madrid, Spain	ICCAT SCRS Plenary Meeting
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 15-16	Silver Spring, MD	Final 2009 ICCAT Advisory Committee Meeting
OCT 20-22	Sitka, Alaska	PSC Executive Session
OCT 20-23	Jeju Island, Korea	CCSBT 16th Annual Meeting (http://www.ccsbt.org)
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 th Annual Meeting
NOV 3-6	Warnemünde, Germany	Symposium on Rebuilding Depleted Fish Stocks - Biology, Ecology, Social Science and Management Strategies
NOV 6	Racife, Brazil	ICCAT Sport and Recreational Fisheries Working Group Meeting
NOV 6-20, 23	New York, NY	64 th 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 7-8	Recife, Brazil	ICCAT Compliance Committee Meeting
NOV 9-13	London, England	NEAFC Annual Meeting
NOV 9-15	Recife, Brazil	ICCAT 21 st Regular Meeting
NOV 11-12	Singapore	21st APEC Ministerial Meeting
NOV 23-27	Manila, Philippines	The East Asian Seas Congress 2009 - International Conference on Sustainable Coastal and Ocean Development (http://www.pemsea.org/eascongress)
DEC 7-11	Papeete, Tahiti	6 th Regular Session of the WCPFC (http://www.wcpfc.int)
2010		
JAN 11-15	Vancouver, B.C., Canada	PSC Post-Season Meeting
JAN 16-28	Doha, Qatar	15 th Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to CITES
FEB 8-12	Portland, OR	PSC 25 th Annual Meeting
MAR 15- 29 (T)	New York, NY	9 th Round of Informal Consultations for States Parties to the UN Fish Stocks Agreement
APR 26-30	Buenos Aires, Argentina	COFI Sub-Committee on Fish Trade - 12th Session

MAY 24-28 (T)	New York, NY	UNFSA Review Conference
JUNE 9-12	Bangkok, Thailand	Global Conference on Aquaculture (Co-organized by FAO)
JUNE 14-18	Bangkok, Thailand	COFI Sub-Committee on Aquaculture - 5 th Session
JUNE TBD	TBD	NASCO Annual Meeting
SEPT 6-10	Maputo, Mozambique	3rd Global Fisheries Enforcement Training Workshop
OCT 18-19	Nagoya, Japan	10 th Conference of the Parties to the CBD (COP10)
OCT 19-21	British Columbia TBD	PSC Executive Session
TD	Doha, Qatar	15 th Conference of the Parties to CITES (http://www.cites.org)

* 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)
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
NOAA	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
NPAFC	North Pacific Anadromous Fish 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
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