

NOAA Fisheries Office of International Affairs Strategic Operating Plan - 2006-2011

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This Strategic Operating Plan for NOAA Fisheries Office of International Affairs (NMFS F/IA) is an effort to improve organizational alignment, planning and coordination within NMFS F/IA, other NOAA Fisheries Line Offices, other offices within NOAA and with other interested agencies.

The Strategic Operating Plan consists of five parts:

- (1) Policy guidance and the resulting overarching priority areas;
- (2) Collaboration Table that identifies NMFS F/IA staff, other NMFS headquarter and regional staff, NOAA IA staff and staff from other agencies involved in specific marine conservation policy areas, and identifies lead responsibilities;
- (3) 2006-2007 Event Calendar;
- (4) Schedule of 2006 bilateral meetings; and
- (5) Organization-specific, NOAA Fisheries F/IA, Staff-Level Strategic Plan

These parts are explained below.

Part 1: Policy Guidance

This section provides a collection of relevant policy guidance from: *Department of Commerce Strategic Plan FY 2004 – FY 2009*; *NOAA Strategic Plan 2005-2010*; NOAA's International Affairs Council; the *National Marine Fisheries Service Strategic Plan for 2005-2010*; NOAA's PPBES process; and the Mission and Vision statements for NOAA Fisheries, Office of International Affairs as developed by its staff. Looked at individually and collectively, the following extracts and statements provide policy guidance for the kind of work NOAA Fisheries, and in particular, the Office of International Affairs, should undertake.

From the Department of Commerce Strategic Plan FY 2004 – FY 2009:

Strategic Goal 3: Observe, protect, and manage the Earth's resources to promote environmental stewardship.

“There is also a strong link between the economic necessity for environmental prediction and stewardship, and scientific necessity. Societal and economic decisions need to be strongly coupled with a comprehensive understanding of the environment. A major part of Commerce's mission is to ensure sustainable economic opportunities, and this requires managing the nation's marine and coastal resources, and predicting how changes in the

Earth's environment will affect those resources." (Department of Commerce Strategic Plan FY 2004 – FY 2009, p. 59)

From the NOAA Strategic Plan 2005-2010:

NOAA Vision: An informed society that uses a comprehensive understanding of the role of the oceans, coasts, and atmosphere in the global ecosystem to make the best social and economic decisions.

NOAA Mission: To understand and predict changes in the Earth's environment and conserve and manage coastal and marine resources to meet our Nation's economic, social, and environmental needs.

"A world with rapidly shifting political, cultural, and economic dynamics requires federal agencies involved in world affairs to cultivate fresh approaches and new services to maintain U.S. leadership. As the influence and use of Earth's oceans and atmosphere affect the economies and ecosystems of every nation, the domain of NOAA's activities naturally extends across national and continental boundaries. Whether leading worldwide collaboration in integrating global observations, guiding regional activities in managing marine and water resources, or simply collaborating in scientific endeavors, NOAA is a major player in international efforts to meet environmental and ecosystem challenges. Consequently, we recognize the value of our international partners, as we learn from their experiences and benefit by working together on common issues."
(NOAA Strategic Plan 2005-2010, p. 16)

From NOAA International Affairs Council - "Statement of International Goals":

NOAA INTERNATIONAL POLICY GOALS

Internationally, we support and promote policies and interests in ecosystem-based management, climate science, Earth observation, water management, and weather forecasting. Our strategy is to foster the active leadership of interagency and international environmental programs and policies, consistent with our agency's goals. We work to leverage multilateral and bilateral relationships to take full advantage of the development and use of research, observations, environmental science, and ecosystems management.

OVERARCHING GOALS FOR INTERNATIONAL ENGAGEMENT

- Improve free and open exchange of data between countries.
- Improve stewardship of natural resources through international cooperation.
- Promote decision-making based upon science and observational data.
- Increase partnership in research and science.
- Increase exchange of expertise and knowledge between countries.
- Increase creative application of NOAA expertise in diverse contexts.

- Meet U.S. Government responsibilities under legislative and international commitments.
- Prepare and respond to natural resource emergencies abroad in support of U.S. foreign policy and at the request of foreign governments.
- Foster cost-sharing opportunities with other nations to carry out global scale science and stewardship programs.
- Exercise leadership and advance U.S. Government interests through multilateral and bilateral engagement.

INTERNATIONAL GOALS ATTENDANT TO NOAA MISSION GOALS

Work with other U.S. Government agencies, foreign partners, and intergovernmental organizations in support of the following NOAA Mission Goals and Crosscutting Priorities.

Ecosystem Goal

- Promote ecosystem-based management in multilateral and bilateral fora.
- Promote Large Marine Ecosystem as regional unit in multilateral and bilateral fora.
- Promote partnerships under White Water to Blue Water in Wider Caribbean and other regions.
- Form new international partnerships to enhance corals management.
- Foster, within all RFMOs, sustainable fisheries harvests and compliance with RFMO fishery management measures.
- Support research and surveys of and work to protect deep-sea coral communities.
- Promote international conservation of all protected species.
- Support integrated oceans management and the reduction of land-based pollution and marine debris.
- Integrate trade considerations with living marine resource management.
- Utilize the principles reflected in the Law of the Sea Convention to promote NOAA Objectives.
- Support the U.S. Ocean Action Plan by expanding the international application of the Sea Grant model.

