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Professional Summary

Environmental program director, advocate, analyst, and science writer with over 14 years of experience developing and communicating science-based policy solutions to the public and policy-makers.

Builder of coalitions and alliances with diverse stakeholder groups to achieve conservation goals, including working with commercial and recreational fishing groups, the seafood supply chain, environmental organizations, and scientists.

Author of research reports and policy recommendations that have significantly shifted legislative and regulatory outcomes and expanded public understanding of federal fishery management, endangered species protections, and scientific integrity issues.

Experience

Director, Fish Conservation Program (2016 - present)

Ocean Conservancy, 1300 19th St NW 8th floor, Washington, DC 20036

Leads an advocacy program dedicated to securing sustainability gains in federal fishery management under the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (MSA) while advancing ecosystem-based approaches to address climate change.

Responsible for the management of five direct reports and a core team of 20 spread across five offices, as well as coordinating across programs within the organization. Leads the development of grant proposals and reports to support a \$1.5m annual budget. Builds and maintains relationships and coalitions with industry partners, nonprofit allies, government officials, and the scientific community.

Issue expertise includes the MSA and national standards, climate-ready fisheries, ecosystem-based fisheries management, bycatch, habitat, data modernization and electronic technologies, recreational fishing data and management (including red snapper), COVID-19 impacts on the fishing industry, and scientific integrity.

Under my leadership, we have: challenged illegal management of red snapper in the Gulf of Mexico while supporting dramatic reforms to improve management for all participants; championed ecosystem-based fisheries management on the U.S. West Coast as a path towards climate-ready fisheries that considers both fish and communities; defended the core conservation components of the country's science-based management system from legislative attacks while advocating for robust funding of the National Marine Fisheries Service.

Senior Associate, Federal Fisheries Policy (2013 - 2016)

The Pew Charitable Trusts, 901 E St. NW, 10th floor, Washington, DC 20004

Researched, analyzed, developed, and influenced federal laws and regulations impacting the management of wild ocean fish populations in the United States. Led internal analysis, external outreach, and coalition activities in response to proposed revisions to key federal

guidance on fisheries sustainability. Successfully delayed controversial, regressive legislation while developing and advocating a platform for ecosystem-based fisheries management.

Ensured the scientific rigor of our work through literature reviews, outreach to and collaboration with scientists and federal agency officials. Led the scoping and development of a new scientific research grant on rebuilding depleted fish populations. Prepared public comments, congressional testimony, policy statements, fact sheets, and internal policy analyses. Represented Pew through congressional lobbying, at professional conferences, and at federal agency meetings and workshops.

Senior Research and Policy Analyst (2010 - 2013)

Food & Water Watch, 1616 P St. NW, Suite 300, Washington, DC 20036

Conducted in-depth research on U.S. fisheries management, seafood safety and aquaculture policies for a national consumer-advocacy nonprofit organization. Authored reports, fact sheets, regulatory comments, and briefs on fisheries policy and aquaculture, with a particular focus on catch shares, that influenced legislation and policy around these issues.

Handled numerous media requests for major and regional newspapers and radio broadcasts. Lobbied Congress on fisheries issues and collaborated with fishermen coalitions. Supervised six interns on research and outreach projects.

Scientific Integrity Analyst (2007-2009)

Union of Concerned Scientists, 1825 K. St NW, Suite 800, Washington, DC, 20006

Independently analyzed allegations of political interference in federal scientific programs at a national science-based environmental nonprofit. Investigations combined primary interviews with agency and academic scientists with thorough research of available literature and reports. Wrote and edited numerous web-based and print analyses, public comments, and congressional testimonies. Represented the organization at professional conferences, in coalitions, on the Hill, in the media, and in briefings with high-level federal employees.

Notably, exposed interference by the Office of the Vice President and the White House Council of Economic Advisers to delay a rule that would minimize fatal ship collisions with the critically endangered North Atlantic right whale. This investigation generated a letter from the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform and media coverage by three major sources (The Associated Press, The New York Times and The Washington Post). Shortly thereafter, the rule to protect the whales was released without significant modification.

Education

Master of Science in Astronomy, December 2005, GPA: 3.6

University of Maryland, College Park, MD

Elective focus on terrestrial atmospheres and remote sensing

Graduate-level coursework in science journalism

Bachelor of Science in Physics (cum laude), May 2003, GPA: 3.7

University of Georgia, Athens, GA

Foundation Fellow (University of Georgia's premier academic scholarship program)