

NOAA Office of General Counsel International Section
Issues Covered in Alphabetical Order
(Revised as of February 12, 2024)

Antarctic Issues (Alicia Cate)

- Antarctic Treaty Consultative Meeting (ATCM)

Aquaculture (Rebecca Reese w/GC Aquaculture Team)

Arctic Issues (Peter Oppenheimer)

- Arctic Council
- Arctic Regional Hydrographic Commission
- U.S. Interagency Arctic Policy Group

Bilateral Trade Issues (Rebecca Reese)

Biological Diversity (Derek Campbell)

- Agreement on the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Marine Biological Diversity of Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction (BBNJ)
- Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) (w/Alicia Cate)

Cartagena Convention / SPAW Protocol (Iris Lowery w/NOAA GC Fisheries and Protected Resources)

Climate Issues (Alicia Cate)

- NOAA Climate Action Team

Environmental Justice / Ocean Justice Strategy (Alicia Cate)

Great Lakes (Peter Oppenheimer)

Heritage (Cultural) (Peter Oppenheimer, Iris Lowery)

- Historic Shipwrecks such as *RMS Titanic*
- Admiralty Jurisdiction & Maritime Law

Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (Alicia Cate w/ Peter Oppenheimer)

Intern Program (Peter Oppenheimer, Alicia Cate, Iris Lowery, Monique Love)

International Arrangements & Agreements / Case-Zablocki Act (Peter Oppenheimer, Iris Lowery)

International Fisheries (Derek Campbell)

- Illegal, Unreported, and Unregulated Fishing
- Other International Fisheries Instruments and Negotiations (*e.g.*, UN Fish Stocks Agreement, FAO Compliance Agreement, WECAFC Strategic Reorientation)
- Port State Measures
- Regional Fisheries Management Organizations (primary focus on ICCAT and IATTC)
- UN General Assembly Sustainable Fisheries Resolution

International Hydrographic Organization (Peter Oppenheimer)

International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN) (Alicia Cate)

Investor-State Dispute Settlement (Alicia Cate)

Large Marine Ecosystem (LME) Projects (Iris Lowery)

- Caribbean & North Brazil Shelf LME (PROCARIBE +)
- Gulf of Mexico LME

Law of the Sea Convention (Peter Oppenheimer, Alicia Cate, Derek Campbell, Rebecca Reese, Iris Lowery)

- Annual Maritime Law Bilateral Meetings (Alicia Cate w/Peter Oppenheimer, Rebecca Reese)
- Baseline Committee (Peter Oppenheimer)
- Extended Continental Shelf (Peter Oppenheimer w/Alicia Cate)
- Interpretation, Accession & Implementation (Peter Oppenheimer)
- International Seabed Authority (Iris Lowery w/Peter Oppenheimer)
- Marine Scientific Research (Peter Oppenheimer w/Iris Lowery)
- Major Maritime Powers (Peter Oppenheimer)
- Submarine Cables (Peter Oppenheimer)
- UN General Assembly Oceans Resolution (Peter Oppenheimer)

London Dumping Convention / London Protocol (Alicia Cate w/Rebecca Reese)

- Carbon Capture Utilization and Storage
- Marine Geoengineering (Marine Carbon Dioxide Removal, Solar Radiation Management)
- Marine Litter
- Underwater Noise

Marine Debris/Marine Litter (Rebecca Reese)

- IMO Action Plan to Address Marine Plastic Litter from Ships
- Abandoned, Lost, and Otherwise Discarded Fishing Gear (ALDFG)

Marine Genetic Resources (Alicia Cate)

- BBNJ (w/Derek Campbell)
- CBD (w/Derek Campbell)

Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) (Alicia Cate)

Protected Resources (Derek Campbell)

- Agreement on the International Dolphin Conservation Program
- Convention on Migratory Species
- Inter-American Convention for the Protection and Conservation of Sea Turtles

Sea Level Rise (Alicia Cate)

Seaward Limits of U.S. Laws (Peter Oppenheimer, Alicia Cate, Iris Lowery)

Shipping Safety and Sustainability (Peter Oppenheimer, Rebecca Reese)

- Anti-fouling Convention
- Coastal State Authority to Regulate Ships
- IMO Area-Based Management “Tools” (PSSAs, ATBAs, Special Areas, Ship Routing & Reporting, No-Anchoring Areas, Vessel Traffic Services)
- International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships (MARPOL)
- Port Entry
- Safety of Non-SOLAS Vessels, Including Fishing Vessels
- Ship Strikes of Cetaceans
- Sovereign Immunity

Trade and Environment (Derek Campbell, Rebecca Reese)

- International Fisheries Instruments with Trade Provisions
- Regional and Bilateral Free Trade Agreements and Negotiations
- World Trade Organization (WTO) Agreements and Negotiations
- WTO Fisheries Subsidies Agreement and Negotiations
- U.S. Natural Resources Laws with Trade Provisions (e.g., High Seas Driftnet Fishing Moratorium Protection Act, Marine Mammal Protection Act, Dolphin Protection Consumer Act, Pelly Amendment)

Uncrewed Maritime Systems (Peter Oppenheimer)

- GC Uncrewed Systems (UxS) Team
- Data Buoys and Profiling Floats

Underwater Noise (Peter Oppenheimer, Rebecca Reese, Alicia Cate)

United States Informal Consultative Process (ICP) on Oceans and Law of the Sea (Alicia Cate)

Zones & Boundaries (Peter Oppenheimer)

- Delimitation of Maritime Zones