Mission Support

- Support activities that ensure continuous observation of critical environmental conditions.
- Support activities that provide secure, reliable, and robust information flows with our international partners.
- Assure legally sound approaches to meeting U.S. international obligations and asserting U.S. international rights.
- Develop and coordinate consistent objectives for NOAA's international engagements at the bilateral, regional and/or global levels.
- Facilitate timely coordinated U.S. Government policy and program guidance to NOAA leadership in preparation of international meetings and visits.

- Ensure, as appropriate, NOAA access to foreign data from ships, aircraft, satellites, and platforms.

From NOAA's Planning Programming, Budget and Execution System

In line with the President's Management Agenda, NOAA is working to establish goals that are results oriented, accountable and transparent. As part of this process, NOAA uses the Program Planning Budgeting and Execution System (PPBES) to coordinate its activities, track its progress and allocate funds to the projects that most directly relate to our stated mission and goals. NOAA Fisheries, Office of International Affairs works to support "Mission Goal 1", also known as the "Ecosystems Goal."

Mission Goal 1 (Ecosystems Goal): Protect, restore and manage the use of coastal and ocean resources through ecosystem management approaches.

From the NOAA Fisheries Service Strategic Plan 2005-2010

Vision: The American people enjoying the riches and benefits of healthy and diverse marine ecosystems.

Mission: Stewardship of living marine resources through science-based conservation and management and the promotion of healthy ecosystems.

"NOAA's National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) is responsible for stewardship of the Nation's living marine resources and their habitats within the United States Exclusive Economic Zone. We work to conserve, protect, and manage these resources to ensure their continuation as functioning components of ecosystems, while also affording economic opportunities and enhancing the quality of life for the American public."
(NMFS Strategic Plan 2005-2010, p. 3)

From NOAA Fisheries - Office of International Affairs:

Vision: All people benefiting from healthy and diverse marine ecosystems.

Mission: The stewardship of transboundary and other living marine resources and their ecosystems, through leadership and participation in domestic and international activities.

NOAA Fisheries Office of International Affairs works with a variety of partners within NOAA as well as other governmental agencies such as the Department of State, the Department of the Interior (Fish and Wildlife and Wildlife Service), the United States Trade Representative and the Department of Homeland Security (U.S. Coast Guard). With these other agencies and with our domestic and international partners, we seek to accomplish the following goals and objectives in support of our mission and vision.

- Promote Ecosystem-Based Fisheries Management
- Control Fishing Capacity
- Combat “IUU” Fishing
- Strengthen RFMOs
- Secure Equitable Access for U.S. Fishers to Shared Resources
- Increase Assistance to Developing States
- Food Security

To accomplish these goals F/IA undertakes a number of different activities. A sample of these activities is listed below.

How NOAA Fisheries F/IA Accomplishes Its Mission:

- Participates in Regional Fisheries Management Organizations
- Participates in multilateral and bilateral environmental agreements/foras
- Participates in Free Trade Negotiations
- Conducts workshops on marine living resources issues
- Builds partnerships to improve marine conservation

NOAA Fisheries F/IA and the PPBES:

The NOAA Fisheries F/IA is actively involved in the PPBES process and has selected the following performance measures to help us gauge the success of our strategic planning efforts.

PPBES Ecosystems Goal Team Performance Measures

Measure 1: Arrangements:

International/Regional arrangements to maintain or enhance conservation and management of shared fisheries resources such as Bilateral and multilateral agreements, treaties, conventions and international action plans.

Measure 2: Partnerships:

Partnerships with non-Federal entities, including foreign governments that implement and/or support international conservation and management of fisheries resources such as grants private sector committees, contracts, MOAs, consultations, GIFAs and permits.

Measure 3: Activities:

International education, outreach and information collection efforts that support rebuilding or sustainable management of shared fisheries resources and a safe and adequate supply of sea food in international trade such as printed and audio-visual materials, extension visits/presentations, capacity building, workshops and tradeshow.

Overarching Priority Areas for 2006-2011:

All actions of the office should be complimentary to the vision and mission and policy guidance provided by NOAA and NOAA Fisheries. Based on this collection of guidance, for the 2006-2011 period, the top cross-cutting priorities for NOAA Fisheries Office of International Affairs are as follows:

- Promote a science-based, ecosystem approach to management that accounts for all species and habitats as well as human components of the ecosystem¹
- Prevent, deter and control IUU fishing
- Ensure US access to marine resources as well as fair and equitable trade regimes
- Assist in capacity building in developing countries

These cross-cutting priorities are to be reviewed annually, and may be changed in the future. These priorities are used to develop organization-specific strategic plans, as explained in Part 2.

Part 2: Organization-specific Strategic Plans

This part allows for the development of F/IA staff-level organization-specific strategic plans, where the organizations to be considered include RFMOs, meetings of UN and related bodies and organizations and other major fora. Each organization-specific strategic plan will incorporate the four cross-cutting key objectives for 2006-2011 as noted in Part 1. For some organizations, one or more of the objectives may not be relevant. The plan also allows for organization-specific objectives. For each objective, the appropriate F/IA staff lead will assess the current situation for each objective on a Green, Yellow or Red scale based on criteria decided by the staff member, and will identify specific actions or steps the United States will take to make progress. Each plan also allows for consideration of leadership positions the United States should seek to acquire and whether the United States should seek to host a future international meeting. Finally, accompanying each plan is a tool to plan engagement with particular countries of interest and an optional planning calendar. Recognizing that each organization is on a different meeting cycle, the planning calendar should generally begin the month after the conclusion of the organization's annual meeting and end the month of the next annual meeting, with appropriate beginning and ending times for organizations that meet other than annually.

