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PROFESSIONAL SKILLS

- Broad knowledge and experience in environmental, marine and fisheries science and policy.
- Excellent verbal and written communication, negotiation and facilitation skills.
- Experience in both the legislative and executive branches of government as well as non-governmental, international and inter-governmental organizations.

EXPERIENCE

Environmental and Marine Policy and Management Consultant. February 2009 – present.

- Provide expertise and advice on a variety of domestic and international environmental, marine, fisheries, energy and climate change policy and management issues.
- Served as a member of the Stakeholder Steering Committee for the Eastern Interconnection Planning Collaborative.
- Work with organizations including the National Marine Sanctuary Foundation, the Land Trust Alliance and the Wilderness Land Trust, among others.

Legislative Assistant and Policy Advisor, Congressman Jim Saxton, Washington, DC. March 2005 – January 2009.

- Staffed the Congressman on all issues under the jurisdiction of the Natural Resources Committee as well as the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), the Environmental Protection Agency, Army Corps of Engineers and Agriculture. Duties included active participation and leadership in the bipartisan House Oceans Caucus and the Congressional Wildlife Refuge Caucus, working directly with Appropriations Committee staff on NOAA, Interior and other accounts of importance to the Congressman.
- Key legislative activities for the Congressman included development of the bipartisan Endangered Species Act substitute amendment, working directly with key committee staff and outside interests to help secure passage of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act as well as promotion of legislation to implement the recommendations of the U.S. Commission on Ocean Policy and the Pew Oceans Commission.
- Worked directly with key committee staff in the House and Senate as well as external partners to advance legislative initiatives, including the Coastal and Estuarine Land Conservation Program, Ocean Observing, Exploration and Undersea Research, and Oceans 21, a comprehensive bill to reform U.S. ocean governance.

Environmental and Marine Policy and Management Consultant. December 2001 – February 2005.

- Provided expertise and advice on a variety of domestic and international environmental, marine and energy policy and management issues.
- Authored reviews of U.S. Federal and state activities on climate change and renewable energy.
- Developed strategies to manage and control fleet capacity, illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing and development of fisheries conservation and management plans. Participated in a global review of trends in fisheries management for the UN Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO).
- Authored a white paper on options to limit fleet capacity in the eastern Pacific Ocean tuna fisheries.

Senior Program Officer, World Wildlife Fund (WWF), Washington, DC. July 1997 – November 2001.

- Provided leadership for the WWF Network in marine policy and management.
- Successfully collaborated with WWF Network members, the European Commission, Japan, other government and industry representatives as well as other conservation organizations to achieve measurable conservation results in the U.S., the European Union and the eastern Pacific Ocean.

- Developed strong expertise in reauthorization, implementation and regulatory issues related to a broad range of environmental, marine and fisheries legislation and management.
- Participated as lead delegate in negotiations at FAO and the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission (IATTC).
 - Helped lead the successful negotiation of treaties and global plans of action to implement existing conventions as both a member of U.S. delegations and as lead delegate for WWF.
 - Successfully promoted IATTC agreement to develop long-term plans of action to manage and reduce fishing fleet capacity and reduce bycatch.
- Collaborated with U.S. West Coast conservation and industry partners to develop priorities and input for the West Coast Highly Migratory Species Fishery Management Plan. Promoted incorporation of performance standards and market-based strategies to reduce bycatch and encourage clean gear technology development and fishing practices.

Policy Analyst, Office of International Affairs, NOAA, Washington, DC. May - July 1997.

- Requested by NOAA to coordinate inter-agency development of U.S. international shark conservation and management initiative, including the scope and format of an FAO consultation to establish a global plan of action.

Knauss National Sea Grant Marine Policy Fellow, Biodiversity Team, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service, NOAA, Silver Spring, MD. February 1996 - January 1997.

- Coordinated and developed strategies to implement U.S. commitments for CITES resolution examining impacts of trade on sharks. Represented the U.S. in CITES and other international meetings, including presentations at the ICCAT Shark Working Group, the Second World Fisheries Congress and the CITES Animals Committee.
- Authored report adopted by CITES on issues impacting the biological status of sharks.

Legislative Coordinator, Marine Fish Conservation Network, Washington, DC. Summer 1994, September 1995 - January 1996.

- Coordinated legislative activities culminating in passage of the Sustainable Fisheries Act for a coalition of conservation, industry and other groups urging incorporation of stronger conservation measures in the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act of 1976.

Traditional Sailing Ship Officer and Instructor. July 1986 - September 1993.

- Earned ocean captain's license to operate vessels on ocean waters around the world.
- Safely operated and navigated sail training vessels in worldwide operation.
- Developed and implemented marine, historical, scientific and environmental education programs.
- Managed and trained ship's personnel.
- Demonstrated strong leadership, management, communications and technical skills as well as decision-making under often-adverse conditions.

HONORS AND AWARDS

- **WWF World of Difference Award**. Highest WWF internal recognition awarded for leadership role in the development and negotiation of global plans of action. 1999.
- **Knauss National Marine Policy Fellowship**. 1996-1997.
- **Graduate Teaching and Research Assistantship**. University of Rhode Island, Department of Marine Affairs. Primary teaching assistant for Coastal and Marine Law course. 1994-1995.

EDUCATION

- Master of Marine Affairs, University of Rhode Island, Kingston, RI, U.S.A.
- Bachelor of Arts, International Relations. Carleton College, Northfield, MN, U.S.A.