3rd NATIONAL WORKING WATERFRONTS & WATERWAYS SYMPOSIUM

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About Sea Grant

Environmental stewardship, long-term economic development and responsible use of America's coastal, ocean and Great Lakes resources are at the heart of Sea Grant's mission. Sea Grant is a nationwide network (administered through the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration [NOAA]), of 32 university-based programs that work with coastal communities. The National Sea Grant College Program engages this network of the nation's top universities in conducting scientific research, education, training and extension projects designed to foster science-based decisions about the use and conservation of our aquatic resources.

Sea Grant is NOAA's primary university-based program in support of coastal resource use and conservation. Our research and outreach programs promote better understanding, conservation and use of America's coastal resources. In short, Sea Grant is “science serving America's coasts.”

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Welcome to the Third National Working Waterfronts and Waterways Symposium! We are thrilled to have you join us in Tacoma, Washington for this important national conversation. On behalf of the entire Steering Committee for the Symposium and the National Working Waterfront Network, we hope this conference offers you the opportunity to share information and plan for the future of our working waterways.

What is the National Working Waterfront Network?
The National Working Waterfront Network (NWWN) is a nationwide network of businesses, industry associations, nonprofits, local governments and communities, state and federal agencies, universities, Sea Grant programs, and individuals dedicated to supporting, preserving, and enhancing our nation’s working waterways and waterways. For more information about the network see the website at: www.WaterAccessUS.com

Why Hold the Symposium in Tacoma, Washington?
In 2007 the First Working Waterfronts and Waterways Symposium took place in Norfolk, Va. Three years later, Portland, Maine hosted the Second Working Waterfronts and Waterways Symposium. In looking for a location for the third symposium, the executive committee of the Network evaluated options and recognized many of the previous conversations had centered on issues facing the East Coast, Great Lakes and Gulf Coast. What conversations and issues face working waterfronts on the West Coast? In order to open that dialogue the committee selected Tacoma, WA as a prime location to start that conversation. Tacoma has a vibrant port, a developing downtown, a shipbuilding industry, an active maritime economy and a robust community conversation looking to find a balance of competing interests to stimulate job growth, protect the environment and provide access for all types of users. Thus, in this one city we found a perfect example of the types of issues the Network wants to explore. NWWWS participants will find that downtown Tacoma is a great city for walking and waiting to be explored and a wonderful gateway to Puget Sound and the Northwest. We hope you enjoy your visit.

How Can You Make a Difference?
Unlike conferences or symposia designed to merely exchange information, the Network hopes not only to share and educate all those who participate, but also to engage participants in helping shape a national agenda. We hope to move forward the conversation about how to support communities throughout the United States (and elsewhere) addressing the ever-changing issues faced by working waterways. To that end, on the final day of the symposium, Thursday March 28, we start with a robust discussion of these issues with representatives from the maritime and commercial fishing industry, the aquaculture industry, the recreational boating community and small waterfront communities. This will be followed by a working strategy session.

Looking back, it was at the 2010 Symposium that participants called for the creation of a National Working Waterfront Network. Now, 2013 Symposium participants will help define this new Network’s priorities, including regional approaches for the West Coast, large and small working waterfronts finding common ground, policy, research and more. This is your opportunity to help set a national agenda.

Thanks to Those Who Made This Possible
We gratefully acknowledge the work of many dedicated individuals including members of the Symposium 2013 Steering Committee, and members of the Network Executive Committee for their tireless work designing and implementing this important event.

We also are grateful for the generous support of our sponsors representing the broad array of users and those interested in our waterways. Please review the list of our generous sponsors on the back page and express your thanks to these sponsors who are participating in the symposium. We also thank the University of Washington Conference Management team for their skillful assistance with registration, web hosting and logistical support.

Finally, thank you to all the individuals who are here to present and share information about their communities or areas of expertise. Your wealth of knowledge and experience enriches this symposium.

Welcome and enjoy your time in Tacoma!
Symposium Chair
Nicole Faghin, Washington Sea Grant

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Suzanna Stoike, West Coast Governors Alliance Sea Grant Fellow, Field Trip and Banquet Chair
Jamie Doyle, Oregon Sea Grant, Field Trip and Volunteer Chair
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Symposium Registration Booth

The NWWWS Registration Booth is located in the Rotunda of the Bicentennial Pavilion. Staff will be available there to assist with participant check-ins, including speakers, moderators, exhibitors and sponsors, as well as to provide general symposium information.

Registration Hours
Monday, March 25 ...................... 3 p.m. – 6 p.m.
Tuesday, March 26 ...................... 7 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Wednesday, March 27 .............. 7 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Thursday, March 28 ............ 8 a.m. – 10 a.m.

Name Badges
Your name badge is your entrance ticket to all NWWWS sessions, breaks, meals and the Seafood Reception. Please wear your name badge at all times throughout the symposium. Badge holders can be reused, so please participate in our goal to have a more consciously "green" meeting, and drop yours off at the Registration Desk before you leave. Extra tickets may be included with your badge or packet of materials if you are attending optional events.

Symposium Sessions
Symposium sessions will be held in meeting rooms within the Pavilion as well as in the lower ballroom level of the Hotel Murano’s main building. Please refer to the hotel floor plans on the back of this program. Concurrent sessions run 90 minutes, and Plenary Sessions generally are also 90 minutes but our schedule overview shows specific start and end times. Please refer to the Schedule-at-a-Glance to confirm the time and location of specific presentations.

Presenters should arrive at assigned presentation rooms at least 10 minutes before the session start time to load files onto the laptop provided. A session host will be able to contact an audio-visual operator if assistance is needed.

Meals and Refreshments
Lunch is provided on Tuesday and Wednesday, and continental breakfast on all days: Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Please note that the Seafood Reception on Wednesday is included for those who are registered for the full symposium, or who have registered for Wednesday only.

