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| ➢ Law of the Sea Convention  
  o Interpretation, accession and implementation  
  o DOS Policy Coordination on Ocean issues  
  o NOAA Working Group on Law of the Sea  
  o UNGA Oceans Resolution  
  o NSC Sub-IPC on Ocean Policy  
  o Major Maritime Powers  
  o Related international instruments regarding marine environmental protection  | ➢ 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)  
  o PSSAs, Special Areas, Ship Routing, Reporting and No-Anchoring Requirements  |}
| ➢ Antarctica Issues (w/Ole)  
  ➢ Arctic Issues  
  o Arctic Council Working Group on Protection of the Arctic Marine Environment (PAME)  
  o U.S. Arctic Policy Group (APG)  | ➢ Ships, Regulation of (w/Peter)  
  o 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  
  o Ship Greenhouse Gas Emissions  
  o Polar Shipping Code  
  o Aquatic Nuisance Species (i.e., Ballast Water and Biofouling)  
  o Anti-fouling Convention  
  o Ship Strikes of Cetaceans  |
| ➢ Data Buoy Vandalism  
  ➢ Marine Scientific Research  
  ➢ Protected Resources  
  o Seabirds - Agreement on the Conservation of Albatrosses and Petrels  | ➢ Underwater Noise  
  ➢ Zones and Boundaries – Baseline Committee (w/Ole)  
  ➢ Environment & Trade Issues (w/ Derek)  
  o Trade and Investment Agreements (e.g., Free Trade Agreements, Bilateral Investment Treaties)  |}
| ➢ Seaward Application of Laws (w/Ole)  
  ➢ Seabed Management (w/Ole)  
  o Deep Seabed Mining  
  o Submarine Cables & Pipelines  | ➢ Legal Capacity Building – Environmental & Natural Resource Governance  |}
| ➢ Ships, Regulation of (w/Stephanie)  
  o Port Entry and International Law  
  o Coastal state authority to regulate ships  
  o Sovereign Immunity and International Law  | |}
| ➢ Treaties (Interpretation) | |}

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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
  - Admralty 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

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- 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)

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