¹ An ecosystem approach to management includes: controlling and reducing bycatch and discards of juvenile fish, non-target species, associated and dependent species and species belonging to the same ecosystem; protecting and conserving endangered marine species; protecting the marine environment from destructive fishing practices as well as marine debris and marine pollution associated with fishing activities; and controlling fishing capacity and fishing effort to levels commensurate with the sustainability of fish stocks.

Part 3: 2006-2007 Events Calendar

The events calendar captures key international conferences, meetings and other fora where marine conservation and other topics related to the work of NOAA Fisheries Office of International Affairs will be addressed. The goal is to provide a 2-year overview of all international engagement so as to allow a “strategic” approach to achieving U.S. marine conservation objectives. The table identifies which Federal agency should exercise overall leadership to prepare for each meeting, which NOAA or NOAA Fisheries component exercises a similar role and identifies the staff member within F/IA, if any, which exercises “ownership” for each meeting. The calendar will be revised as new information comes in, and will be subject to periodic overall review.

Part 4: Schedule of 2006 Bilateral Meetings

The schedule of bilateral meetings for each year is designed to identify which major bilateral meetings the United States intends to engage in. Such meetings are looked at separately because of the significant staff time that such events demand and the need to take into account the availability of senior officials, including the Assistant Administration for NOAA Fisheries, the Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for OES and the Director, NOAA Fisheries, Office of International Affairs. This calendar will often be incomplete at the beginning of each calendar year, and will be developed in coordination with other agencies.

Part 5: Collaboration Table

The Collaboration Table identifies NOAA Fisheries F/IA staff, other NOAA Fisheries headquarter and regional staff; NOAA, Office of International Affairs staff and staff from other agencies involved in specific marine conservation policy areas, and identifies lead responsibilities in bold text. The table will be updated periodically to revise staff involvement and to add/edit marine conservation policy areas of involvement.

NOAA Fisheries
Staff-Level Strategic Operating Plan for (fill in name of organization)
for period MM 2006 to MM 2011

TOP INTERNATIONAL PRIORITIES	STAFF-LEVEL CURRENT ASSESSMENT (GREEN, YELLOW OR RED)	ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN BY NOAA FISHERIES AND/ OR USG TO ADDRESS THIS OVERARCHING PRIORITY AREA
Promote a science-based, ecosystem approach to management that accounts for all species and habitats as well as human components of the ecosystem ¹		
Prevent, deter and control IUU fishing		
Ensure US access to marine resources as well as fair and equitable trade regimes		
Assist in capacity building in developing countries		

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Staff-Level Strategic Plan for (fill in name of organization)
for period MM 2006 to MM 2011

ORGANIZATION-SPECIFIC TOP PRIORITIES	CURRENT ASSESSMENT (GREEN, YELLOW OR RED)	ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN BY NOAA FISHERIES AND/ OR USG TO ADDRESS THIS PRIORITY AREA

MEETINGS THE U.S. SHOULD SEEK TO HOST:	LEADERSHIP POSITIONS WITHIN THE ORGANIZATION THE U.S. SHOULD SEEK OR CONSIDER SECONDMENT OF USG OFFICIAL

**NOAA Fisheries
Schedule of International Meetings and Events 2006-2007**

17 January 2006

Dates	Location	Activity	USG Agency Lead	NOAA/NMFS Lead	F/IA Staffing Lead
2006					
January 9-13	Portland, Oregon	PSC Post-Season Meeting			
January 16-20	Shimizu, Japan	ISC Pacific Bluefin Tuna Working Group Meeting (current status of stock)			
January 23-24	Shimizu, Japan	ISC Pacific Bluefin Tuna Working Group Meeting (Progress on database and website: future plans)	NMFS	Larry Rutter	Niemeier
January 23-29	Punta Arenas, Chile	US-Chile Bilateral	NMFS	Lent	Brennan
January 23-27	Paris, France	Third Global Conference on Oceans, Coasts, and Islands	NOAA	Brennan	English
January 31 – February 2	Cangas de Onis, Spain	NASCO Next Steps Task Force	NMFS	Colligan	Blankenbeker
February 13-16	Las Vegas, Nevada	World Aquaculture Society, Aquaculture America 2006			
February 13-17	Vancouver, BC, Canada	PSC 21 st Annual Meeting	NMFS	Rutter	Niemeier
February 13-18	New York, NY	UN Informal Working Group on Marine Biodiversity Beyond National Jurisdiction	State	McLanahan	English

Location	Activity	USG Agency Lead	NOAA/NMFS Lead	F/IA Staff Lead	
February 14-17	Wellington, NZ	S. Pacific Non-Tuna RFMO meeting	NMFS/State	TBD	Swanson
February 15-17	Hanoi, Vietnam	UN Hosted Workshop on Co-Management	State	NMFS	Moran/Schneider
February 19-24	Puerto Varas, Chile	International Abalone Symposium			
February 24	Taipei	Taiwan Bilat on ICCAT	NMFS	Hogarth	Carlsen/ Blankenbeker
February 20-27	Honolulu, HI	AGU-ASLO-TOS Ocean Meeting & CLIOTOP Special Session			
February 28 – March 2	Cambridge, England	IWC RMS Working Group Intersessional	NMFS	Hogarth	McCarty
March 11-14	Oman	IOSEA Sea Turtle MOU meeting of signatories			
March 20-21	New York, NY	17 th Session of the Commission on the Outer Limits of the Continental Shelf	State		
March 22-24	Hanoi	PAC RIM Conf	NMFS	Lent	NA
March 20-31	New York, NY	UNFSA Review Conference PREPCOM	State	TBD	Moran
March TBD	Woods Hole	NASCO Socio-Economic TWG	NMFS	Blankenbeker	Blankenbeker
March 20-31	Brazil	CBD Conference of the Parties	State	McLanahan	English
March TBD	Brussels	Mtg with EU DG for Fisheries	NMFS	Hogarth	Blankenbeker
April	Taiwan	APEC Fisheries Working Group meeting	State	Moran	Moran/Schneider
April	Tokyo, Japan	IATTC Bycatch Working Group	NMFS	McInnis	Wiley
April 19-21	Honolulu, HI	PICES/GLOBEC Symposium on Climate Variability and ecosystems impacts on the North Pacific			
April 24-25	Paris, France	OECD Workshop on Policy Coherence	NMFS	Schneider	Schneider
April 26-28	Paris, France	97 th Session of the OECD Committee on	NMFS	Schneider	Schneider

