

Schedule of International Meetings and Events 2013-2014

January 1, 2013

Dates	Location	Activity*
(A key to Acronyms is included at the end of the table.)		
2013		
JAN 14-18	Vancouver, BC, Canada	PSC Post-Season Meeting
JAN 21-25	Victoria, BC, Canada	89 th Annual Meeting of the IPhC
JAN 21-25	Madrid, Spain	ICCAT Training Course on Stock Synthesis Model
JAN 28-FEB 21	Auckland, New Zealand	1 st Commission Meeting of the SPRFMO
FEB 4-8	Rome, Italy	2 nd Resumed Session of the FAO Technical Consultation on Flag State Performance
FEB 4-8	Senegal	CBD Sustainable Ocean Initiative Capacity-Building Workshop for West Africa
FEB 11-15	Portland, OR	28 th PSC Annual Meeting
FEB 12-14	La Jolla, CA	IATTC 4 th Technical Meeting on Sharks
FEB 12-14	London, UK	Intersessional meeting of the NASCO Parties
FEB 15-18	Portland, OR	PSC 28 th Annual Meeting
FEB 18-21	Cairo, Egypt	GFCM Scientific Advisory Committee 15 th Session
FEB 18-21	Seville, Spain	Intersessional Meeting of the ICCAT Compliance Committee/Panel 2
FEB 21-25	Nashville, TN	World Aquaculture Society: Aquaculture 2013
MARCH 2	Bangkok, Thailand	63 rd Meeting of the CITES Standing Committee
MARCH 3-14	Bangkok, Thailand	16 th Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to CITES
MARCH 11-15	Madrid, Spain	Meeting of the ICCAT Working Group on Stock Assessment Methods
MARCH 14	Bangkok, Thailand	64 th Meeting of the CITES Standing Committee
MARCH 18-21	Tenerife, Spain	ICCAT Tropical Tuna Species Group Intersessional Meeting
MARCH 26-27	Vancouver, BC, Canada	2013 NPAFC EECM
MARCH 26-29	Anchorage, AK	Responses of Arctic Marine Ecosystems to Climate Change (www.alaska.seagrant.org/wakefield2013)
APRIL 4-5	Silver Spring, MD	U.S. ICCAT Advisory Committee's Species Working Group Meeting
APRIL 8-12	Cape Verde TBD	ICCAT Shark Species Group Intersessional Meeting

April 22-24	Washington, D.C.	2 nd World Ocean Council "Sustainable Ocean Summit"
APRIL 22-25	Paris, France	111 th Session of the OECD Committee for Fisheries
APRIL 23-24	Honolulu, HI	2013 NPAFC Research Planning and Coordinating Meeting
APRIL 23-25	Dartmouth, Nova Scotia, Canada	NAFO VME Working Group Meeting
APRIL 25-26	Honolulu, HI	NPAFC 3 rd International Workshop on Migration and Survival Mechanisms of Juvenile Salmon and Steelhead in Ocean Ecosystems
APRIL 28-30	Paris, France	11 th Session of the IOC Intergovernmental Panel on Harmful Algal Blooms
MAY 1-3	La Rochelle, France	ACAP Seabird Bycatch Working Group Meeting
MAY 2-4	Maputo, Mozambique	IOTC 10 th Session of the Compliance Committee
MAY 6-8	Bergen, Norway	International Conference on Arctic Ocean Acidification
MAY 6-10	La Rochelle, France	7 th Meeting of ACAP's Advisory Committee
MAY 6-10	Maputo, Mozambique	17 th Session of the IOTC
MAY 7-9	Maputo, Mozambique	IOTC 10 th Standing Committee on Administration and Finance Meeting
MAY 13-17	Split, Croatia	37 th Session of the GFCM
MAY 20-23	Lake Arrowhead, CA	64 th Tuna Conference (www.tunaconference.org)
MAY 20-24	Rome, Italy	FAO Technical Consultation on the Development of International Guidelines for Securing Sustainable Small-Scale Fisheries
MAY 24-25	Brisbane, Australia	Meeting of the IWC Whale Watching Working Group and Operator Workshop
JUNE 3-14	Korea TBD	2013 Annual (65th) Meeting of the IWC Scientific Committee
JUNE 4-7	Ireland TBD	NASCO 30 th Annual Meeting
JUNE 17-24	Sukarrieta, Spain	ICCAT Atlantic Albacore Stock Assessment Meeting
JUNE 24-27	Canada TBD	Meeting of the ICCAT Working Group of Fisheries Managers and Scientists in Support of the Western Bluefin Tuna Stock Assessment
JUNE 24-28	Bremerhaven, Germany	Meeting of the CCAMLR Working Group on Statistics, Assessments and Modeling
JUNE 26-28	Peru TBD	6 th Conference of the Parties to the IAC
JUNE 26 – JULY 9	Paris, France	27 th Session of the IOC Assembly
JULY 1-6	Madrid, Spain	ICCAT Intersessional Meeting of the Subcommittee on Ecosystems