If you made a special meal request (vegetarian or other), please note that a special meal ticket for Wednesday’s lunch was included in your registration envelope. Please use this ticket to inform a lunch server of your meal request. On Wednesday, the lunch buffet will offer options to meet most dietary requirements.

The Symposium Banquet will be on Tuesday evening, and those who did not register for the banquet during their initial conference registration will have the opportunity to purchase tickets at the registration booth on Monday afternoon and Tuesday morning. Dinner on Wednesday is on your own; we encourage you to connect with colleagues to explore nearby dining options.

Beverages and snacks will be available during breaks.

Recycling
The hotel has receptacles for recycling of glass, aluminum, plastic and paper, which we encourage you to use. Thanks to an environmentally conscious staff at the Hotel Murano, they will turn food scraps into garden compost, by placing leftovers into special bins in their kitchen.

Cell Phones, Laptops and Internet Access
As a courtesy to fellow participants, please turn cell phones to silent and mute the sound on personal laptops. Please step out of a session if you need to make a call. Complimentary internet access is available in all NWWWS meeting rooms as well as in the lobby and the Bite, the hotel restaurant. Hotel Murano guests may also access complimentary internet in guest rooms. Questions about how to log in and passwords required can be answered by hotel front desk staff persons, or NWWWS volunteers and conference planners. Staff or volunteer assistants can be identified by ribbons on their name badges.

Important Phone Numbers
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Registration Booth: 206.909.3781
Tacoma Visitors Bureau: 253.284.3254
Emergencies: Dial 911

Internet Access Code
Username: NWWWS
Password: 2013

Guests who will stay overnight at the hotel and want to access the web in their guestroom will get a different username and password when they check in at the front desk.
**Port of Tacoma Tour**  
**Monday, March 25, 9:00 a.m. - Noon.**  
Cost: $20.  
Transportation provided.  
Get a behind-the-scenes look at one of North America’s largest container ports. Learn a bit of port history, view port operations, and learn about Tacoma’s public access, habitat, and award-winning mitigation sites.

**Tacoma Waterfront Walk**  
**Monday, March 25, 3:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.**  
Approximately 1 mile round-trip, walking.  
This tour will happen, rain or shine.  
Cost: $20.  
Join us for an afternoon walk along the Tacoma waterfront to view the revitalization of the Foss Waterway from past industrial uses to mixed-use urban development. Tour guides from the City of Tacoma and Thea Foss Redevelopment Authority discuss how industrial uses and neighborhoods live side by side, and where conflicts occur and common ground can be found. Tour will conclude at The Social with hosted appetizers. Please bring raingear and walking shoes.

**Port of Seattle including Fishermen’s Terminal**  
**Monday, March 25, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.**  
Cost: $30.  
All transportation components and lunch provided.  
Join a waterside and landside tour of the Port of Seattle. The waterside tour, provided by Argosy cruise lines, will highlight the Port’s container, cruise, grain, and general purpose marine cargo terminals from Elliott Bay. Following the waterside tour, attendees will travel by bus to the historic Fishermen's Terminal for a guided tour and lunch. Port guides will discuss the Port’s lines of business and the Port’s Century Agenda goals related to environmental stewardship, economic growth, job creation, and preserving industrial uses of Seattle’s waterfront. Tour starts and ends at Hotel Murano, Tacoma, with chartered bus transportation to Seattle.

**Gig Harbor Tour**  
**Monday, March 25, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.**  
Cost: $70  
Lunch is not included in tour price; transportation is provided.  
Travel by boat from Tacoma to Gig Harbor, where participants will look at past and present working waterfront uses and the balance between historical preservation and current needs. Visit the Skansie Netshed, Maritime Pier, the Eddon Boatyard, and the Harbor History Museum, and meet with the non-profit Gig Harbor Boatshop, the Coastal Heritage Alliance, and an active commercial fishing family. Includes stopping for lunch at the famous Tides Tavern along the waterway. Round-trip transportation provided from Hotel Murano to boat dock in Tacoma; boat transportation is included in cost.
Monday, March 25

Film Screening, “Ocean Frontiers: The Dawn of a New Era in Ocean Stewardship”

UW Tacoma, Philip Hall, 1918 Pacific St.

6:45 p.m. — 9:00 p.m.

Free to Symposium Registrants. Doors close and film starts at 7:30 pm. Panel discussion at 8:30.

Panel Moderator: Katrina Lassiter, Department of Natural Resources

Panelists
Angie Fredrickson, Port of Seattle
Leesa Cobb, Port Orford Ocean Resource Team
Paul Dye, The Nature Conservancy
Jacque Hostler, Cher-Ae Heights Indian Community of the Trinidad Rancheria

Join us for a special Working Waterfronts and Waterways premiere of the highly acclaimed film, “Ocean Frontiers”. Audiences across the country are raving about this film. Far from doom and gloom, “Ocean Frontiers” takes us on an inspiring voyage to seaports and watersheds across the country where we meet an intermingling of unlikely allies, of industrial shippers and whale biologists, pig farmers and wetland ecologists, sport and commercial fishermen, port operators, reef snorkelers and many more, all of them embarking on a new course of cooperation, to sustain the sea and our ocean economies. Includes reception, film and Q&A with a panel of experts to follow the screening.

Tuesday, March 26

Banquet Dinner

Foss Waterway Seaport Maritime Museum

6:30 p.m. — 9:00 p.m.

Transportation from Hotel Murano to Museum is provided. [Tickets may be purchased for $25 with symposium registration. Extra guests $40.]

Please join us for a very special evening at the newly renovated Foss Waterway Seaport Maritime Museum. The event is our opportunity to welcome you to the Symposium and Tacoma, and your opportunity to share and network with fellow Symposium guests over local Pacific Northwest cuisine and beverages. Themed around the maritime history of Tacoma, the evening includes a welcome blessing from the Puyallup tribe; a historical perspective of boat building and maritime activity on Washington’s waterfronts from local historian Michael Sullivan; and a debut performance of an original composition, “Song of the Tidelats” by local composer, Joshua Parmenter.