	Location	Activity	USG Agency Lead	NOAA/NMFS Lead	F/IA Staff Lead
		Fisheries			
April-May	TBD (Brussels/Venice)	ICCAT Intersessional	NMFS	Hogarth	Blankenbeker
May/June	Sevilla	FAO Subcommittee on Fish Trade	NMFS	Schneider	Schneider
May 8-9	Taiwan	APEC Capacity Workshop	State	Moran	Moran/Schneider
May 10-12	Taiwan	APEC Fisheries Working Group Meeting	State	Moran	Moran/Schneider
May 15-19	La Jolla, CA	IATTC Stock Assessment Working Group	NMFS	McInnis	Wiley
May 16-20	San Diego, CA	CEC: Mexico/US/Canada Trilateral			
May 22	Philadelphia	US-Iceland Fisheries Bilateral	NMFS	Hogarth	Katherine Smith
May 22-25	Lake Arrowhead, CA	The IATTC/NMFS Annual International Tuna Conference		Lent	Wiley
May 22-26	New York, NY	UNFSA Review Conference	State	TBD	Moran
May 23-June 20	St. Kitts and Nevis	58 th Annual IWC Meeting	NMFS	Hogarth	McCarty
June 5-9	Ivalo, Finland	NASCO Annual Meeting	NMFS	Kurkul	Blankenbeker
June 12-16	New York, NY	UNICPOLOS	State	Laughlin	Moran
June 19-23	New York, NY	16 th Meeting of State Parties to Law of the Sea Convention	State		
June 19-24	Pusan, Korea	AIDCP Meetings	State	McInnis	Wiley
June 26-30	Pusan, Korea	74 th Annual Meeting of the IATTC	NMFS	Rod McInnis	Wiley
June	Cartegena, Columbia	Ocean Security Initiative II	State		
June TBD	Brussels, Belgium	U.S.-EU Fisheries Bilateral	State	Lent	Paul Niemeier
June TBD	Wash, DC	U.S.-Taiwan Fisheries Bilateral	State	Hogarth	
July		CCAMRL Working Group on Ecosystem Monitoring and Management	NMFS		

	Location	Activity	USG Agency Lead	NOAA/NMFS Lead	F/IA Staff Lead
September 15-21	New York, NY	18 th Session of the on the Outer Limits of the Continental Shelf	State		
September 18-22	Dartmouth, Canada	27 th Annual of NAFO	NMFS	TBD	Moran
September	Rovaniemi, Finland	Arctic Council Meeting of the Program for the Conservation of Flora and Fauna		Tuttle	
September	Netherlands	ICES Annual Science Conference			
September	Mexico?	IAC (turtle) meeting of parties			
September	Russia	U.S.-Russia Intergovernmental Consultative Committee Meeting	State	Jim Balsiger	Paul Niemeier
September TBD	Vera Cruz, MX	ICCAT North America Trilateral	NMFS	Hogarth	Blankenbeker
September	Poland (TBD)	11 th Annual Conference of the Parties to the Convention on the Conservation and Management of the Pollock Resources in the Central Bering Sea	NMFS	Jim Balsiger	Paul Niemeier
October	Madrid, Spain	ICCAT Meeting of the Standing Committee on Research and Statistics	NMFS	Gerry Scott	Blankenbeker
October 9-20	Hobart, Tasmania	CCAMLR Working Group in Fish Stock Assessment			
October 13-21	Yokohama, Japan	PICES XV Annual Meeting			
October 16-17	Paris, France	98 th Session of the OECD Committee on Fisheries	NMFS	Schneider	Schneider
October 16-17	Canada	ICCAT Quad (US, Canada, EU, Japan)	NMFS	Hogarth	Blankenbeker
October 16-20	Beijing, China	2 nd Intergovernmental Meeting of the Global Programme of Action		Laughlin	
October 17-19	Kelowna, BC, Canada	PSC Executive Session	NMFS	Rutter	Niemeier

	Location	Activity	USG Agency Lead	NOAA/NMFS Lead	F/IA Staff Lead
October 23-27	Hobart, Tasmania	CCAMLR Scientific Committee			
October	Canada	NPAFC 14 th Annual Meeting	NMFS	Jim Balsiger	Paul Niemeier
October 23- November 3	Hobart, Tasmania	CCAMLR 25 th Annual Meeting	State	Tuttle	
November	Boston, MA (tentative)	ICES Symposium on Fishing Technology in the 21 st Century			
November	Victoria, Sechelles	9th Session of the IOTC Scientific Committee			
November 20-24	Croatia	ICCAT Annual Meeting	NMFS	Hogarth	Blankenbeker
December	Pohnpei, FSM	3rd meeting of the WCPFC	State	Robinson	Swanson
2007					
TBD	Rome	COFI/ FAO			
January 22-26	Tokyo, Japan	Tuna RFMO Conference			
May 4 – June 1	Anchorage, AK	59 th Annual Meeting			
June 3-15	Netherlands	CITES Conference of Parties			
June TBD	USA	NASCO Annual Meeting			
2008					
December TBD	TBD	Third Deep Sea Coral Conference			

