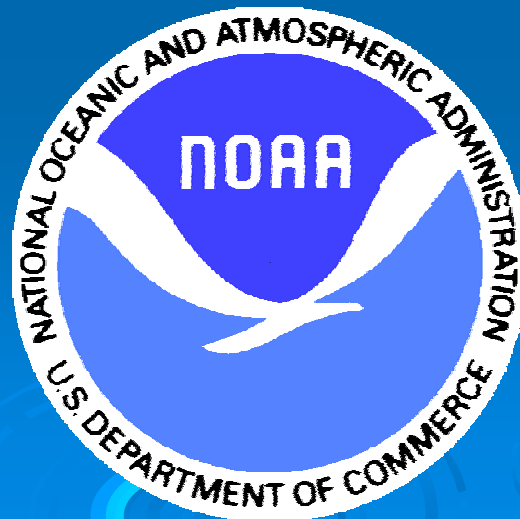


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International Responsibilities: *Mandated Work*

- **Magnuson-Stevens**
- **Marine Mammal Protection Act**
- **Implementing legislation for treaties and agreements:**
 - **Tuna Convention Acts, Dolphin Agreement, Albacore Treaty, South Pacific Tuna Treaty, and more**
- **Many MOUs with other governments and/or agencies**

F/IA Office Responsibilities



F/IA Staffing

- **14 policy staff**
- **3 support staff**
- **2 Sea Grant Fellows**
- **1 Presidential Management Fellow**
- **2 Unfunded FTEs**

Contemporary Challenges

Domestic Fisheries

- **Address overfishing, Rebuild stocks**
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International Fisheries

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IA Strategic Operational Plan

Part 1 – Policy Guidance

- **Based on Dept of Commerce, NOAA, and NOAA International Strategic Plans**
- **Structured per PPBES process**
- **Mission and Vision Statement**

IA Strategic Operational Plan

Part 2 – Organization-specific Strategic Plans

- **Specifics for RFMOs, meetings of UN and related bodies and organizations, and other major for a**

Part 3 – 2006-2007 Events Calendar

- **Key international conferences, meetings and other fora addressing NOAA Fisheries international issues**


IA Strategic Operational Plan

Part 4 – Schedule of 2006 Bilateral Meetings

Part 5 – Collaboration Table

- **Identifies NOAA Fisheries staff in HQ, Regions and Science Centers with lead or involvement in each international activity**

Overarching Priorities for 2006-2011

- **Science-based, ecosystem approach, accounting for all species, habitats, and human components of the ecosystem**
 - **Prevent, deter and control IUU fishing**
 - **Ensure U.S. access to marine resources as well as fair and equitable trade regimes**
 - **Capacity building in developing countries**
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Available on the web

<https://nurseshark.nmfs.noaa.gov/mafadocs/>

- **International Agreements for Living Marine Resources**
- **F/IA Strategic Operating Plan**
- **F/IA Staff Directory**
- **List of Acronyms**
- **This presentation**

MAFAC Input

- **Have we overlooked priorities?**
- **Suggested countries for partnerships**
- **Recognition of recreational fishing**
- **How should we prioritize our efforts?**

Thank you!

