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Dr. Kathryn J. Mengerink, Director of the Ocean Program at the Environmental Law Institute, researches law and policy to support effective ocean management. Since 2008, Dr. Mengerink and her colleagues have worked to support the role of Alaska Native communities in managing ocean resources. These efforts have included developing a feasibility assessment of implementing ecosystem-based management in the U.S. Arctic, publishing a handbook focused on marine spatial planning and comanagement of Arctic resources, and hosting a workshop on the role of Arctic people in managing ocean resources, among other things. Current efforts include a project to develop recommendations to improve the tribal government-to-federal government consultation process in the Arctic and a project to understand research needs related to climate change and Arctic governance.

Dr. Mengerink's other work includes developing innovative approaches to addressing cumulative impacts to West Coast marine ecosystems; researching the compliance and enforcement in U.S. fisheries; supporting public participation in the Gulf of Mexico restoration processes; and examining the legal ramifications of the federal marine spatial planning framework.

Dr. Mengerink is a lecturer and class coordinator at Scripps Institution of Oceanography (Scripps), working with the Center for Marine Biodiversity and Conservation. She serves on the editorial board for the Sea Grant Law and Policy Journal. Before joining ELI, she served as research associate at the Law of the Sea Institute where she researched the legal and policy frameworks to address illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing in the international context. She holds a Ph.D. in Marine Biology from Scripps (UCSD) and a J.D. with a Certificate of Specialization in Environmental Law from Boalt Hall, School of Law, University of California, Berkeley.