Location

Activity

**USG Agency
Lead**

**NOAA/NMFS
Lead**

**F/IA Staff
Lead**

NOAA Fisheries
Schedule of 2006 Bilaterals
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NMFS F/IA Led Bilaterals

“Required” Bilaterals	Mtg. Location	USG Lead	NOAA Lead	F/IA Lead	Dates (2006)
Chile	Punto Arenas, Chile	NMFS	Rebecca Lent	Casey Brennan	Jan. 23 – 29
Japan	USA (?)	State	Bill Hogarth	Paul Niemeier	TBD
Iceland	USA (?)	NMFS	Bill Hogarth	TBD	May TBD
Taiwan	USA	State	Bill Hogarth	Paul Niemeier	June TBD
EU	Brussels (?)	NMFS/State	Bill Hogarth	Paul Niemeier	June TBD
Russia	Russia	State	AK Regional Administrator	Paul Niemeier	September TBD
Mexico	Veracruz, Mexico	NMFS	Bill Hogarth or Rebecca Lent	Brad Wiley	September TBD
Other Bilaterals					
Canada	USA, Silver Spring	NMFS	Bill Hogarth	Pat Moran	Late July
China	USA	State	Rebecca Lent	Paul Niemeier	TBD
Will Not Seek During 2006					
Japan					
Norway					
Spain					
Vietnam					

Bilaterals Led by Other NOAA/NMFS Offices

Country	Mtg. Location	Office	Lead	Dates (2006)
US-Norway	Woods Hole	NMFS – NEFSC	NEFSC Director	March 14-16
Korea	Korea (?)	NMFS - NWR	NW Regional Administrator	TBD
China (Marine & Fish S&T)	USA (?)	NOAA – OAR	TBD	TBD

NOAA Fisheries
NOAA and Interagency Collaboration Table – January 17, 2006

Issue	NOAA Fisheries - International Affairs	NOAA Fisheries - Other HQ Offices	NOAA Fisheries - Regions & Centers	NOAA - International Affairs	Other Federal Agencies (e.g., DOI, DOS, DHLS, USTR)
Domestic Issues					
Foreign Fishing in U.S. Waters/TALFF Allocation	Bob Dickinson		<u>SWR</u> : Pat Donley	Shannon Dionne	<u>DOS</u> : Dierdre Warner- Kramer
NOAA Fisheries Industry liaison	Greg Schneider		<u>NWR</u> : Linda Chaves		
Atlantic Issues					
International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT)	Kimberly Blankenbeker Erika Carlsen Kelly Denit	<u>SF1</u> : Margo Schultz- Haugen <u>EN</u> : Dale Jones	<u>SEC</u> : Gerry Scott	Shannon Dionne, Pamela Toschik	<u>DOS</u> : Deirdre Warner- Kramer
Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organization (NAFO)	Pat Moran Dean Swanson	<u>SF</u> : Jack Dunnigan (U.S. Commissioner)	<u>NER</u> : Sarah McLaughlin <u>GCNE</u> : Gene Martin <u>NEC</u> : Fred Serchuk	Shannon Dionne	<u>DOS</u> : Deirdre Warner- Kramer
North Atlantic Salmon Conservation Organization (NASCO)	Kimberly Blankenbeker		<u>NER</u> : Pat Kurkul Mary Colligan	Shannon Dionne	<u>DOS</u> : Dierdre Warner- Kramer
Pacific Issues					
APEC Fisheries Working Group	Pat Moran Greg Schneider			Elaine Denning	<u>DOS</u> : Stetson Tinkham
Central Bering Sea Pollock Convention	Paul Niemeier		<u>AKR</u> : Jim Balsiger <u>AKC</u> : Pat Livingston Loh-Lee Low Neal Williamson <u>EN</u> : Jeff Passer	Shannon Dionne	<u>DOS</u> : Amanda Johnson-Miller

Issue	NOAA Fisheries International Affairs	NOAA Fisheries Other HQ Offices	NOAA Regions & Centers	NOAA- International Affairs	U.S. Fish & Wildlife/ Department of State/ U.S. Coast Guard
Inter-American Tropical Tuna Conventions (IATTC)	Brad Wiley		<u>PIC</u> : Bob Skillman <u>SWR</u> : Rod McInnis Allison Rountt <u>SWC</u> : Gary Sakagawa <u>SEC</u> : Gerry Scott	Shannon Dionne	<u>DOS</u> : Dave Hogan
North Pacific Anadromous Fish Commission (NPAFC)	Paul Niemeier		<u>AKR</u> : Jim Balsiger <u>AKC</u> : Loh-Lee Low Jack Helle <u>EN</u> : Jeff Passer John Kingeter <u>NWC</u> : John Stein	Shannon Dionne	<u>DOS</u> : Amanda Johnson- Miller <u>USCG 17th Dist.</u> : CDR Mike Cerne <u>USCG HQ</u> : CDR John Davis LT Tim Brown
Tuna-Dolphin (Including AIDCP)	Brad Wiley		<u>SWC</u> : Steve Reilly <u>SWR</u>: Jessica Kondel	Shannon Dionne	<u>DOS</u> : Dave Hogan
Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission (WCPFC)	Dean Swanson		<u>PIR</u> : Charles Karrnella <u>PIC</u> : Bob Skillman <u>SWC</u> : Gary Sakagawa	Shannon Dionne Elizabeth Mclanahan	<u>DOS</u> : Holly Koehler
New South Pacific RFMO	Dean Swanson			Shannon Dionne	
Caribbean Issues					
Caribbean Regional Fisheries Management Organization	Nancy Daves Erika Carlsen		<u>SER</u> : James Weaver <u>SEC</u> : Gerry Scott	Tom Laughlin Shannon Dionne	<u>DOS</u> : Nancy Jamison
International Queen Conch Initiative	Nancy Daves		<u>SER</u> : James Weaver <u>SEC</u> : John Merriner	Shannon Dionne	<u>CFMC</u> : Miguel Rolón <u>FWS/DMA</u> : Laura Noguchi <u>DOS</u> : Deirdre Warner- Kramer
Specially Protected Areas and Wildlife (SPA) Protocol	Nancy Daves		<u>SEC</u> : Jim Bohnsack	Elizabeth Mclanahan	<u>DOS</u> : Anne Chick
White Water to Blue Water	Nancy Daves		<u>SER</u> : James Weaver <u>NWC</u> : Chris Jordan <u>SEC</u> : John Lamkin	Elizabeth Mclanahan Shannon Dionne	<u>DOS</u> : Anne Chick

