

# Jamie O'Connor



## PROFILE

Marine policy professional with 20+ years of experience in Alaska fisheries engaged in harvesting, policy, communications, facilitation, environmental conservation, and community organizing. Centers coastal community resilience and well-being, food security, impactful storytelling, infrastructure, and sustainable economies. Focused on balancing community needs with science-based conservation and building bridges with policy-makers and implementers.

## EXPERIENCE

**Alaska Marine Conservation Council**, Homer, Alaska — *Deputy Executive Director*

2025 - Present

Co-directing policy, strategy, and engagement.

**Intertidal Consulting**, Homer, Alaska — *Principal*

2023 - Present

Providing marine policy, strategy, research, and communications services.

**First Creek Fisheries**, Bristol Bay, Alaska — *Permit Holder*

2012 - Present

More than twenty seasons on the family set-net crew in the Nushagak district of Bristol Bay, AK.

**Office of Senator Lisa Murkowski**, Washington D.C. — *Legislative Assistant on Fisheries, Oceans, and Environment*

2021 - 2023

Led the Senator's Team Ocean, advising on policy and appropriations regarding fisheries, oceans, environment, science, arctic, climate, and commercial space among other issues.

## SKILLS

Policy Consulting

Consensus and Team Building

Social Science & Research

Project Facilitation

Communications

Coalition Organizing

Strategic Planning

## VOLUNTEER PROJECTS

**Ekuk Beach Fishermen's Association**  
Chair

**Alaska Fishing Communities**  
Vice Chair

## CERTIFICATIONS

200-Hour Yoga Teacher Training Certificate

American Sailing Association 101 & 103

**Lisa Murkowski for U.S. Senate, Alaska —  
Fisheries / Coastal Communities Liaison**

2022

Facilitated coastal community engagement and provided policy and communications support to the campaign.

**North Pacific Fishery Management Council, Alaska —  
Advisory Panel Member**

2019 - 2021

Represented conservation and Alaska coastal communities in the stakeholder input body to the NPFMC.

**Alaska Marine Conservation Council, Alaska — *Working Waterfronts Director***

2018 - 2021

Directed the Working Waterfronts program, including the Alaska Fishermen's Network and Young Fishing Fellows Program, and collaborated extensively with AMCC's Fisheries Conservation program.

**Office of Senator Dan Sullivan, Washington D.C. —  
*Senior Staff Assistant / Internship Coordinator***

2015 - 2016

Oversaw the development and operation of the Senator's D.C. front office and internship program while assisting the press department.

**EDUCATION**

**University of Edinburgh, Scotland, U.K. —  
*MSc Marine Systems and Policies with Distinction***

**University of Alaska, Anchorage —  
*B.A. Journalism and Public Communication with an  
emphasis on Strategic Communications***