

## Schedule of International Meetings and Events 2007-2008

February 1, 2007

Dates	Location	Activity*
<b>2007</b>		
JAN 31-FEB 1	Vancouver, B.C., Canada	MCS Network Meeting
FEB 5-6	La Jolla, CA	IATTC Meeting to Consider Management Options for Bigeye and Yellowfin Tuna
FEB 7-8	La Jolla, CA	8 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the IATTC Working Group on Finance
FEB 9-10	La Jolla, CA	6 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the IATTC Bycatch Working Group
FEB 12-13	San Salvador, El Salvador	CAFTA-DR TED Conference/Workshop
FEB 12-15	Gland, Switzerland	35 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the RAMSAR Standing Committee
FEB 12-16	Portland, OR	PSC 22 <sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting
FEB 19-23	Madrid, Spain	ICCAT Intersessional Meeting of the Subcommittee on Ecosystems
FEB 24-28	Myrtle Beach, SC	27 <sup>th</sup> International Symposium on Sea Turtle Biology and Conservation
FEB 26-MAR 2	Rome, Italy	4 <sup>th</sup> Session of the Fishery Resources Monitoring System
FEB 26-MAR 2	Rome, Italy	22 <sup>nd</sup> Session of the FAO Coordinating Working Party on Fishery Statistics
FEB 27-MAR 1	Busan, Republic of Korea	NPAFC Enforcement Evaluation and Coordination Meeting
FEB 27-MAR 1	Seattle, WA	AMAP/IASC/CLIC Arctic Carbon Cycle Meeting
FEB 28-MAR 3	Stockholm, Sweden	13 <sup>th</sup> Annual Circumpolar Seabird Group Meeting (CAFF)
MAR 4-6	Valencia, Spain	Workshop to Develop Monitoring Plans for Arctic Marine Mammals (U.S. Marine Mammal Commission at L' Oceanografic)
MAR 5-9	Rome, Italy	FAO COFI 27 <sup>th</sup> Session
MAR 6-7	Copenhagen, Denmark	PAME Working Group Meeting
MAR 12-13	Rome, Italy	FAO Meeting of the Regional Fishery Bodies Secretariat's Network
MAR 12-14	Hanover, NH	21 <sup>st</sup> Meeting of the Arctic Council's AMAP
MAR 13-18	Hanover, NH	Arctic Science Summit Week

MAR 14-16	Port Vila, Vanuatu	U.S. -SPTT Formal Consultations
MAR 19-23	Madrid, Spain	2007 Meeting of the ICCAT Working Group on Stock Assessment Methods
MAR 26-28	Rome, Italy	GFCM Workshop on Trawl Survey Data Based Fishery Monitoring System in the Mediterranean
MAR 26-30	Rome, Italy	FAO Ad Hoc Expert Advisory Panel for Assessment of Proposals to CITES
MAR (TBD)	Nicaragua (TBD)	CAFTA-DR TED Conference/Workshop
APR 2-3	Silver Spring, MD	ICCAT Advisory Committee Spring Species Working Group meeting
APR 2-4	Barcelona, Spain	GFCM Transversal Workshop on Selectivity in the Mediterranean Trawl Fisheries
APR 2-4	Merida, Mexico	4 <sup>th</sup> Session of the WECAFC Scientific Advisory Group
APR 11-16	Recife, Brazil	ICCAT Tropical Species Group Meeting (Skipjack and Yellowfin Tuna Indicators)
APR 16-17	Paris, France	OECD COFI Workshop on Globalization
APR 18-20	Paris, France	OECD COFI 99 <sup>th</sup> Session
APR 19-20	Montreal, Canada	Special Meeting of the NAFO General Council
APR 22-24	Ikebukuro, Japan	ICRI General Meeting
APR 23-27	Gold Coast, Australia	18 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the APEC Fisheries Working Group Meeting and 20 <sup>th</sup> meeting of the APEC Marine Resources Conservation Working Group
APR 25-26	New York, NY	UNFSA Informal Consultations of States Parties
APR 25-27	Honolulu, HI	NPAFC Research Planning and Coordinating Meeting
APR 30-May 2	Cambridge, UK	Meeting of the CCAMLR Scientific Committee's Subgroup on Acoustic Survey and Analysis Methods and Planning Meeting
APR 30-MAY 4	(TBD) Chile	South Pacific Regional Fisheries Management Agreement Negotiations
APR 30-May 11	New York, NY	15 <sup>th</sup> Session of the UN Commission on Sustainable Development
APR (TBD)	Honduras (TBD)	CAFTA-DR TED Conference/Workshop
APR (TBD)	TBA, Canada	US-Canada Albacore Treaty
MAY 1-JUN 1 (T)	New York, NY	UNICPOLIS 8
MAY 2-4	Cambridge, UK	Meeting of the Steering Committee for CCAMLR International Polar Year Projects
MAY 7-31	Anchorage, AK	59 <sup>th</sup> IWC Annual Meeting
MAY 8-9	Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada	U.S. -Canada Marine Turtle Meeting