Issue	NOAA Fisheries International Affairs	NOAA Fisheries Other HQ Offices	NOAA Regions & Centers	NOAA- International Affairs	U.S. Fish & Wildlife/ Department of State/ U.S. Coast Guard
High Seas Issues					
Deep Corals	Liz English	HC: Tom Hourigan		Elizabeth Mclanahan	
Deep Sea Fishing (including bottom trawling & seamounts)	Erika Carlsen Chris Rogers		<u>PIC:</u> Chris Boggs <u>NWC:</u> Elizabeth Clarke <u>SEC:</u> John Poffenberger	Shannon Dionne Elizabeth Mclanahan	<u>DOS:</u> Holly Koehler
High Seas Fishing Compliance Act (HSFCA)	Bob Dickinson	ST: Steve Koplín	<u>NER:</u> Ted Hawes Marianne K. Taylor <u>SER:</u> Cheryl Franzen Carolyn Sramek <u>SWR:</u> Pat Donley Rick Deering <u>NWR:</u> Kevin Ford Trish Farrell <u>AKR:</u> Jessica Gharrett Tracy Buck <u>PIR:</u> Walter Ikehara Susan Matsumoto	Shannon Dionne	<u>DOS:</u> Holly Koehler
Large Marine Ecosystems		Narragansett Lab: Ken Sherman		Tom Laughlin Elizabeth Mclanahan Shannon Dionne	
Large-scale High Seas Driftnet Fishing	Paul Niemeier	<u>EN:</u> Dale Jones <u>PR:</u> Laurie Allen Kristy Long <u>GC:</u> Michele Kuruc	<u>EN:</u> Jeff Passer <u>SWR:</u> Pat Donley Allison Routt <u>PIC:</u> Chris Boggs	Shannon Dionne	<u>DOS:</u> Stetson Tinkham <u>USCG 17th Dist.:</u> CAPT Mark Guillory CDR Mike Cerne <u>USCG HQ:</u> CDR John Davis <u>Office of Naval Intelligence:</u> Office of Civil Maritime Analysis

Issue	NOAA Fisheries International Affairs	NOAA Fisheries Other HQ Offices	NOAA Regions & Centers	NOAA- International Affairs	U.S. Fish & Wildlife/ Department of State/ U.S. Coast Guard
MPA's Beyond Nat'l Jurisdiction	Liz English		<u>SEC</u> : Jim Bohnsack <u>SWC</u> : Churchill Grimes <u>SWR</u> : Mark Helvey	Shannon Dionne Elizabeth Mclanahan	<u>DOS</u> : Holly Koehler
UN and Related Bodies					
Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)	Dean Swanson		<u>SWR</u> : Mark Helvey Pat Donley <u>NWC</u> : Phil Roni Colin Nash	Shannon Dionne	<u>FWS/DMA</u> : Andrea Gaski <u>DOS</u> : Stetson Tinkham
FAO Subcommittee on Fish Trade	Greg Schneider		<u>NWR</u> : Linda Chaves <u>SWR</u> : Pat Donley	Pamela Toschik	<u>FWS/DMA</u> : Andrea Gaski <u>DOS</u> : Stetson Tinkham
UN Fish Stocks Agreement	Pat Moran		<u>PIC</u> : Robert Skillman <u>SEC</u> : Gerry Scott	Shannon Dionne	<u>DOS</u> : Amb. Dave Balton Holly Koehler
United Nations General Assembly	Pat Moran			Shannon Dionne Elizabeth Mclanahan	
UNICPOLOS	Pat Moran			Tom Laughlin Shannon Dionne Elizabeth Mclanahan	
Global Issues/Organizations					
Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD)	Liz English	<u>NOAA GC</u> : Jonathan Pollard	<u>PIC</u> : Rusty Brainard <u>SWC</u> : Bill Perrin	Elizabeth Mclanahan	<u>DOS</u> : Holly Koehler, Ginny Cox <u>NPFMC</u> : Chris Oliver <u>USCG 17th Dist.</u> : CDR Mike Cerne <u>USCG HQ</u> : CDR John Davidson
Convention on the International Trade of Endangered Species (CITES)	Nancy Daves		<u>PIC</u> : Bud Antonelis <u>SER</u> : Stephania Bolden <u>AKC</u> : Robyn Angliss <u>NWC</u> : Jon Drake	Shannon Dionne Elizabeth Mclanahan	<u>FWS/DMA</u> : Peter Thomas <u>FWS/DSA</u> : Roddy Gabel <u>DOS</u> : Holly Koehler

