

NOAA GC International Section - Issue Portfolios by Attorney

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Peter H. Oppenheimer ***Section Chief***

- Law of the Sea Convention
 - Interpretation, accession and implementation
 - DOS Policy Coordination on Ocean issues
 - NOAA Working Group on Law of the Sea
 - UNGA Oceans Resolution
 - NSC Sub-IPC on Ocean Policy
 - Major Maritime Powers
 - Related international instruments regarding marine environmental protection
- Antarctica Issues (w/Ole)
- Arctic Issues
 - Arctic Council Working Group on Protection of the Arctic Marine Environment (PAME)
 - U.S. Arctic Policy Group (APG)
- Data Buoy Vandalism
- Marine Scientific Research
- Protected Resources
 - Seabirds - Agreement on the Conservation of Albatrosses and Petrels
- Seaward Application of Laws (w/Ole)
- Seabed Management (w/ Ole)
 - Deep Seabed Mining
 - Submarine Cables & Pipelines
- Ships, Regulation of (w/Stephanie)
 - Port Entry and International Law
 - Coastal state authority to regulate ships
 - Sovereign Immunity and International Law
- Treaties (Interpretation)

Stephanie Altman ***Attorney-Advisor***

- Law of the Sea Convention
- Climate Change Mitigation (e.g., Iron Fertilization, Subseabed CO₂ Sequestration & Black Carbon)(w/ Ole)
- Marine Pollution (Sea based and land based)
- Derelict Fishing Gear & Marine Debris
- Marine Protected Areas (w/ Ole)
 - PSSAs, Special Areas, Ship Routing, Reporting and No-Anchoring Requirements
- Ships, Regulation of (w/Peter)
 - International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships (MARPOL), Safety of Life at Sea Convention (SOLAS), London Dumping Convention/Protocol (LC/LP), and other IMO instruments
 - Ship Greenhouse Gas Emissions
 - Polar Shipping Code
 - Aquatic Nuisance Species (i.e., Ballast Water and Biofouling)
 - Anti-fouling Convention
 - Ship Strikes of Cetaceans
- Underwater Noise
- Zones and Boundaries – Baseline Committee (w/Ole)
- Environment & Trade Issues (w/ Derek)
 - Trade and Investment Agreements (e.g., Free Trade Agreements, Bilateral Investment Treaties)
- Legal Capacity Building – Environmental & Natural Resource Governance

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- Law of the Sea Convention
- Antarctic Issues (w/Peter and Derek -CCAMLR)
- Biological Diversity (e.g., Biodiversity Beyond National Jurisdiction, Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction)
- Coastal and Marine Spatial Planning – Jurisdiction
 - Integrated Coastal & Ocean Management
 - Sanctuaries & Monuments
 - Legal Capacity Building-Technical Assistance
- Heritage (cultural & natural)
 - RMS *Titanic* and other Underwater Cultural Heritage (UCH)
 - UNESCO Conventions, e.g., UCH, World Heritage, Trafficking in Cultural Property
 - Admiralty Law & Maritime Law of Salvage
- Marine Protected Areas
 - High Seas – Area beyond national jurisdiction
 - Sargasso Sea Project (all attorneys)
- Surveys and Charting
 - International Issues -Survey & Remote Sensing
 - International issues - Mapping & Charting
- Seabed Management (w/Peter & Stephanie)
 - Extended Continental Shelf
 - Deep Seabed Mining
 - Submarine Cables & Pipelines
- Seaward Application of Laws (w/ Peter)
- International Organization Cooperation & Funding
- Zones and Boundaries (w/Stephanie)
 - U.S. Baseline Committee
 - Delimitation of Maritime Zones
 - International Maritime Boundaries

Derek Campbell
Attorney-Advisor

- Law of the Sea Convention
- International Fisheries Issues
 - Illegal, Unreported, and Unregulated Fishing
 - Regional Fisheries Management Organizations (RFMOs) (e.g., ICCAT, IATTC, CCAMLR)
 - Magnuson-Stevens Act International Provisions and other International Fisheries-related Domestic Legislation
 - Port State Measures to Combat IUU Fishing
 - Other international fisheries instruments and negotiations (e.g., UN Fish Stocks Agreement; FAO Compliance Agreement, North and South Pacific RFMO negotiations, FAO negotiations)
 - UNGA Resolution on Sustainable Fisheries
- Environment and Trade
 - WTO (e.g., Fisheries Subsidies Negotiations, Dispute Resolution)
 - Trade and Investment Agreements (e.g., Free Trade Agreements, Bilateral Investment Treaties) (w/ Stephanie)
 - International Fisheries Instruments with Trade Provisions
 - U.S. Natural Resources Laws with Trade Provisions (e.g., High Seas Driftnet Fishing Moratorium Protection Act, Pelly Amendment, MMPA)
- Protected Resources
 - International Sea Turtle Conservation (e.g., Inter-American Convention; Section 609 of Public Law 101-162 (shrimp-turtle law))
 - International Shark Conservation (e.g., CMS Shark MOU; Shark Conservation Act)