May 14-16	Geneva, Switzerland	IUCN 67 <sup>th</sup> Council Meeting
MAY 14-18	La Jolla, CA	8 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the IATTC Working Group on Stock Assessment
MAY 15-17	Quebec City, Canada	Canada/Mexico/U.S. CEC Trilateral Committee Meeting
MAY 15-18	Victoria, B.C., Canada	5 <sup>th</sup> International Fisheries Observer Conference
MAY 21-24	Lake Arrowhead, CA	The 58 <sup>th</sup> International Tuna Conference
MAY 21-24	Cambridge, MA	5 <sup>th</sup> International Conference on "Marine Bioinvasions" (co-sponsored by ICES, PICES, the U.S. National Sea Grant College Program, and NOAA)
MAY 28-JUN 1	Hiroshima, Japan	4 <sup>th</sup> International Zooplankton Production Symposium on "Human and climate forcing of zooplankton populations" (co-sponsored by ICES, PICES and GLOBEC)
MAY 29-31	Qingdao, China	FAO Global Trade Conference on Aquaculture (Co-organized with FISHINFO Network)
MAY (TBD)	Madrid, Spain	ICCAT Eastern Bluefin Tuna Rebuilding Workshop
MAY (TBD)	Cost Rica (TBD)	CAFTA-DR TED Conference/Workshop
MAY (TBD)	Mexico (TBD)	CEC Annual Meeting
MAY (TBD)	New York, NY	UNFSA Informal Consultations of States Parties
JUN 3-15	The Hague, Netherlands	CITES 14 <sup>th</sup> COP
JUN 4-8	Bar Harbor, ME	NASCO 24 <sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting
JUN 5-12	Madrid, Spain	ICCAT Bigeye Tuna Stock Assessment Meeting
JUN 7-21	Halifax, Nova Scotia	NAFO Scientific Council Meeting
JUN 12-14	Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam	INFOFISH International Conference on Catfish
JUN 18-29	Mexico (TBD)	Annual Meetings of the IATTC and AIDCP
JUN 25-26	Punta del Este, Uruguay	ICCAT Data Preparatory Meeting for Sharks
JUN 26-29	Baltimore, MD	PICES/ICES Conference for Early Career Scientists: New Frontiers in Marine Science
JUL 2-6	Paris, France	12 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the SBSTTA (CBD)
JUL 5-12	Madrid, Spain	ICCAT Stock Assessment Meeting for Atlantic Albacore
JUL 9-13	Christchurch, New Zealand	Meeting of CCAMLR Scientific Committee Subgroup on Stock Assessment Methods
JUL 16-18	United States (TBD)	Meeting of the ICCAT Working Group on Capacity