Enjoy a photographic display of “Waterfronts of the Pacific Northwest” and stroll around the museum’s many interesting displays, including a visit to the boat building shop, to learn more about the art of shipwrighting. The event will close with a salty rendition from David Densmore, fisher poet.

Transportation to/from the banquet

Shuttles: Look for a large bus near the front door of Hotel Murano. Loading starts at 5:45 p.m. Shuttles to banquet run 6:00 – 6:45 p.m. Return trips to the Hotel Murano from the banquet load in the parking lot north of the museum, departing 8:30 PM running continuously until 9:30 p.m.

Walking: Turn left out of the Hotel entrance down to 11th street and turn right. Take the elevator on the Murray Morgan Bridge down to Dock Street. Head north (left as you look toward the water) and the Foss Waterway Seaport is on your right in approximately .3 miles. Total distance: approximately 1 mile.

Driving: Directions from Hotel Murano:
1. Head north on Broadway toward S 13th St
2. Take the 1st right onto S 13th St
3. Take the 3rd right onto A Ct
4. Continue onto E 15th St/Court A
5. Turn right onto Dock St

Destination will be on the right. The Foss Waterway Seaport is located at 705 Dock St, Tacoma, WA 98402. Parking is available.

Wednesday, March 27

Seafood Reception

Pavilion Rotunda, Hotel Murano

5:00 p.m. — 6:30 p.m.

Please join us and Murano Chef Matt Stickle for a wonderful sampling of Northwest and West Coast seafood and shellfish. You will sample oysters, clams, mussels, salmon, black cod, pink shrimp, and albacore tuna, supplied by local fishermen, processors and growers. No host bar available.
Tuesday, March 26 Plenary Panel

Are We Ready? Hazard Resilience and What it Means for Working Waterfronts

**Moderator: Ron Sims, Former Deputy Secretary of U.S. Housing and Urban Development**

Appointed by President Obama and unanimously confirmed by the U.S. Senate, Ron Sims served as the Deputy Secretary for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development from 2009 to 2011. As the second most senior official at HUD, Sims managed the day-to-day operations of an agency with 8,500 employees and an operating budget of nearly $40 billion.

Prior to his appointment at HUD, Sims served for 12 years as the elected Executive of King County in Washington State, the 13th largest county in the nation with 1.8 million residents and 39 cities including the cities of Seattle, Bellevue and Redmond.

As County Executive, Sims was nationally recognized for his work on the integration of environmental, social equity and public health policies that produced groundbreaking work on climate change, health care reform, affordable housing, mass transit, environmental protection, land use, and equity and social justice.

Sims was appointed in 2011 by Washington State Governor Chris Gregoire to serve on the Board of Regents of Washington State University. The board of regents is the University's governing body. Sims was also appointed by Governor Gregoire to serve on the Puget Sound Leadership Council, a seven-member citizen group that governs the Puget Sound Partnership, a state agency coordinating with federal, state, local, tribal and private resources in restoring the ecological health of Washington state’s largest estuary.

**Panelists**

**Bill Needelman, AICP, Senior Planner, City of Portland, Maine**

For the last 13 years, Bill Needelman has been a senior planner with the City of Portland, Maine. While with the City, he has worked with numerous waterfront-planning initiatives ranging from small development permits to neighborhood-scaled master plans. A significant percentage of Bill's municipal planning career has concentrated on balancing working waterfront preservation with the realities created by struggling marine economies on a largely privately owned waterfront. Signature projects in Bill's portfolio include the Eastern Waterfront Master Plan, infrastructure planning for Ocean Gateway International marine passenger terminal, redevelopment of the city-owned Maine State Pier, and recent mixed-use policy and zoning development for the Central Waterfront. Bill has a geology degree from Boston College and as a life-long Portlander, he and his family have deep roots in the City of Portland, its waterfront, and the islands of Casco Bay.

**Eric Holdeman, Principal, Eric Holdeman & Associates**

Eric Holdeman is the Principal for Eric Holdeman and Associates. His areas of expertise include building regional coalitions between agencies, governments, the private sector and nonprofits. Disaster planning, regional planning, port security operations, Emergency Operations Center (EOC) design and construction, multi-media public education programs, Joint Information Center (JIC) formation and operations, media relations, social media, meeting facilitation and integration of technology into emergency management and homeland security programs are just a few of the areas in which he has extensive experience.

Eric has authored numerous articles for professional journals and opinion pieces for local, regional and national newspapers. He is a writer for *Emergency Management magazine* where he contributes feature articles and also has a regular column, “Eric’s Corner.” He is an experienced and accomplished public speaker sought after to present at national and regional conferences. Eric blogs on emergency management and homeland security topics at [www.disaster-zone.com](http://www.disaster-zone.com) which is nationally the most popular blog on emergency management.
Eric is a member and Past President of the Washington State Emergency Management Association (WSEMA). He is on the Advisory Council for the Center for Regional Disaster Resilience and the Pacific Northwest-Advanced National Seismic Safety Region Advisory Committee. Additionally, he serves on the Advisory Board for the University of Washington’s Masters in Strategic Planning for Critical Infrastructures.

Steve Goldbeck, Chief Deputy Director, San Francisco Bay Conservation & Development Commission

Mr. Goldbeck is the Chief Deputy Director at the San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission (BCDC). Mr. Goldbeck has 27 years experience at BCDC and has been overseeing the Commission’s climate change and sea level rise response program for the last three years, including helping to prepare the coastal sector of the California State Adaptation Strategy. He served as the BCDC legislative coordinator for over a decade and was the Commission’s lead staff member on dredging and sediment management issues for over 15 years.

