

**Marine Biodiversity Workshop**  
**Dalhousie Law School**  
**Dalhousie University**  
**Halifax**  
**January 17, 2006**

**Location:** Dalhousie Law School  
Weldon Law Building  
6061 University Avenue  
Room 304

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**08:30-09:15 Welcome, Introductions and Brief Opening Remarks**

- Co-Chair, Dr. Moira McConnell (Director, Marine & Environmental Law Institute)
- Mr. Richard Ballhorn (Directeur général/Director General, Direction générale des Affaires juridiques /Legal Affairs Bureau, Ministère des Affaires étrangères /Department of Foreign Affairs)
- Co-Chair, Dr. David VanderZwaag, (Canada Research Chair in Ocean Law & Governance, Dalhousie Law School)

**09:15-10:30 Session I – The Context: Science and Law with a Focus on High Seas Fisheries and Marine Biodiversity**

**Lead Commentators**

- Professor Boris Worm, Dalhousie University – High Seas Fish Stocks and Marine Biodiversity
- Professor Martin Willison, Dalhousie University – Deep Sea Corals
- Dean Phillip Saunders, Dalhousie Law School – The Legal Regime

Discussion

**10:30-11:00 Break**

**11:00-11:30 Session II – Government Perspectives**

**Lead Commentators**

- Mr. Louis Simard, Directeur/Director, Direction du droit des océans et de l'environnement/Oceans and Environmental Law Division, Ministère des Affaires étrangères, Department of Foreign Affairs – The UN Working Group: How We Got There and What We Can Expect
- Mrs. Lori Ridgeway, Director General, International Coordination and Policy Analysis, Fisheries and Oceans Canada – The UN Working Group and the International Oceans Governance Agenda

**11:30-12:00 General Discussion**

**12:00-13:00 Lunch Break**

**13:00-14:00 Session III – Genetic Resources of the Seabed**

**Lead Commentators**

- Professor Kim Juniper, University du Quebec a Montreal – The Scientific Perspective
- Dr. Adam Burja, Principal Research Scientist, Metabolic Eng. & Fermentation Group Leader, Ocean Nutrition Canada – The Interest of the Biotechnology Sector
- Mr. Andrew Hurst, Policy Advisor, Biodiversity Convention Office, Environment Canada – Government Perspective

Discussion

**14:00-15:00 Session IV – Integrated Oceans Governance and Protection of Marine Biodiversity – Issues and Directions**

**Lead Commentators**

- Ms. Lee Kimball, IUCN – Options for Improving International Protection of Marine Biodiversity Beyond National Jurisdiction
- Mr. Pat McGuinness, President, Fisheries Council of Canada – The Fishing Industry's Interest
- Mr. Joshua Laughren, Director Marine Conservation, WWF-Canada – An ENGO View
- Ms. Renée Sauvé, Senior Policy Advisor, International Coordination and Policy Analysis, Fisheries and Oceans Canada – The Government Perspective

**15:00-15:30 Discussion: Questions, Issues & Policy Options**

- Mr. Louis Simard and Professor David VanderZwaag

**15:30-15:45 Break**

**15:45-16:45 Discussion: Questions, Issues & Policy Options (*Continued*)**

- Mr. Louis Simard and Professor David VanderZwaag

**16:45-17:00 Conclusions, Comments & Next Steps**

- Professor Moira McConnell & Mr. Dick Ballhorn