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			<u>SEC</u> : Margaret W. Miller <u>SWC</u> : Bob Brownell <u>SWR</u> : Tina Fahy		John Field
International Coral Reef Initiative				Elizabeth Mclanahan	<u>FWS/DIC</u> : Gil Cintron <u>DOS</u> : Chris Dawson
International Whaling Commission (IWC)	Cheri McCarty		<u>AKC</u> : Doug DeMaster <u>NWC</u> : Margaret Krahn Linda Jones <u>SEC</u> : Aleta Hohn <u>SWC</u> : Steve Reilly Bob Brownell	Shannon Dionne	<u>FWS/DMA</u> : Anne St. John <u>DOS</u> : John Field
OECD Committee for Fisheries	Greg Schneider		<u>NWR</u> : Linda Chaves	Shannon Dionne	<u>DOS</u> : Nancy Jamison
Tsunami	Erika Carlsen Liz English	<u>ST</u> : Robin Tuttle <u>HC</u> : Peg Brady <u>SF</u> : Sari Kiraly <u>AQU</u> : Mike Rubino <u>CS</u> : John Ward <u>NOS</u> : Arthur Paterson Amy Hollerman <u>NWS</u> : Jennifer Lewis	<u>PIC</u> : Robert Schroeder <u>SEC</u> : John Lamkin	Elaine Denning Jeremy Child	<u>DOS</u> : Liz Tirpak
Bilateral Engagement (except Canada)					
U.S.-Chile Consultations	Dean Swanson		<u>SWR</u> : Rod McInnis <u>NWC</u> : John Stein	Shannon Dionne	<u>DOS</u> : Stetson Tinkham
U.S.-European Union Consultations	Paul Niemeier			Shannon Dionne	<u>DOS</u> : Nancy Jamison
U.S.-Iceland Consultations				Shannon Dionne	<u>DOS</u> : Deirdre Warner-Kramer

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U.S.-Japan Consultations	Paul Niemeier		<u>PIC</u> : Bob Skillman <u>SWR</u> : Rod McInnis <u>NWC</u> : Bob Iwamoto <u>SWC</u> : Gary Sakagawa	Shannon Dionne	<u>DOS</u> : Holly Koehler
U.S.-Mexico Consultations	Casey Brennan Brad Wiley		<u>NWR</u>: John K. Johnson <u>SWR</u> : Rod McInnis <u>SWC</u> : Bill Fox <u>SEC</u> : Larry Massey	Shannon Dionne	<u>FWS/DIC</u> : Melida Tajbakhsh <u>DOS</u> : Dave Hogan
U.S.-Norway Consultations	Dean Swanson		<u>NWR</u> : John K. Johnson <u>AKC</u> : Jim Coe Chris Wilson <u>NEC</u> : John Boreman <u>NWC</u> : Mike Rust	Shannon Dionne	<u>DOS</u> : Deirdre Warner-Kramer
U.S.-People's Republic of China Consultations	Paul Niemeier		<u>PIC</u> : Bob Skillman <u>AKC</u> : Loh-Lee Low <u>NWC</u> : Mike Rust	Shannon Dionne	<u>DOS</u> : Stetson Tinkham <u>FWS/DIC</u> : Steve Kohl
U.S. -Russia Consultations	Paul Niemeier	<u>NOAA GC</u> : Jonathan Pollard	<u>AKR</u> : Jim Balsiger <u>AKC</u> : Loh-Lee Low Pat Livingston John Bengtson <u>EN</u> : Jeff Passer <u>NWC</u> : John Stein	Shannon Dionne	<u>DOS</u> : Amanda Johnson- Miller <u>USCG 17th Dist.</u> : CDR Mike Cerne <u>CAPT Mark Guillory</u> <u>USCG HQ</u> : CDR John Davis LCDR Chris Barrows <u>FWS/DIC</u> : Steve Kohl
U.S.-Taiwan Consultations	Paul Niemeier		<u>PIC</u> : Bob Skillman	Shannon Dionne	<u>DOS</u> : Stetson Tinkham <u>AIT- Washington</u> : Rick Ruzicka
U.S.-Vietnam Consultations	Pat Moran		<u>AKC</u> : Loh-Lee Low <u>PIC</u> : Jeff Polovina <u>NWC</u> : Bob Iwamoto	Shannon Dionne	<u>DOS</u> : Stetson Tinkham