Kevin Ranker, State Senator, Washington State

Senator Kevin Ranker possesses an extensive and diverse background developing and advancing public policy, community development strategies and conservation initiatives both in the United States and internationally. For several years he has focused his expertise on the advancement of coastal and ocean policy with a particular emphasis on the combination of coastal economic development, energy policy and conservation. As a Washington State Senator, Kevin has advanced key legislation focused on climate, energy, coastal and marine management, transportation, agriculture and equal rights. Legislative highlights include the sponsorship and co-sponsorship of comprehensive marine management, oil spill response and preparedness efforts and landmark legislation making Washington the seventh state to recognize full marriage equality. Previous to the Senate, Kevin served as a San Juan County Commissioner and was a Senior Fellow at the Ocean Foundation. In 2011, he received a White House appointment to serve as an Advisor to President Obama’s National Ocean Council. He is also the current Vice President of PNWER (Pacific Northwest Economic Region), a partnership of ten states and Canadian provinces that works to increase economic well-being, coordinate energy, economic and environmental strategies and enhance the competitiveness of the region. He lives on Orcas Island with his wife and daughter while his son proudly serves in the U.S. Navy. Kevin is an avid runner, sailor, paddler, fisherman and surfer.

Wednesday, March 27 Plenary Panel

What is the National Working Waterfront Network?

Natalie Springuel, Maine Sea Grant

Natalie Springuel is a marine extension associate with the University of Maine Sea Grant College Program, based at College of the Atlantic in Bar Harbor. Springuel’s extension programs address working waterways and coastal access, maritime heritage, and sustainable tourism planning. She was the coordinator of the second National Working Waterfronts Symposium (2010) in Portland, Maine, and is a co-founder of the National Working Waterfront Network. She has been active with Maine’s Working Waterfront coalition since its inception, and is a lead author of the report “Access to the Waterfront, issues and solutions across the nation,” and the website “Accessing The Maine Coast, Everything you wanted to know about rights and responsibilities of accessing the Coast of Maine.”

Announcing a Sustainable Working Waterfront Toolkit, From Research to Implementation

Panel Moderator: Nick Battista, Marine Programs Director, Island Institute

Nick Battista is the Marine Programs Director at the Island Institute in Rockland, Maine. Nick oversees marine programs staff and Institute programming focused on working waterfront preservation; marketing and branding of ethically harvested groundfish, shrimp and lobsters; groundfish permit banking; building capacity of Maine fisheries organizations and businesses; fisheries mapping (Mapping Working Waters); offshore wind energy; and marine spatial planning. He works particularly closely with the Institute’s policy director on shaping relevant state and federal fisheries policy developments.

A native Mainer and graduate of Colby College, Nick also holds a law degree from the Roger Williams University of Law in Bristol, Rhode Island and a master’s degree in marine affairs from the University of Rhode Island in Kingston. He most recently served as legislative aide and field representative for marine, natural resources, energy, environment and taxes for Maine Congresswoman Chellie Pingree.
Panelists

Jack Wiggin, Director, Urban Harbors Institute, University of Massachusetts Boston

Jack Wiggin is the director of the Urban Harbors Institute at the University of Massachusetts Boston where he is responsible for development and management of the Institute’s research agenda and technical assistance projects on port and urban waterfront planning and decision making and ocean and coastal policy and management. He has 30 years of experience in government, the private sector, and academia developing and implementing coastal and marine policy, planning and management strategies at the national, state, and local levels of government in the U.S. and abroad. He is an adjunct faculty member in the Environmental, Earth and Ocean Sciences Department teaching courses on planning and land use law. He serves on numerous coastal- and ocean-related advisory boards. He has a MS in Urban Studies and Planning and is a member of the American Institute of Certified Planners.

Bob Swett, Coordinator, Florida Sea Grant Boating and Waterway Planning Program

Dr. Bob Swett is an Associate Professor at the University of Florida and the Florida Sea Grant specialist on boating and waterway management issues within Florida’s Cooperative Extension Service. His programmatic mission is to build a comprehensive extension and research program that fosters responsible use and management of Florida’s waterways.

Lisa Ayers Lawrence, Marine Education Program Leader, Virginia Sea Grant Marine Extension Program

Lisa Ayers Lawrence is the Marine Education Program Leader for the Virginia Sea Grant Marine Extension Program at the Virginia Institute of Marine Science. Ms. Lawrence specializes in the development of educational resources to increase the coastal and ocean literacy of the K-12 community, seafood industry and consumers, and coastal and ocean stakeholders.

Stephanie Showalter Otts, Director, National Sea Grant Law Center

Stephanie Showalter Otts is the Director of the National Sea Grant Law Center and the Mississippi-Alabama Sea Grant Legal Program at the University of Mississippi School of Law. Stephanie received a B.A. in History from Penn State University and a joint J.D./Masters of Studies in Environmental Law from Vermont Law School. She is licensed to practice law in Pennsylvania and Mississippi. As Director, Stephanie oversees a variety of legal education, research, and outreach activities, including providing legal research services to Sea Grant constituents on ocean and coastal law issues. Her duties also include the supervision of law student research and writing projects and providing assistance to organizations and governmental agencies with interpretation of statutes, regulations and case law. Stephanie also holds an adjunct position at the University of Mississippi School of Law teaching such courses as Ocean and Coastal Law, Natural Resources, and Wetlands Law and Regulation. Her research on natural resources, marine, and environmental law issues has been published in a variety of publications. Stephanie has conducted extensive research on marine and freshwater invasive species.

Hugh Cowperthwaite, Fisheries Project Director, Coastal Enterprises, Inc.

Hugh received a B.A. in Environmental Science & Policy Applied Ecology from the University of Southern Maine. Hugh’s work with commercial fisheries began in high school working as a lobster boat sternman. At CEI, Hugh is responsible for CEI’s Fisheries and Waterfront programs, which involve coordinating lending, business counseling and other technical assistance with commercial fishermen, shellfish growers and waterfront businesses that maintain commercial fishing access. He currently oversees a $6.75 million state bond funded program called the Working Waterfront Access Protection Program. www.wwapp.org. Hugh currently serves on the Maine Technology Institute, Aquaculture and Marine Technology Board and was one of the founding members of the Maine Working Waterfront Coalition and the National Working Waterfront Network.

