

Schedule of International Meetings and Events, 2015-2017

October 1, 2015

Dates	Location	Activity*
(A key to Acronyms is included at the end of the table.)		
2015		
SEPT 28- OCT 2	Madrid, Spain	Meeting of the ICCAT SCRS
OCT 4-6	Iloilo, Philippines	High Level Policy Dialogue on Food Security and the Blue Economy
OCT 5-6	Valparaiso, Chile	2015 Our Ocean Conference
OCT 5-9	Brasilia, Brazil	8 th Session of the COFI Subcommittee on Aquaculture
OCT 8-9	Vigo, Spain	20 th Anniversary Code of Conduct/First International Fisheries Stakeholders Forum
OCT 8-10	Yeosu, ROK	10 th Meeting of the CCSBT Compliance Committee
OCT 12-15	Yeosu, ROK	22 nd Annual Meeting of the CCSBT, incorporating the Extended Commission
OCT 12-16	Maputo, Mozambique	7 th Session of SWIOFC
OCT 13-15	Honolulu, Hawaii	Pacific Advisory Committee (WCPFC)
OCT 14-16	Tenerife, Spain	CECAF – 7 th Session of the Scientific Sub-Committee
OCT 15-25	Qingdao, China	PICES 2015 Annual Meeting: Change and Sustainability of the North Pacific
OCT 16-19	Vancouver, Canada	ICCAT Quadrilateral Meeting
OCT 19-20	La Jolla, CA	IATTC AIDCP Meetings: 36 th Meeting of the Permanent Working Group on Tuna Tracking; 23 rd Meeting of the Working Group to Promote and Publicize the AIDCP Dolphin Safe Tuna Certification System; 58 th Meeting of the International Review Panel; 32 nd Meeting of the Parties to the AIDCP
OCT 19-23	Hobart, Australia	CCAMLR 34 th Meeting of the Scientific Committee
OCT 19-30	Hobart, Australia	CCAMLR 34 th Meeting
OCT 20-22	Washington, DC	49 th Meeting of the GEF Council
OCT 26-29	Mecavnik-Mokra Gora, Serbia	III World Biodiversity Congress: Integrated Conservation Strategies For Threatened Biodiversity and Geodiversity For Global Sustenance
OCT 26-30	Suquamish, WA	PSC Fall Session
OCT 26-30	Cape Town, South Africa	2 nd World Seabird Conference
OCT 27-29	Lima, Peru	IATTC 2nd Technical meeting on Dorado
OCT 27-30	Athens, Greece	ICES Symposium on "Targets and Limits for Long-term Fisheries Management"

NOV 1-7	Montreal, Quebec, Canada	CBD 19 th Meeting of SBSTTA and 9 th Meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Article 8(j) and Related Provisions of the Convention
NOV 4-6	Boston, MA	14 th Annual Transatlantic Science Week: Blue Futures
NOV 7-8	Panama City, Panama	WECAFC – 7 th Session of the Scientific Advisory Group
NOV 8-14	Hakodate, Japan	Cephalopod International Advisory Committee Cephalopod Conference: Recent Advances in Cephalopod Science
NOV 9-11	Singapore City, Singapore	World Ocean Council Sustainable Ocean Summit (SOS) 2015: Sustainable Development and Growing the Blue Economy - the Next 50 Years
NOV 9-11	Liberia, Costa Rica	Reducing Feed Conversion Ratios in the Global Aquaculture to Reduce Carbon and Other Footprints and to Increase Efficiency
NOV 10-17	Malta	ICCAT 24 th Regular Meeting
NOV 10-17 (T)	New York, NY	UN Tentative Schedule for the Informal Consultations on the Draft Resolutions under Agenda Item “Sustainable Fisheries” (Seventieth session, 2015)
NOV 16-18	London, UK	3 rd FAO/IMO ad hoc Joint Working Group on IUU Fishing and Related Matters
NOV 17-26	Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada	NAFO Working Group on Ecosystem Science Assessment (WG-ESA)
NOV 18-24	New York, NY	UN Tentative Schedule for the Informal Consultations on the Draft Resolutions under Agenda Item “Oceans and the Law of the Sea” (Seventieth session, 2015) – 2 nd Round
NOV 24-27	Rome, Italy	Joint FAO/WHO Expert Meeting on Guidance for the Development of Shellfish Sanitation Programs
NOV 24-28	Bali, Indonesia	IOTC - Scientific Committee Meeting
NOV 30- DEC 1	Kuta, Bali, Indonesia	WCPFC Management Objectives Workshop 4
NOV 16-17	Manila, Philippines	APEC Ministerial Meeting
DEC 1-2	Pot of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago	2 nd WECAFC Reorientation and Strategic Planning Workshop
DEC 3-8	Bali, Indonesia	WCPFC 12th Regular Session
DEC 15-18	Nairobi, Kenya	10 th WTO Ministerial Conference
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JAN 11-15	Geneva, Switzerland	66 th Meeting of the CITES Standing Committee
JAN 11-15	Portland, OR	PSC Post Season Meeting
JAN 26-29	Sydney, Australia	9th International Conference on Marine Bioinvasions (co-sponsored by PICES)
FEB 8-12	Vancouver, BC, Canada	PSC 31st Annual Meeting

FEB 10-13	Oahu, HI	Pacific Seabird Group 43 rd Annual Meeting
MAR 7-11	Auckland, New Zealand	5 th Global Fisheries Enforcement Training Workshop (convened by the International MCS Network)
APRIL 25- MAY 7	Montreal, Quebec, Canada	CBD 20 th Meeting of SBSTTA and First Meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation
APRIL/MAY	Bergen, Norway	ICES/PICES 6 th Zooplankton Production Symposium: New challenges in a changing ocean
MAY 9-13	TBD, Chile	9 th Meeting of the ACAP Advisory Committee
MAY 9-13	Bergen, Norway	6 th PICES/ICES Zooplankton Production Symposium: New Challenges in a Changing Ocean
MAY 16-20	Busan, Korea	NPAFC 24 th Annual Meeting
MAY 30 – JUNE 3	Brest, France	ICES Symposium: Understanding Marine Socio-ecological Systems: Including the Human Dimension in Integrated Ecosystem Assessments (co-sponsored by PICES)
JUNE 7-10	Bad Neuenahr, Germany	NASCO 33 rd Annual Meeting
JUNE 19-24	Honolulu, HI	13th International Coral Reef Symposium (ICRS)
SEPT 1-10	Honolulu, HI	2016 IUCN World Conservation Congress
SEPT 13-26	New York NY	71 st Session of the UN General Assembly (UNGA 71)
SEPT 19-23	Barcelona, Spain	6 th International Albatross and Petrel Conference
NOV 1-13	San Diego, CA	PICES 2016 Annual Meeting. 25 Years of PICES: Celebrating the Past, Imagining the Future
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MAR 6-11	Victoria, BC, Canada	ICES/PICES Symposium on Drivers of Dynamics of Small Pelagic Neritic Fish Resources

* The Office of International Affairs and Seafood Inspection, 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
AGU	American Geophysical Union
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
BBNJ	Biological Diversity Beyond National Jurisdiction
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
EBSAs	Ecologically or Biologically Significant Marine Areas
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
IMBER	Integrated Marine Biochemistry and Ecosystem Research
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
NPRB	North Pacific Research Board
NSF	National Science Foundation
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
SIDS	Small Island Development States
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
TOS	The Oceanography Society
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
UNESCO	United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization
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