

**NOAA Office of General Counsel International Section**

**Issue Portfolios by Attorney**

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***Stephanie Altman***  
***Attorney-Advisor***

- Antarctic Issues including CCAMLR (w/Ole)
- Biological Diversity & Marine Genetic Resources in Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction (w/Ole)
- Derelict Fishing Gear & Marine Debris
- Law of the Sea Convention
- Legal Capacity Building – Environmental & Natural Resource Governance
- Marine Pollution (vessel-based and land-based)
- Marine Protected Areas & Place-based Management (w/Ole)
- Ships, Regulation of (w/Peter)
  - International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships (MARPOL), Safety of Life at Sea Convention (SOLAS), International Regulations for Prevention of Collisions at Sea (COLREGS) and other IMO instruments
  - Intersection of MARPOL and the London Dumping Convention/London Protocol
  - Greenhouse Gas Emissions
  - Polar Shipping Code
  - Aquatic Nuisance Species (i.e., Ballast Water and Biofouling)
  - Anti-fouling Convention
  - Ship Strikes of Cetaceans
  - IMO “tools” (PSSAs, ATBAs, Special Areas, Ship Routing, Reporting and No-Anchoring Requirements, Vessel Traffic Services)
  - Port Access Route Studies (PARS)
  - Sovereign Immunity
- Trade and Environment (w/ Derek)
  - Regional and Bilateral Free Trade Agreements
- Underwater Noise
- Zones and Boundaries – Baseline Committee (w/Ole)

***Derek Campbell***  
***Attorney-Advisor***

- Biological Diversity & Marine Genetic Resources in Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction (w/Ole)
- International Fisheries
  - Illegal, Unreported, and Unregulated Fishing
  - Regional Fisheries Management Organizations (RFMOs)
  - Port State Measures to Combat IUU Fishing
  - Other International Fisheries Instruments and Negotiations (e.g., UN Fish Stocks Agreement; FAO Compliance Agreement, RFMO negotiations, FAO negotiations)
  - UN General Assembly Fisheries Resolution
- Law of the Sea Convention
  - Meeting of States Parties to the Law of the Sea Convention (SPLOS)
- Protected Resources
  - Convention on Migratory Species MOUs
  - International Sea Turtle Conservation (e.g., Inter-American Convention for the Protection and Conservation of Sea Turtles)
- Trade and Environment
  - WTO (e.g., GATT, TBT, Dispute Resolution)
  - Regional and Bilateral Free Trade Agreements and Negotiations (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, Marine Mammal Protection Act, Dolphin Protection Consumer Information Act, Pelly Amendment)
- Great Lakes Issues (w/Ole)

***Richard Mannix***  
***Senior Counsel***

- Climate Change & Marine Geoengineering
  - Climate Engineering
  - Human Rights and Climate Change
- Environmental Impact Assessment - Conventional and Customary International Law
- International Hazardous Waste, Chemicals, Pesticides and Persistent Organic Pollutant Management
  - Basel Convention - Control of the Transboundary Movement of Hazardous Waste
  - Rotterdam Convention on the Prior Informed Consent Procedure for Certain Hazardous Chemicals and Pesticides in International Trade
  - Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants
- International Cooperation & Funding (US AID)
- Jurisdiction
  - International Bases for Jurisdiction
  - Sovereign Immunity (w/Ole)
- Land-based Sources of Marine Pollution
  - UNEP Global Programme of Action for the Protection of the Marine Environment from Land-based Activities
  - Marine Disposal of Mine Tailings
- Law of the Sea Convention
  - Marine Scientific Research (w/ Peter)
- London Dumping Convention/1996 Protocol
  - CO<sub>2</sub> Sub-seabed Sequestration
  - Ocean Fertilization/Marine Geoengineering
  - Strategic Plan to Broaden LC/LP Purview
- US AID NOAA Agreement
- NOAA International Affairs Council
- Seabed Management
  - International Seabed Authority
  - Submarine Cables
  - Extended Continental Shelf (w/Ole)
- Statutory Authorities & Policy Drivers for NOAA's International Engagement, Research, Capacity Building, Stewardship & Funding

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

- Arctic Issues
  - Arctic Council Working Group on the Protection of the Arctic Marine Environment (PAME)
  - Arctic Council Task Force on Arctic Marine Cooperation
  - U.S. Interagency Arctic Policy Group
- Biodiversity Beyond National Jurisdiction (w/Ole)
- Data Buoy Vandalism
- International Oceanographic Commission
  - Galway Declaration
- Law of the Sea Convention
  - Interpretation, accession & implementation
  - UN General Assembly Oceans Resolution
  - NSS Sub-Interagency Policy Committee on Ocean Policy
  - Major Maritime Powers Issues
  - Related international instruments regarding marine environmental protection
  - Meeting of States Parties to the Law of the Sea Convention (SPLOS)
- Marine Scientific Research (w/Ole)
- Protected Resources
  - Seabirds - Agreement on the Conservation of Albatrosses and Petrels
- Sargasso Sea Commission (w/Ole)
- Seaward Limits of US laws (w/Ole)
- Seabed Management (w/Richard & Ole)
  - International Seabed Authority
  - Deep Seabed Mining
  - Submarine Cables & Pipelines
- Ships, Regulation of (w/Stephanie)
  - Port Entry and International Law
  - Coastal state authority to regulate ships
  - Sovereign Immunity & International Law
- Surveys & Charting (w/Ole)
  - International issues - survey & remote sensing
- Unmanned Maritime Vehicles

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***Attorney-Advisor***

- Biological Diversity (w/Derek and Stephanie)
  - Biodiversity Beyond National Jurisdiction & Marine Genetic Resources (BBNJ)
  - Convention on Biodiversity
- Coastal & Marine Planning – Jurisdiction
- Great Lakes Issues (w/Derek)
  - Capacity Building-Technical Assistance
  - Commissions -Cooperation with Canada
  - Integrated Coastal & Ocean Management
  - Sanctuaries & Monuments
- Heritage (cultural & natural)
  - Shipwrecks such as RMS *Titanic* and other Underwater Cultural Heritage (UCH)
  - UNESCO Conventions, e.g., UCH, World Heritage, Trafficking in Cultural Property
  - Admiralty Jurisdiction & Maritime Law
- International Cooperation & Funding
- International Oceanographic Commission
  - Galway Declaration
- Law of the Sea Convention
- Marine Protected Areas & Place-based Management (w/Stephanie)
  - Big Ocean (International cooperation on Large Marine Protected Areas)
  - High Seas (w/Peter)
- Seabed Management (w/Peter & Richard)
  - Deep Seabed Mining
  - Extended Continental Shelf
  - International Seabed Authority
- Seaward Limits of US laws(w/ Peter)
- Surveys, Mapping and Charting (w/Peter)
- Zones and Boundaries (w/Stephanie)
  - U.S. Baseline Committee
  - Delimitation of Maritime Zones
  - International Maritime Boundaries
  - Implications of Sea Level Rise

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