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<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Arctic Issues<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Arctic Council</li><li>○ Arctic Regional Hydrographic Commission</li><li>○ U.S. Interagency Arctic Policy Group</li></ul></li><li>● Heritage (cultural) (w/ Iris)</li><li>● International Hydrographic Organization</li><li>● Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission</li><li>● International Arrangements &amp; Agreements (Case-Zablocki Act) (w/ Iris)</li><li>● Law of the Sea Convention<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Annual maritime law bilateral meetings (w/ Rebecca)</li><li>○ Interpretation, accession &amp; implementation</li><li>○ International Seabed Authority (w/ Derek &amp; Iris)</li><li>○ Marine Scientific Research (w/ Iris &amp; Derek)</li><li>○ Major Maritime Powers</li><li>○ Related international instruments regarding marine environmental protection</li><li>○ Submarine Cables (w/ Derek &amp; Iris)</li><li>○ UN General Assembly Oceans Resolution</li></ul></li><li>● Protected Resources<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Seabirds - Agreement on the Conservation of Albatrosses and Petrels (ACAP)</li></ul></li><li>● Sea Level Rise (w/ Maura)</li><li>● Seaward Limits of U.S. laws (w/ Iris &amp; Maura)</li><li>● Shipping Safety and Sustainability (w/Rebecca)<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Port Entry</li><li>○ Coastal State authority to regulate ships</li><li>○ Sovereign Immunity</li></ul></li><li>● Underwater Noise (w/Rebecca &amp; Maura)<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ IMO, IUCN, IWC, LC/LP, Arctic Council</li></ul></li><li>● Uncrewed Maritime Systems (w/ Iris)<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ GC Uncrewed Systems (UxS) Team</li><li>○ Data Buoys and Floats</li></ul></li><li>● Zones &amp; Boundaries<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Delimitation of maritime zones</li></ul></li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Climate Issues<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Climate Action Group</li></ul></li><li>● Environmental Justice</li><li>● Great Lakes</li><li>● Global Program of Action for Land-based Sources of Marine Pollution</li><li>● International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN)<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Marine Debris/Marine Litter</li><li>○ Underwater Noise</li></ul></li><li>● Intern Program (w/ Rebecca)</li><li>● London Dumping Convention/London Protocol<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Artificial Reefs</li><li>○ Marine geoengineering</li><li>○ Underwater Noise</li></ul></li><li>● Law of the Sea Convention<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Extended Continental Shelf</li><li>○ U.S. Baseline Committee</li></ul></li><li>● Sea Level Rise (w/ Peter)</li> <li>● Seaward Limits of U.S. laws (w/ Peter &amp; Iris)</li><li>● Tribal Issues</li><li>● United States Informal Consultative Process (ICP) on Oceans and law of the sea</li><li>● United States Indonesia Climate Working Group.</li></ul>

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- Biological Diversity
  - UN Negotiations on Biological Diversity Beyond National Jurisdiction (BBNJ)
  - Convention on Biological Diversity
- International Fisheries
  - Regional Fisheries Management Organizations (RFMOs)
  - Other International Fisheries Instruments and Negotiations (*e.g.*, UN Fish Stocks Agreement, FAO Compliance Agreement)
  - UN General Assembly Fisheries Resolution
  - Illegal, Unreported, and Unregulated Fishing
  - Port State Measures
- Law of the Sea Convention
  - Dispute Settlement
  - International Seabed Authority (w/ Iris)
  - Marine Scientific Research (w/ Peter & Iris)
  - Meeting of States Parties
  - Submarine Cables (w/ Peter & Iris)
- Protected Resources
  - Convention on Migratory Species
  - Inter-American Convention for the Protection and Conservation of Sea Turtles
- Trade and Environment
  - World Trade Organization (WTO) Agreements and Negotiations (w/Rebecca)
  - WTO Fisheries Subsidies Negotiations
  - Regional and Bilateral Free Trade Agreements and Negotiations (w/ Rebecca)
  - International Fisheries Instruments with Trade Provisions

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- Heritage (cultural) (w/ Peter)
  - Shipwrecks such as *RMS Titanic*
  - Admiralty Jurisdiction & Maritime Law
- International Arrangements & Agreements (Case-Zablocki Act) (w/ Peter)
- Large Marine Ecosystem (LME) Projects
  - Caribbean LME
  - Gulf LME
- Law of the Sea Convention
  - International Seabed Authority (w/ Derek)
  - Marine Scientific Research (w/ Peter & Derek)
  - Submarine Cables (w/ Peter & Derek)
- Marine Debris/Marine Litter (w/ Rebecca)
- Seaward Limits of U.S. laws (w/ Peter & Maura)
- Uncrewed Maritime Systems (w/ Peter)
  - Data Buoys and Floats
- Cartagena Convention - SPAW Protocol (w/ NOAA GC FPR)

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Antarctic Issues<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Antarctic Treaty System</li></ul></li><li>● Aquaculture (GC Aquaculture Team)</li><li>● Bilateral Trade Issues</li><li>● Intern Program (with Maura)</li><li>● Law of the Sea Convention</li><li>● Marine Debris/Marine Litter<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● IMO Action Plan to Address Marine Plastic Litter From Ships</li><li>● UNEA Ad Hoc Experts Group</li><li>● Abandoned, Lost, and Otherwise Discarded Fishing Gear (ALDFG)</li></ul></li><li>● Shipping Safety and Sustainability (w/Peter)<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Safety of Non-SOLAS Vessels, Including Fishing Vessels</li><li>● International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships (MARPOL)</li><li>● Aquatic Nuisance Species (<i>i.e.</i>, Ballast Water and Biofouling)</li><li>● Anti-fouling Convention</li><li>● Ship Strikes of Cetaceans</li><li>● IMO Area-Based Management “Tools” (PSSAs, ATBAs, Special Areas, Ship Routing &amp; Reporting, No-Anchoring Areas, Vessel Traffic Services)</li></ul></li><li>● Trade and Environment (w/ Derek)<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● World Trade Organization (WTO)</li><li>● Free Trade Agreements</li><li>● 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)</li></ul></li><li>● Underwater Noise (w/ Peter &amp; Maura)</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Acquisitions</li><li>● Budget</li><li>● Chief Learning Officer (With Kenneshia)<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ IT Applications SME</li></ul></li><li>● Contracting Officer Representative</li><li>● GC Master Timekeeper</li><li>● Internship Program (w/ Rebecca)</li><li>● Property</li><li>● Team Event Coordinator</li><li>● Travel (Foreign and Domestic)</li><li>● Webmaster<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Case-Zablocki Act Repository Maintenance</li><li>○ External and Internal GCIS Site Maintenance</li></ul></li></ul>