Kristen Grant, Marine Extension Associate, Maine Sea Grant and University of Maine Cooperative Extension

As Southern Maine Marine Extension Associate with Maine Sea Grant and University of Maine Cooperative Extension, Kristen has worked in that region of the state since 1999. The majority of Kristen’s work focuses on the interactions between the people, the resources, and the ecosystems of the coast. Her work includes a range of activities to build the capacity of coastal communities to plan and adapt for their future, such as understanding erosion trends and planning for coastal hazards, addressing coastal access and waterfront development issues, and engaging community stakeholders. To this work, Kristen brings a Master of Science degree focused on Environmental Education, and has an extensive background in outreach education and community development.
Thursday, March 28 Plenary Panel

National Political Landscape: What Now?

Jeffery Gabriel, Legislative Counsel for the National Marine Manufacturers Association

Jeffrey S. Gabriel, Jr., is Legislative Counsel for the National Marine Manufacturers Association (NMMA), the nation’s leading recreational marine industry trade association. He returned to NMMA in March 2009 to add an additional hand to the association during a time of great economic crisis and upheaval, particularly for the boating industry. After nearly two decades as a government relations professional he has gained a valuable perspective on the nature and process of our federal system of government, and how it affects the lives of citizens on a daily basis. Over the course of Jeff’s career he has worked at a high capacity on Capitol Hill as well as in the private sector. He has worked as a close advisor to former Senator Arlen Specter (R-PA) in the mid-1990s and as Legislative Director for former Congressman Chris Carney (D-PA-10). In his present capacity as Legislative Counsel for the National Marine Manufacturers Association, Jeff manages a very active portfolio of issues that includes manufacturing, transportation, energy, environment and trade policy. Jeff received his Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from La Salle University; a Master of Arts in International Affairs from the George Washington University; and a Juris Doctor from George Mason University. He is a member of the District of Columbia Bar.

Kyle Molton, Field Representative for Congresswoman Chellie Pingree

Kyle Molton is a Field Representative for Congresswoman Chellie Pingree, based in Portland, Maine. Kyle works closely with Maine’s coastal communities, particularly on issues surrounding working waterfronts, fisheries, agriculture, conservation and environmental regulations. He previously worked on legislative issues in Washington, D.C., while serving as a Knauss Marine Policy Fellow, including work on the Keep America’s Waterfronts Working Act of 2011, which was introduced by Congresswoman Pingree in the 112th Congress.

Kyle studied marine science and fisheries at the University of Maine and holds a master’s degree in Fisheries and Wildlife from Michigan State University. He has studied and worked on natural resources issues in the Gulf of Mexico, the Great Lakes, the Pacific Northwest, and of course, his native state of Maine.
Panelists

**Peter Philips, President, Philips Publishing Group**

Peter is president of Philips Publishing Group, publishers of trade and consumer magazines for the maritime, fishing and tourism industries. Titles in the Trade Group include *Pacific Maritime Magazine*, aimed at West Coast commercial vessel and terminal operators; *The Fishermen’s News*, the oldest commercial fishing publication on the Pacific Coast; and *Foghorn*, the official publication of the national Passenger Vessel Association. Peter currently serves as president of the Seattle Marine Business Coalition, which represents the interests of Seattle marine industrial land users, and is a past president of the Port of Seattle Chapter of the National Propeller Club, and past president of the French American Chamber of Commerce.

Peter is a fourth generation Seattleite with a Bachelor of Arts in History from Whitman College, and has been employed in the publishing field since 1985. He is married to Denise with a daughter, Camille.

**Ryck Lydecker, Assistant Vice President for Government Affairs, Boat Owners Association of the United States (BOATUS)**

Ryck Lydecker is Assistant Vice President for Government Affairs for BOATUS, the nation’s largest recreational boater organization (520,000 members) and Associate Editor of *BoatU.S. Magazine*. He has represented recreational boating on the Sport Fishing and Boating Partnership Council (U.S. Dept of the Interior) since 2000 and also serves on the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway Association Board of Directors. He is a member of the National Sea Scouting Committee, the external advisory committee of Virginia Sea Grant and has held positions in public affairs with the University of Minnesota Sea Grant Program and NOAA.

**Bill Dewey, Manager of Public Policy and Communications, Taylor Shellfish**

Bill Dewey has worked for over 30 years as a shellfish farmer in Washington State. He is Manager of Public Policy and Communications for Taylor Shellfish Farms the largest producer of farmed shellfish in the country, and owns and operates his own manila clam farm in Samish Bay. Bill has taken an active role throughout his career on public policy matters affecting the shellfish farming community.

**Rob Snyder, President-Elect, Island Institute, Maine**

Rob is responsible for working with island and remote coastal leaders to identify innovative approaches to community sustainability. In addition, he works with the Institute’s energy, fisheries, education, community service, publications, and economic development staff to structure responses to emerging challenges faced by these communities along the coast. Rob's background is in cultural anthropology, and his research focuses on informal science education, science technology and society, and the cultural politics of natural resource management. He has conducted research on these topics in Maine; the Rocky Mountain states; Quepos, Costa Rica; and Yunnan, China.
# Program at a Glance

## Day 1
Tuesday, March 26

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Port of Seattle Commissioner Bill Bryant, Introduction of US Senator Patty Murray, Keynote Address

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6:30 - 9:30 p.m.
Seafood Reception at Murano Hotel

Day 3
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Introduction to National Working Waterfront Strategy Session
Nicole Faghin, Washington Sea Grant and Symposium Co-Chair

Highlights of the Day
Natalie Springuel, Maine Sea Grant and NWNN Co-Chair
Developing a National Strategy Together

Plenary Session
National Political Landscape: What Now?
Kyle Molten, Field Representative for Congresswoman Chellie Pingree, Jeffrey Gabriel, Legislative Counsel for the National Marine Manufacturers Association

