



Submarine Cables in the Sargasso Sea- Legal and environmental issues in areas beyond national jurisdiction

23 October 2014

GW Law School Moot Court Room

FINAL AGENDA

The objective of the workshop is to start an informed dialogue between the Submarine Cable Industry and the newly established Sargasso Sea Commission regarding best environmental practices for the laying and maintenance of cables in high seas areas, such as the Sargasso Sea. The intended outcomes are a published report of the Proceedings and an Agreed Statement of “Best Practices” that might form the basis of an MOU.

- 8:30- 9:00 am: Registration and coffee
- 9:00-9:30 am: Welcome Remarks
- Professor Lee C. Paddock, Associate Dean, Environmental Studies, The George Washington University Law School
 - Hon. Jeanne Atherden, JP, MP, Minister of Health, Environment and Seniors, Government of Bermuda
 - Neil Rondorf, Leidos, Director of Marine Operations, International Cable Protection Committee Chairman’s Introduction
- 9:30- 9:50 am: Legal Framework under UNCLOS
- Doug Burnett, ICPC International Cable Law Advisor; Partner, Squire Patton Boggs
- 9:50-10:10 am: Cable System Planning and Permitting: Business and Stakeholder Considerations
- Bob Wargo, Marine Liaison Manager, AT&T Corp.
- 10:10-10:30 am: Cable Laying and Repair and Cable Ship Operations
- Dr. Ron Rapp, Director, Industry & Marine Liaison, TE Subcom
- 10:30-10:50 am: Environmental Impacts
- Dr. Lionel Carter, ICPC Marine Environmental Advisor; Professor, Marine Geology, Antarctic Research Centre, Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand.
- 10:50-11:15 am: Question & Answer session
- 11:15-11:30 am: Coffee break

- 11:30- 11:50 am: Sargasso Sea Commission- Overview of Initiative
- Dr. David Freestone, Executive Secretary
- 11:50-12:10 pm: The science of the Sargasso Sea-why does it matter?
- Professor Howard Roe, Sargasso Sea Commission
- 12:10- 12:30 pm: Seamounts of the Sargasso Sea Region
- Dr. Les Watling, University of Hawai'i
- 12:30-1:00 pm Question and Answers session
- 1:00- 2:30 pm Lunch- Marvin Center
21st Street NW, Room 407, 4th Floor
- 2:30- 4:00 pm: Combined discussion session
Chair: William Francis, Bermuda Department of Economic Development
Rapporteur : Tara Davenport, Centre for International Law, National University
of Singapore
- 4:00- 4:15 pm: Coffee break
- 4:15- 4:30 pm: Next steps
- Outcome documents
- 4:30- 4:45 pm: Closing remarks & Adjourn Meeting
- 5:00 pm: Reception- Law School Faculty Conference Center, Burns Law Library, 5th floor
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