JULY 1-10	Bremerhaven, Germany	Meeting of the CCAMLR Working Group on Ecosystem Monitoring and Management
JULY 8-10	Japan TBD	Meeting of the ICCAT Working Group on Integrated Monitoring Measures
July 11-13	Japan TBD	Meeting of the ICCAT Working Group on Convention Amendment
JULY 11-13	Bremerhaven, Germany	First Intersessional Meeting of the CCAMLR Scientific Committee
JULY 15-16	Bremerhaven, Germany	Second Special Meeting of CCAMLR
SEPT 2-10	Olhao, Portugal	ICCAT Atlantic Swordfish Stock Assessment Meeting
SEP 16-20	Majuro, Marshall Islands	44 th Pacific Islands Forum
SEP 23-27	Madrid, Spain	ICCAT SCRS Species Groups Meetings
SEP 23-27	Halifax, Canada	35 th Annual Meeting of NAFO
SEP 23-27	Reykjavik, Iceland	ICES Annual Science Meeting
SEP 30- OCT 4	Madrid, Spain	Meeting of the ICCAT Standing Committee on Research and Statistics
SEP TBD	St. Petersburg, Russia	FAO - COFI Sub-Committee on Aquaculture (7th Session)
SEP-OCT TBD	TBD	Meeting of the IWC Bureau
OCT 7-18	Hobart, Australia	Meeting of the CCAMLR Working Group on Fish Stock Assessment
OCT 11-20	Nanaimo, BC, Canada	PICES Annual Meeting: Communicating Forecasts, Uncertainty and Consequences of Ecosystem Change
OCT 14-17	Adelaide, Australia	20 th Annual Meeting of the CCSBT
OCT 14-18	Montreal, Quebec, Canada	CBD SBSTTA 17
OCT 21-25	Hobart, Australia	32 nd Meeting of the CCAMLR Scientific Committee
OCT 21-25	Marseille, France	3 rd International Marine Protected Area Congress
OCT 22-24	Ketchikan, AK	PSC Executive Meeting
OCT 23- NOV 1	Hobart, Australia	32 nd Meeting of CCAMLR
NOV 11-15	London, UK	NEAFC 32 nd Annual Meeting
NOV 16-26	Cape Town, South Africa	23 rd Regular Meeting of ICCAT
NOV 19-30	Busan, Korea	SEAFO 8 th Scientific Committee Meeting
NOV 21-30	Dartmouth, Nova Scotia, Canada	NAFO Scientific Council Working Group on Ecosystem Approach to Fisheries Management
NOV 28-29	Seattle, WA	IPHC Interim Meeting

NOV 28-30	Busan, Korea	SEAFO Extra Ordinary Compliance Committee Meeting
NOV TBD	Virtual Meeting	21 st Annual Meeting of the NPAFC
DEC 3-7	Busan, Korea	SEAFO 9 th Annual Meeting
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JAN 21-24	Seattle, WA	90 th Annual Meeting of the IPHC
MAY 12-16	Portland, OR	22 nd Annual Meeting of the NPAFC
JUNE (TBD)	Rome, Italy	31 st Session of the FAO COFI
SEPT-OCT	TBD	IWC Biennial Meeting (65 th)

* 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)
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
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
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
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
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

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
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