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US-Canada					
U.S.-Canada Consultations	Pat Moran		<u>SWR</u> : Pat Donley Mark Helvey <u>SWC</u> : Gary Sakagawa <u>NER</u> : Pat Kurkul (US/Canada Steering Comm.) <u>NWC</u> : John Stein	Shannon Dionne	<u>DOS</u> : Deirdre Warner- Kramer
International Pacific Halibut Commission (IPHC)	Pat Moran	<u>SF</u> : Regina Spallone (domestic regs.)	<u>AKR</u> : Jim Balsiger (U.S. Commissioner) <u>AKC</u> : Loh-Lee Low	Shannon Dionne	<u>DOS</u> : Nikki Brajevich Amanda Johnson-Miller
Pacific Salmon Commission (PSC)	Paul Niemeier		<u>NWR</u> : David Cantillon Lenore Wright Larry Rutter <u>NWC</u> : Robert Kope Pete Lawson	Shannon Dionne	<u>DOS</u> : Amanda Johnson- Miller
US-Canada Albacore Treaty			<u>SWR</u> : Mark Helvey Pat Donley <u>NWR</u> : Rick Ranta		
U.S.-Canada Pacific Whiting Agreement	Paul Niemeier	<u>SF</u> : Galen Tromble Alan Risenhoover Jack Dunnigan <u>ST4</u> : Rick Mehtot <u>NOAA GC</u> : Eileen Cooney	<u>NWR</u> : Joe Scordino Steve Freese <u>NWC</u> : Elizabeth Clarke	Shannon Dionne	<u>DOS</u> : Amanda Johnson- Miller <u>PFMC</u> : Don McIsaac
US-Canada-Mexico – Trilateral Issues					
Commission on Environmental Cooperation (CEC)	Alexis Gutiérrez	<u>NOS</u> : Lynne Mersfelder (IPO) Daphne Pee (MPAs) Michelle Harmon (Invasives)	<u>AKC</u> : Robyn Angliss <u>SWR</u> : Tina Fahy	Elizabeth Mclanahan	<u>FWS/DMA</u> : Laura Noguchi <u>DOS</u> : Dave Hogan

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Acoustics					
Acoustics		<u>PR:</u> Donna Wieting (technical lead) Brandon Southall	<u>PIC:</u> Jason Baker <u>AKC:</u> Sue Moore Chris Wilson <u>NWC:</u> Linda Jones	Shannon Dionne (policy lead)	<u>DOS:</u> Maggie Hayes John Field
Aquaculture					
Aquaculture		<u>AQU:</u> Mike Rubino	SWR: Bryant Chesney Chris Fanning		<u>DOS:</u> Nancy Jamison
Bycatch					
International Bycatch Task Force	Pat Moran Dean Swanson	<u>PR:</u> Barbara Schroeder (turtle coord.) Therese Conant Kristy Long <u>SF:</u> Margo Schulze- Haugen (shark coord.) Lee Benaka (bycatch coord.)	<u>SER:</u> David Bernhart <u>SEC:</u> Nancy Thompson <u>SWR:</u> Christina Fahy <u>SWC:</u> Peter Dutton <u>AKR:</u> Kim Rivera (seabird coord.) <u>AKC:</u> Craig Rose	Shannon Dionne	<u>DOS:</u> Dave Hogan
Invasive Species					
Invasive Species	Alexis Gutiérrez	<u>NOAA:</u> Dean Wilkenson <u>NOS:</u> Michelle Harmon <u>OAR:</u> Don Carlson	<u>PIC:</u> Peter Vroom <u>SWR:</u> Bob Hoffman <u>AKC:</u> Frank Morado <u>NWC:</u> Blake Feist <u>SEC:</u> Tom Jackson	Elizabeth Mclanahan, Pamela Toschik	<u>FWS/DIC:</u> Gil Cintron <u>FWS/DSA:</u> Marie Maltese <u>DOS:</u> Dierdre Warner- Kramer, Ginny Cox
Polar					
Commission for the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources (CCAMLR) Trade	Jennifer Olson (permits)	<u>ST:</u> Robin Tuttle <u>SF:</u> Kim Dawson	<u>SWC:</u> Rene Holt	Shannon Dionne	<u>DOS:</u> Ray Arnaudo

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Permit Processing					
CCAMLR- General		<u>ST:</u> Robin Tuttle	<u>SWC:</u> Rene Holt	Shannon Dionne	<u>FWS/DMA:</u> Andrea Gaski <u>DOS:</u> Ray Arnaudo
Sea Turtles					
Sea Turtles (Inter-American Convention on the Protection and Conservation of Sea Turtles; Indian Ocean MOU; PL 101-162, Shrimp-Sea Turtle)	Dean Swanson Alexis Gutierrez	<u>PR:</u> Barbara Schroeder Therese Conant Cheryl Ryder Tanya Dobzynski Kristy Long	<u>NER:</u> Ellen Keane <u>SER:</u> Robert Hoffman Dennis Klemm David Bernhart <u>SEC:</u> Nancy Thompson John Mitchell <u>SWR:</u> Christina Fahy <u>SWC:</u> Peter Dutton Jeff Seminoff <u>PIC:</u> Melissa Snaver	Shannon Dionne	<u>DOS:</u> Dave Hogan <u>FWS/DIC:</u> Dave Ferguson Gil Cintron
Trade Related					
Free Trade Agreements	Greg Schneider Alexis Gutiérrez		<u>NWR:</u> Linda Chaves <u>SWR:</u> Pat Donley	Pamela Toschik	<u>ITA:</u> Leila Odum <u>USTR:</u> David Brooks Mara Burr <u>FWS/DIC:</u> Gil Cintron <u>DOS:</u> Stetson Tinkham
FTAs, WTO trade cases, export/import complaints at the commercial level	Greg Schneider		<u>NWR:</u> Linda Chaves <u>SWR:</u> Pat Donley	Pamela Toschik	<u>DOS:</u> Nancy Jamison
Trade Monitoring and Compliance	Greg Schneider		<u>SWR:</u> Pat Donley		
U.S.-Japan Trade Negotiations	Greg Schneider		<u>NWR:</u> Linda Chaves <u>SWR:</u> Sunee Sonu		
WTO Negotiating Committee on Rules:	Greg Schneider	<u>CS:</u> John Ward	<u>NWR:</u> Linda Chaves <u>SWR:</u> Pat Donley	Pamela Toschik	<u>DOS:</u> Nancy Jamison

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Fisheries Subsidies					