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Lisa Ayers Lawrence, Marine Education Program Leader, Virginia Sea Grant Marine Extension Program
The Working Waterfront Toolkit and Online Community
Stephanie Showalter Otts, Director, National Sea Grant Law Center, and NWWN Co-Chair
Using the Law to Address Working Waterfront Challenges: Statutory, Regulatory, and Policy Tools
Hugh Cowperthwaite, Fisheries Project Director, Coastal Enterprises, Inc.
An Inventory of Financial Tools for Working Waterfronts
Kristen Grant, Marine Extension Associate, Maine Sea Grant and University of Maine Cooperative Extension
Tools in Action: 21 (and counting) Working Waterfront Success Stories
Stephanie Showalter Otts
Where Do We Go From Here? - Key Findings and Recommendations
Panel Members
Ryck Lydecker, BoatsU.S., assistant vice president, government affairs; representing recreational boating industry
Peter Philips, Philips Publishing Group, representing the maritime industrial and commercial fishing industry
Bill Dewey, Taylor Shellfish Farms, representing shellfish industry
Rob Snyder, Island Institute, representing small communities
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Strategy Session
Setting a National Working Waterfronts Agenda, A Strategy Session for all Symposium Participants
At the 2010 Symposium, participants called for the creation of a National Working Waterfront Network. The 2013 Symposium participants will help define this new Network’s priorities, including regional approaches for the West Coast, large and small working waterfronts finding common ground, policy, research and more.
Tuesday, March 26, 10:15 a.m.

Concurrent Sessions A

**Session A1**

*International Perspectives on Preserving Waterfront Communities and Infrastructure*

Room 1 (Pavillion BC)

**Theme III: Outreach and Education**

**Moderator:** Dr. Anne Wessells, Urban Studies Program, UW Tacoma

**Speakers**

*Stacia Miller, Environmental Engagement Consultant, Federal Way, WA*

Involving the Community in a Changing Coastline: An English Case Study

*Byung-Gui Lee, Jeju Sea Grant Program, Republic of Korea*

New Village Development Plan for International Yacht School, South Korea

*Peter Hall, Simon Fraser University, Vancouver, BC*

Reclaiming the New Westminster Waterfront

*Anne Wessells, University of Washington, Tacoma*

Assembling the Tacoma Waterfront

This presentation examines the narrative logic engaged by a range of political actors seeking to influence the Shoreline Master Program (SMP) update in Tacoma, and the land-use outcomes that they privilege on the waterfront. Drawing on participant observation in the field, as well as textual analysis of planning documents, meeting minutes, and public comments, the research examines the political power of narrative in the construction of place.

**Session A2**

*The Impact of Shipyards on Local Economies*

Room 2 (Pavillion EF)

**Theme I: Economics**

**Moderator:** Andy Bennett, KPFF Consulting

**Panelists**

*Brian Mannion, Vigor Industrial*

*Hobie Stebbins III, Lake Union Drydock*

*Brian Thomas, Kvichak Marine Industries*

A panel of experts on shipyard operations and economics will discuss the economic benefits that both construction and repair yards bring to their local communities as well as the challenges they face, particularly in urban environments. Shipyards are a critical element in the maritime industry, building and maintaining the fleets of commercial and government vessels, which are important to our national economy and security. At the local level, they provide good family-wage jobs for their own employees and support a variety of second- and third-tier contractors who provide specialty goods and services.
Session A3
Creative Materials and Design for Working Waterfronts
Room 3 (Venice 1)
Theme VI: Design

Moderator: Patty Snow, Oregon Coastal Management Program

Speakers
Ken Fellows, GeoEngineers, Inc
Derelict Creosote Piles and Structures: Problem or Opportunity?

This presentation will address the social and cultural aspects of derelict creosote structures, including public perceptions (pro and con), environmental impacts, regulatory incentives for keeping and/or removing structures and regulatory programs.

Sarah Garcia, Harbor Planning, City of Gloucester, MA
The Gloucester HarborWalk: An Authentic Expression of Place in the Working Waterfront

The Gloucester HarborWalk is a unique expression of community, weaving its way in and along the waterfront and the historic downtown, telling the stories of the community, the history, the art, the culture, the fishery and the heritage. The “Walk” makes visible this historic and complex city in ways that accommodate and promote both current and future maritime industry. Innovative technological approaches to wayfinding and telling the community story allow a system of story moments with a deeply traditional and nonintrusive look and feel, while linked throughout to digital media systems creating access to layers of archival clips of history — visual, spoken, and played — and to walking interactive cinema options.

Scott Steltzner, Squaxin Tribe
Using Lessons from Commencement Bay’s St. Paul Waterway to Restore Shelton Harbor

This presentation will focus on the use of creative tools to address conflicting land uses; new and innovative designs for waterfront access; combining sediment clean-up and habitat restoration as an efficient strategy to achieve multi-faceted environmental benefits in a timely, cost effective manner. If the strategy were applied more broadly around Puget Sound, working waterfronts could make a much more substantial contribution to biological recovery.

Jeff Cordell, Aquatic and Fishery Sciences, University of Washington
Habitat Enhancements in Seawalls — Seattle Seawall as a Case Study

Seawalls are poor habitat for aquatic organisms, but adding features such as slope and texture may improve them. We tested this on the seawall in Seattle, Washington and found that engineered complexity benefits some organisms and may help alleviate declines in biodiversity associated with urban shorelines.

Session A4
Getting Practical: Sociocultural Dimensions of and Considerations for Working Waterfronts
Room 4 (Venice 2)

Theme VII: Social and Cultural Aspects of the Working Waterfront

Moderator: Carrie Pomeroy, CA Sea Grant/UCSC Institute of Marine Sciences

Panelists
Madeleine Hall-Arber, MIT Sea Grant
Erin Wilson and Flaxen Conway, Oregon State University
Steve Scheiblauer, City of Monterey Harbor
Henry Pontarelli, Lisa Wise Consulting, Inc.
Pete Halmay, Commercial Sea Urchin Diver, San Diego, CA
Rick Algert, City of Morro Bay Harbor, retired

This session will provide and generate insights into the diverse sociocultural dimensions of the working waterfront, focusing on the commercial fishing community. Participants will exchange knowledge, experience and ideas about the challenges and opportunities facing such communities, and how human dimensions information can support efforts to address both.

