NOAA Fisheries Service Office of International Affairs (F/IA)

Presentation to

Marine Fisheries Advisory Committee

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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

Rebecca Lent Director

Jean-Pierre Plé Deputy Director

International Fisheries Affairs Dean Swanson, Division Chief

- United Nations, FAO
- Asia Pacific Economic Conference
- Tuna Conventions
- Salmon Conventions
- Caribbean Convention
- CITES Trade in Endangered Species
- SPAW
- SPREP
- Bering Sea Fisheries (Donut Hole)
- International Bycatch Reduction TF
- IUU & High Seas TF
- Driftnets

Trade and Marine Stewardship Chris Rogers, Division Chief

- Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development
- World Trade Organizations
- Free Trade Agreements
- Asia Pacific Economic Conference
- International Whaling Commission
- North Atlantic Fisheries Organization
- Bilateral Agreements
- Convention on Biological Diversity
- High Seas Permits
- Sea Turtles

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
- Economic sustainability of fishing communities, incl. overcapacity
- Ecosystem approach to management and Stewardship
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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

Available on the web

https://nurseshark.nmfs.noaa.gov/mafacdocs/

- 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!