

## **NOAA Office of General Counsel International Section**

### **Issues Covered in Alphabetical Order**

(Revised as of March 23, 2017)

- Antarctic Issues – *Rebecca Reese w/Ole Varmer*
- Arctic Issues - *Peter Oppenheimer*
  - Arctic Council and its Working Groups (in particular PAME)
  - Arctic Regional Hydrographic Commission
  - U.S. Interagency Arctic Policy Group (APG)
- Area-based Management – *Ole Varmer*
  - Big Ocean (International cooperation on Large Marine Protected Areas)
  - Conservation of Large Marine Ecosystems
  - Integrated Coastal Zone Management
  - Marine Protected Areas- high seas
  - Marine Spatial Planning
  - Place based conservation
  - Sargasso Sea Commission
- Biological Diversity - *Ole Varmer, Derek Campbell & Rebecca Reese*
  - UN Negotiations on Biological Diversity, Beyond National Jurisdiction (BBNJ)
  - Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD)
- Climate Change *Richard Mannix*
  - Climate Engineering
  - Human Rights and Climate Change
- Coastal and Marine Planning - *Ole Varmer*
- Data Buoy Vandalism - *Peter Oppenheimer*
- Environmental Impact Assessments - International Law - *Richard Mannix*
- Great Lakes Issues - *Ole Varmer w/Derek Campbell*
  - Commissions and cooperation with Canada
- Heritage (cultural & natural) - *Ole Varmer w/Peter Oppenheimer*
  - Shipwrecks (e.g, RMS *Titanic* and other Underwater Cultural Heritage (UCH)
  - UNESCO Conventions (UCH, World Heritage & Trafficking Cultural Property)
  - Admiralty Jurisdiction & Maritime Law
- International Fisheries - *Derek Campbell*
  - Regional Fisheries Management Organizations (RFMOs)
  - Other international fisheries instruments and negotiations (e.g., UN Fish Stocks Agreement; FAO Compliance Agreement, RFMO negotiations, Central Arctic Ocean Fisheries Agreement negotiations)
  - UN General Assembly Fisheries Resolution
  - UN Fish Stocks Review Conference
  - Illegal, Unreported, and Unregulated Fishing
  - Port State Measures
- Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC) – *Peter Oppenheimer w/Ole Varmer*
  - Galway Declaration
- International Organization Cooperation & Funding - *Ole Varmer w/Richard Mannix*
- Jurisdiction – *Peter Oppenheimer, Richard Mannix & Ole Varmer*

- International Bases for Jurisdiction
  - Sovereign Immunity
- Land-based Sources of Marine Pollution - *Richard Mannix*
  - UNEP Global Programme of Action for the Protection of the Marine Environment from Land-based Sources (GPA-LBS)
  - Marine Disposal of Mine Tailings
- Law of the Sea Convention - *All*
  - Baselines and delimiting Maritime Zones and continental shelf - *Ole Varmer*
  - Interpretation, Accession and Implementation - *Peter Oppenheimer*
  - Major Maritime Powers Issues - *Peter Oppenheimer*
  - Marine Scientific Research - *Peter Oppenheimer & Ole Varmer*
  - Maritime Boundaries with other nations - *Ole Varmer*
  - NOAA Working Group on Law of the Sea - *Peter Oppenheimer*
  - NSS Sub-Interagency Policy Committee on Ocean Policy - *Peter Oppenheimer*
  - Related International Instruments Regarding Marine Environmental Protection - *Peter Oppenheimer*
  - UN General Assembly Oceans Resolution - *Peter Oppenheimer*
  - Meeting of States Parties to the Law of the Sea Convention – *Derek Campbell*
- Legal Capacity Building, Environmental & Resource Governance – *Ole Varmer*
- London Dumping Convention/1996 Protocol - *Richard Mannix w/Ole Varmer*
  - CO2 Sub-seabed Sequestration Agreements
  - Marine Geo-engineering and Ocean Fertilization
  - Intersection of MARPOL and the London Dumping Convention/1996 Protocol
  - Strategic Plan to Broaden LC/LP Purview
- Marine Debris - *Ole Varmer w/Peter Oppenheimer*
- Marine Pollution (vessel-based and land-based) – *Rebecca Reese w/Richard Mannix*
- Marine Scientific Research - *Peter Oppenheimer w/Ole Varmer*
  - Law of the Sea Convention Part XIII
  - Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC)
  - Operational Oceanography and Observations
- Protected Resources -
  - Convention on Migratory Species MOUs - *Derek Campbell*
  - International Sea Turtle Conservation (e.g., Inter-American Convention for the Protection and Conservation of Sea Turtles) - *Derek Campbell*
  - Seabirds - Agreement on the Conservation of Albatrosses and Petrels (ACAP) - *Peter Oppenheimer*
- Seabed Management - *Peter Oppenheimer w/Ole Varmer & Richard Mannix*
  - Deep Seabed Mining
  - Extended Continental Shelf
  - International Seabed Authority
  - Submarine Cables & Pipelines
- Seaward Limit/Geographical Scope of Laws - *Peter Oppenheimer w/Ole Varmer*
- Ships, Regulation of - *Peter Oppenheimer w/Ole Varmer & Rebecca Reese*
  - Anti-fouling Convention
  - Aquatic Nuisance Species (i.e., Ballast Water and Biofouling)

- Coastal state authority to regulate ships
- Greenhouse Gas Emissions
- IMO “tools” (PSSAs, ATBAs, Special Areas, Ship Routing, Reporting and No- Anchoring Requirements, Vessel Traffic Services)
- 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
- Polar Shipping Code
- Port Access Route Studies (PARS)
- Port Entry and International Law
- Ship Strikes of Cetaceans
- Sovereign Immunity and International Law
- Statutory Authorities & Policy Drivers - *Richard Mannix*
  - NOAA’s International Engagement
  - Research
  - Capacity Building
  - Stewardship & Funding
- Surveys, Mapping and Charting – International issues: *Ole Varmer*
- Trade and Environment
  - WTO (e.g., GATT, TBT, Dispute Resolution) – *Derek Campbell & Rebecca Reese*
  - WTO Dolphin Safe Label Dispute – *Derek Campbell*
  - WTO Fisheries Subsidies Negotiations – *Derek Campbell*
  - Regional and Bilateral Free Trade Agreements - *Derek Campbell & Rebecca Reese*
  - 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) - *Rebecca Reese w/Derek Campbell*
  - International Fisheries Instruments with Trade Provisions – *Derek Campbell*
- Underwater Noise - *Rebecca Reese w/Ole Varmer*
- Unmanned Maritime Vehicles - *Peter Oppenheimer*
- Zones and Boundaries - *Ole Varmer w/Rebecca Reese & Richard Mannix*
  - U.S. Baseline Committee
  - Delimitation of Maritime Zones
  - Delineation of the Outer Limit of the Extended Continental Shelf
  - International Maritime Boundaries