JUL 16-17	Christchurch, New Zealand	Meeting of CCAMLR's Scientific Committee Working Group on Ecosystem Monitoring and Management
JUL 19-21	United States (TBD)	Meeting of the ICCAT Working Group on Integrated Monitoring Measures
JUL (TBD)	Christchurch, New Zealand	Joint Workshop of CCAMLR's Scientific Committee Working Groups on Ecosystem Monitoring and Management and Fish Stock Assessment
JUL (TBD)	St. Vincent and the Grenadines	Caribbean Regional Fisheries Mechanism Assessment Meeting
JUL (TBD)	Ottawa, Canada	U.S.-Canada Bilateral Fisheries Consultations
AUG 13-24	Pohnpei, Federated States of Micronesia	3 <sup>rd</sup> Regular Session of the WCPFC Scientific Committee
AUG 13-17	Brussels, Belgium	CCAMLR Bioregionalization Workshop
AUG – SEP (TBD)	Murmansk, Russia	Meeting of the Arctic Council's PAME Working Group
SEP 3-5	Tromso, Norway	5 <sup>th</sup> International Conference on Arctic Margins
SEP 3-7	Madrid, Spain	ICCAT Stock Assessment Meeting for Mediterranean Swordfish
SEP 4-7	Beijing, PRC	12 <sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the Parties to the Convention on the Conservation and Management of the Pollock Resources in the Central Bering Sea
SEP 5-6	Sydney, Australia	19 <sup>th</sup> APEC Ministerial Meeting
SEP 11-13	Tokyo, Japan	3 <sup>rd</sup> Regular Session of the WCPFC Northern Committee
SEP 11-13	Qingdao, China	2 <sup>nd</sup> Global Conference on Large Marine Ecosystems
SEP 17-21	Helsinki, Finland	ICES 2007 Annual Science Conference
SEP 24-28	Lisbon, Portugal	29 <sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of NAFO
SEP 24-28	Madrid, Spain	ICCAT Species Group Meetings
SEP 25-28	Murcia, Spain	European Symposium on MPAs as a Tool for Fisheries Management and Ecosystem Conservation
SEP 27-OCT 2	Pohnpei, Federated States of Micronesia	3 <sup>rd</sup> Regular Session of the WCPFC Technical and Compliance Committee
SEP (TBD)	Guatemala (TBD)	CAFTA-DR TED Conference/Workshop
SEP (TBD)	TBD	CEC Biodiversity Conservation Working Group Annual Meeting
OCT 1-3	Lisbon, Portugal	NAFO/PICES International Symposium on "Reproductive and recruitment processes in exploited marine fish stocks"
OCT 1-5	Madrid, Spain	Meeting of the ICCAT SCRS
OCT 8-11	Donostia-San Sebastian, Spain	2 <sup>nd</sup> International Symposium on Tagging and Tracking Marine Fish with Electronic Devices
OCT 8-12	Hobart, Tasmania	Meeting of CCAMLR Working Group on Fish Stock Assessment

OCT 8-12	Hobart, Tasmania	Meeting of the CCAMLR Scientific Committee Ad-hoc Working Group on Incidental Mortality Associated with Fishing
OCT 8-12	Vladivostok, Russia	15 <sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the NPAFC
OCT 16-18	Coeur d'Alene, ID	PSC Executive Meeting
OCT 16-19	Rome, Italy	FAO Technical Consultation: Development of International Guidelines on the Ecolabelling of Fish and Fishery Products from Inland and Marine Fisheries
OCT 16-19	Canberra, Australia	14 <sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the CCSBT
OCT 22-26	Cyprus (TBD)	10 <sup>th</sup> Session of the GFCM Scientific Advisory Committee
OCT 22-26	Hobart, Tasmania	26 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the CCAMLR Scientific Committee
OCT 22-NOV 2	Hobart, Tasmania	26 <sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of CCAMLR
OCT 26- NOV 4	Victoria, B.C., Canada	PICES 16 <sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting on "The Changing North Pacific: Previous Patterns, Future Projections, and Ecosystem Impacts"
OCT (TBD)	Silver Spring, MD	ICCAT Advisory Committee meeting
OCT (TBD)	TBD	13th Session of WECAFC
OCT (TBD)	Rome, Italy	FAO Conference on Reduction of Environmental Impact of Shrimp Fisheries
NOV 9-10	Istanbul, Turkey	Meeting of the ICCAT Compliance Committee
NOV 12-18	Istanbul, Turkey	ICCAT 20 <sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting of the Commission
NOV 19-21	Geneva, Switzerland	68 <sup>th</sup> IUCN Council Meeting
NOV (TBD)	UK (TBD)	ICES Symposium on "Marine Environmental Indicators: Utility in Meeting Regulatory Needs"
DEC 3-7	Pohnpei, Federated States of Micronesia	4 <sup>th</sup> WCPFC Annual Meeting
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JAN 14-18	Portland, OR	PSC Post-Season Meeting
FEB 11-15	Vancouver, B.C., Canada	PSC 23 <sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting
FEB 18-22	Rome, Italy	13 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the SBSTTA (CBD)
APR (TBD)	Hobart, Tasmania	CCAMLR-IWC Workshop
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
JUL 7-11	Ft. Lauderdale, FL	11 <sup>th</sup> International Coral Reef Symposium

OCT 20-24	Yokohama, Japan	5 <sup>th</sup> World Fisheries Congress
OCT 21-23	TBD	PSC Executive Session
OCT 23-NOV 2	Dalian, China	PICES Seventeenth Annual Meeting
OCT 28-NOV 4	Changwon, Republic of Korea	10 <sup>th</sup> Conference of the Parties to the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands

\* 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)
CITES	Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Flora and Fauna
CMS	Convention on Migratory Species
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)
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
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
SPAW	Protocol Concerning Specially Protected Areas and Wildlife in the Wider Caribbean (Cartegena Convention)
SPC	Secretariat of the Pacific Community
SPTT	South Pacific Tuna Treaty
STACTIC	Standing Committee on International Control (NAFO)
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