Session A5
Balancing Tacoma Waterfront Uses: Living, Working and Cultural-Educational Perspectives
Room 5 (Venice 3)

Theme IV: Strategies

Moderator: Chuck Fowler, Northwest Nautix

Panelists
Don Meyer, Former Executive Director, Foss Waterway Development Authority, and Port of Tacoma Commissioner
Joe Martinac, Jr., President, J. M. Martinac Shipbuilding Corporation
Tom Cashman, Former Executive Director of the Foss Waterway Seaport
Steve Atkinson, Shoreline Planner, City of Tacoma

Panelists will present the creative ways the Foss Waterway Development Authority, J.M. Martinac Shipbuilding and the Foss Waterway Seaport (Working Waterfront Maritime Museum) and other waterfront organizations have partnered to reduce and resolve land use conflicts on the waterway. They will also discuss how these approaches can be applied to similar working waterfront and waterways projects and answer audience participant questions.
Session A6
Coastal Smart Growth Approaches for Working Waterfronts Preservation: Implementing Locally Based Strategies and Solutions
Room 6 (Venice 4)
Theme IV: Strategies
Moderator: Kenneth Walker, NOAA/Ocean Coastal Resource Management
Panelists
Bill Needelman, City of Portland, Maine
Lydia Bennett, Port of Bellingham, WA
Niki Pace, Mississippi–Alabama Sea Grant Legal Program

The learning objective of this session is to (1) introduce the connections between coastal smart growth and working waterfront issues and (2) highlight case studies of communities which are implementing smart growth approaches to protect and enhance working waterfronts.

Tuesday, March 26, 1:45 p.m.
Concurrent Sessions B

Session B1
Making Working Waterfront Festivals Work: Successful Case Studies
Room 1 (Pavilion BC)
Theme III: Outreach and Education
Moderator: Chuck Fowler, Pacific Northwest Maritime Heritage Council
Panelists
Ken Saunderson, Seattle Maritime Festival
Clare Petrich, Tacoma Maritime Fest
Chuck Fowler, Olympia Harbor Days Tugboat Festival

This session will present practical, successful festival approaches to engaging and sustaining public involvement in working waterfront and public access support activities in Seattle, Tacoma and Olympia. Also, this session will offer specific examples of how these Puget Sound waterfront festivals can (1) provide information to the public and decision-makers and (2) encourage their involvement in ongoing and new waterfront revitalization initiatives.

Session B2
Using Regional Economic Tools to Grow Waterfront Industries
Room 2 (Pavilion EF)
Theme I: Economics
Moderator: Morgan Shook, BERK Consulting
Panelists
Sarah Lee, Puget Sound Regional Council, Seattle, WA
Ellen Johnck, Bay Area Maritime Strategy, San Francisco, CA
Sarah Garcia, Gloucester, MA
Kapena Pflum, BERK Consulting

Regional economic studies (i.e., cluster studies) can provide analytic information and business insight on the marine sector. These studies can “connect the dots” among businesses, support services, education, economic development and workforce agencies and others operating within the marine and waterfront-oriented industries. The purpose of this session will be to illustrate how these studies can provide a current and comprehensive picture of an industry (i.e., marine or waterfront), its subsectors and relationships to and among other manufacturing and industrial sectors. On the basis of this analytic foundation, we will show how priorities, key challenges and gaps in the industry of focus can be identified as impediments to growth.

Session B3
Integrating Public Access and Habitat into the Design of Working Waterfronts
Room 3 (Venice 1)
Theme VI: Design
Moderator: Shannon Kinsella, Reid Middleton
Panelists
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Willy Ahn, Reid Middleton
Jim Brennan, JA Brennan
Joe Callaghan, GeoEngineers

This interdisciplinary panel will explain how incorporating ecosystem service valuation into planning — regarding management of waterfront and waterways — can have major social, environmental and economic benefits for stakeholders. The panel will provide an overview of this creative process and then open the session to questions and discussion.
**Session B4**

Room 4 (Venice 2)

Theme VII: Social and Cultural Aspects of the Working Waterfront  
Moderator: Patricia M. Clay, NOAA Fisheries

Oral histories provide insights into the work experiences, values and worldviews of individuals involved in all aspects of working waterfronts. Analysis of these narratives provides insights into the social and cultural life of the working waterfront. This can contribute to informed decision making about working waterfronts management and development. This is one of two sessions focusing on Oral Histories.

Susan Abbott-Jamieson, Abbott-Jamieson Consulting, Ltd.  
Ethnic Patterns of Disaster Vulnerability and Resilience on the Gulf of Mexico  
Patricia M. Clay and Lisa L. Colburn, NOAA Fisheries

Understanding Impacts on Fishermen and their Families from New England Catch Shares  
Melissa Stevens, Fisheries Research

From the Outside Looking In: Applying Oral Histories to Fisheries Research and Outreach

**Session B5**

Financing Tools for Working Waterfronts  
Room 5 (Venice 3)

Theme II: Financing Tools  
Moderator: Ann Avary, Marine Manufacturing and Technology Center of Excellence

Speakers  
David Hull, California Maritime Infrastructure Authority

Financing Port and Marine Infrastructure: “Tomorrow’s Ideas for Today”

The California Maritime Infrastructure Authority (CMIA) is a joint powers authority formed by the California Maritime Infrastructure Bank (CMIB) that has been providing one-stop financial services for California’s member ports and harbor agencies since 1995. The CMIA can issue debt, establish and administer infrastructure funds, receive or administer public and private grants and expend tax revenues, appropriated funds and other financings on behalf of its members.

