

**NOAA Office of General Counsel International Section**

**Issue Portfolios by Attorney**

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

- Biological Diversity (w/Ole & Rebecca)
  - 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, 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
- Law of the Sea Convention
  - Meeting of States Parties to the Law of the Sea Convention
- 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
  - World Trade Organization (WTO) (*e.g.*, GATT, TBT, Dispute Resolution) (w/Rebecca)
  - WTO Dolphin Safe Label Dispute
  - WTO Fisheries Subsidies Negotiations
  - Regional and Bilateral Free Trade Agreements and Negotiations (w/Rebecca)
  - International Fisheries Instruments with Trade Provisions
- Great Lakes Issues (w/Ole)

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

- Climate Change
  - Climate Engineering
  - Human Rights and Climate Change
- Environmental Impact Assessment - Conventional and Customary International Law
- Transboundary Pollution
- International Cooperation & Funding (w/Ole)
  - US AID NOAA Agreements
- Jurisdiction
  - International Bases for Jurisdiction
  - Sovereign Immunity (w/Peter & 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
- London Dumping Convention/96 Protocol (w/Ole)
  - CO<sub>2</sub> Sub-seabed Sequestration
  - Ocean Fertilization/Marine Geoengineering
  - Strategic Plan to Broaden LC/LP Purview
  - Intersection of MARPOL and the London Dumping Convention/1996 Protocol
- NOAA International Affairs Council
- Seabed Management
  - International Seabed Authority
  - Submarine Cables & Pipelines (w/Peter)
  - Extended Continental Shelf (w/Ole)
- Statutory Authorities & Policy Drivers for NOAA's International Engagement, Research, Capacity Building, Stewardship & Funding
- Intern Recruiting

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

- Arctic Issues
  - Arctic Council – PAME Working Group and Task Force on Arctic Marine Cooperation
  - U.S. Interagency Arctic Policy Group
  - Arctic Regional Hydrographic Commission
- Data Buoy Vandalism
- Heritage (cultural) (w/Ole)
  - Interagency Task Force on Underwater Cultural Heritage (UCH)
- International Oceanographic Commission
  - Galway Declaration
- Jurisdiction (w/Richard & Ole)
- Law of the Sea Convention
  - Interpretation, accession & implementation
  - UN General Assembly Oceans Resolution
  - NSS Sub-Interagency Policy Committee on Ocean Policy
  - Major Maritime Powers
  - Annual maritime law bilateral meetings
  - Related international instruments regarding marine environmental protection
- Marine Debris (w/Ole)
- Marine Scientific Research (w/Ole)
- Protected Resources
  - Seabirds - Agreement on the Conservation of Albatrosses and Petrels (ACAP)
- Sargasso Sea Commission (w/Ole)
- Seaward Limits of U.S. laws (w/Ole)
- Seabed Management (w/Richard & Ole)
  - International Seabed Authority
  - Deep Seabed Mining
  - Submarine Cables & Pipelines
- Ships, Regulation of (w/Ole & Rebecca)
  - Port Entry and International Law
  - Coastal state authority to regulate ships
  - Sovereign Immunity & International Law
- Unmanned Maritime Vehicles

***Rebecca Reese***  
***Attorney-Advisor***

- Antarctic Issues (w/Ole)
- Biological Diversity (w/Ole & Derek)
  - UN Negotiations on Biodiversity Beyond National Jurisdiction
  - Convention on Biological Diversity
- Law of the Sea Convention
- Ships, Regulation of (w/Peter & Ole)
  - International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships (MARPOL)
  - 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, No-Anchoring Areas, Vessel Traffic Services)
  - Port Access Route Studies (PARS)
- Trade and Environment (w/-Derek)
  - World Trade Organization (e.g., GATT, TBT, Dispute Resolution)
  - Regional and Bilateral Free Trade Agreements, including Bilateral Investment Treaties)
  - 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)
- Underwater Noise (w/Ole)
- Zones and Boundaries —(w/Ole)
  - Baseline Committee
  - Delimitation of Maritime Zones
  - Maritime Boundary Agreements

***Ole Varmer***  
***Attorney-Advisor***

- Antarctic Issues (w/Rebecca)
- Area-based Management
  - 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 (w/Derek & Rebecca)
  - UN Negotiations on Biological Diversity Beyond National Jurisdiction (BBNJ)
  - Convention on Biological Diversity
- Coastal & Marine Planning
- Great Lakes Issues (w/Derek)
  - Commissions - Cooperation with Canada
- 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 (w/Richard)
- International Oceanographic Commission
  - Galway Declaration
- Jurisdiction (w/Peter & Richard)
- Law of the Sea Convention
- Legal Capacity Building, Environmental & Resource Governance
- Marine Debris (w/Peter)
- Seabed Management (w/Peter & Richard)
  - Deep Seabed Mining
  - Extended Continental Shelf
  - International Seabed Authority
- Seaward Limits of US laws (w/Peter)
- Ships, Regulation of (w/Peter & Rebecca)
  - IMO Legal Committee
- Surveys, Mapping and Charting (w/Peter)
- Underwater Noise (w/Rebecca)
- Zones and Boundaries (w/Rebecca)
  - U.S. Baseline Committee
  - Delimitation of Maritime Zones
  - International Maritime Boundaries

