

## Committee Report

**Committee Name :** Foreign Relations

**Chairperson:** David Fyfe

**Date of Meeting:**  
October 25, 2015

**Recorder:** Amanda  
Lowrey

**Approved By:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Printed Name:**

### Committee Members Present:

X David Fyfe  
(Chairperson)

Darcie Couture

X Robin Edwards

X Matthew Forester  
Cesar Galvez

X John Bell  
(NOAA Delegate)

Bill Kramer  
(EPA Delegate)

X Paul Distefano  
(FDA Delegate)

Mariana Jiminez

X Amanda Lowrey

Chris Roberts

X Christopher Sherman

Jim Sim

X Bill Taylor

X John White

Honsik Yu

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### Charges

#### Charge 1:

##### Findings & Conclusions:

- Annual Report provided by EPA reviewed
  - Interest in work of the Interagency Working Group on Ocean Acidification
- Annual Report provided and reviewed by FDA
  - International Agreements with Canada, New Zealand Republic of Korea and Mexico – no new requests
  - US/EU Equivalency visits this year: Spain and the Netherlands have made the most progress, with draft reports exchanged this month & meetings scheduled for November
  - During the Mexico Audit, their ANDA biotoxin lab was decertified but other labs have picked up that effort work and are expanding
  - The Korean Audit found their program to now be doing an excellent job officials visited New Jersey to observe their program including depuration
  - FDA is working with world experts to develop shellfish safety guidance language for the Codex Code of Practice for Fish and Fishery Products
  - FDA conducted 2 Technical Assistance and Training Projects with the UK
- NOAA gave a brief report on the status of China's US West Coast Shellfish Ban
  - This ended in the spring of 2014, and the testing protocol for inorganic arsenic prior to shipment appears to be satisfying the Chinese government
  - In July, 4 Chinese delegates visited Washington state, touring the health laboratory, a geoduck clam farm, a wild harvest operation and the NOAA lab

Recommendations:

- Include a presentation on/by the Interagency Working Group on Ocean Acidification during the 2016 ISSC symposium
- Annual Reports by EPA, NOAA and FDA are valuable, appreciated and should continue to be made available to this committee