**Session B6**

Sustaining A Small Community-Working Waterfront: Planning, Cultural, Economic, Advocacy (Gig Harbor, WA)  
Room 6 (Venice 4)

Theme IV: Strategies  
Moderator: Guy Hoppen, Gig Harbor BoatShop

Panelists  
Guy Hoppen, Gig Harbor BoatShop Director, Commercial Fisherman  
Lita Dawn Stanton, Historic Preservation Officer, City of Gig Harbor  
Peter Knutson, Seattle Central Community College, professor and commercial fisherman

Peter Katich, City of Gig Harbor

Working waterfronts are being erased nationwide. The proposed panel will concentrate on one working waterfront’s struggle to exist: the successes and problems in Gig Harbor.
Tuesday, March 26, 3:30 p.m.
Concurrent Sessions C

**Session C1**
Making Connections: Linking People Through and to the Working Waterfront
Room 1 (Pavillion BC)

Theme III: Outreach and Education
**Moderator:** Kaety Hildenbrand, Oregon Sea Grant

**Panelists**
Kaety Hildenbrand, Oregon Sea Grant
Mark Farley, Oregon Sea Grant
Flaxen Conway, Oregon State University
Dan Blick, Phondini Partners

This panel will discuss development of working waterfront networks, applied research and extension to local and regional communities to deal with waterfront use conflicts and working waterfront retention.

**Session C2**
Recreational Fishing as Economic Driver
Room 2 (Pavillion EF)

Theme I: Economics
**Moderator:** Ann Beier, City of Portland

**Speakers**
Jerry Leonard, NOAA NMFS Southwest Fishery Science Center (Note: This speaker is delivering two presentations)

**Development Preferences among Recreationists in Small West Coast Communities**

This presentation uses preliminary results of a survey of seven communities on the West Coast to examine how recreation participants differ in their development preferences. The communities are Blaine, Bodega Bay, Brookings, Crescent City, Moss Landing, Newport and Westport.

**The Marine Charter Vessel Industry in Washington and Oregon**

This presentation utilizes the results of a Washington and Oregon marine charter survey to characterize the charter fleet, estimate its economic contribution and examine the existing economic conditions it faces.

**Joe Lucente,** Ohio State University Sea Grant College Program
The Economic Impact of Ohio’s Lake Erie Sport Fishing Industry

This presentation covers a comprehensive business survey of Ohio charter captains that was conducted during 2010-2011. The survey was used to build upon past research for this extremely important part of northern Ohio's tourism industry.

**Session C3**
Marine Spatial Planning and Working Waterfronts
Room 3 (Venice 1)

Theme V: Legislative Issues
**Moderator:** Nick Battista, Island Institute, Maine

**Panelists**
Jennifer Hennesey, Washington State Department of Natural Resources
Katrina Lassiter, Washington State Department of Natural Resources
Anna Zivian, Ocean Conservancy
Richard Nelson, Lobsterman Friendship Maine
Paul Dye, The Nature Conservancy
Jennifer McCann, Coastal Resources Center and Rhode Island Sea Grant College Program
Jacque Hostler, Cher-Ae Heights Indian Community of the Trinidad Rancheria

Questions will be posed by:
Max Gordon, Ele Watts, and Seth McKinney, graduate students studying Marine Affairs at the University of Washington Olympic Natural Resources Center

Marine spatial planning is currently a very active topic of discussion in some regions (particularly the West Coast and New England) and these conversations involve or impact most working waterfront uses. This panel will seek to draw a connection between work that is happening with marine spatial planning (MSP) and working waterfronts through asking panelists from different backgrounds to (a) provide an update about what is happening with MSP in their particular portion of the world and (b) how they see it connecting to the working waterfront conversation.
Session C4
Oral History Session 2 – Using Oral Histories to Educate and Engage Communities about the Working Waterfront
Room 4 (Venice 2)
Theme VII: Social and Cultural Aspects of the Working Waterfront
Speakers
Jessica Bailey and Patricia Pinto da Silva, NOAA’s Voices of the Fisheries Project
NOAA’s Voices of the Fisheries Project’s Oral History Resources for Working Waterfronts
Christina Package and Michael Jepson, NOAA Fisheries
Utilizing Oral History to Connect Students with Issues in their Coastal Community: A Voice from the Fisheries Project in Cortez, Florida
Craig Heberer and Jennifer Isé, NOAA Fisheries
Documenting the Heritage of the U.S. Tuna Fishery in San Pedro, California with Those Who Lived It
Amy Evans, Southern Foodways Alliance (Presented by Susan Abbott-Jamieson)
Oysters & Estuaries: Stories from the Gulf Coast

This session will examine how oral histories have been used as a tool used for exploring different cultures and sectors of a working waterfront and how learning about the personal challenges experienced by individuals can inform understanding of the culture and sector, as well as the broader issues.

Session C5
Government Funding Programs
Room 5 (Venice 3)
Theme II: Financing Tools
Moderator: Stephanie Otts, National Sea Grant Law Center
Speakers
Dick Clime, Coastal Enterprises, Inc.
A Retrospective Look at Maine’s Working Waterfront Access Protection Program (WWAPP)

The presentation will highlight a current, publicly funded land conservation program that was created by the Maine legislature. The program has become a financial tool not only for preserving commercial fishing working water-fronts but is also recognized for furthering a property’s full economic development potential and viability into the future.

Janine Belleque, Oregon State Marine Board
Adding Value with Recreational Boating Grants

This presentation focuses on learning how to plan a waterfront to include recreational activities and fund those activities through Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Program (WSFR) grants, how partnering with small businesses and the community adds to your grant and the role of attractions and amenities to the grant.

David Porter, Economic Development Administration
The Economic Development Administration’s Role in Supporting Working Waterfronts

This session will introduce the audience to the Economic Development Administration (EDA), a federal agency that provides grants and loans for planning, technical assistance and infrastructure to assist working water-fronts. Agency staff and grantees will present a range of diverse projects funded by the EDA. Staff will also provide information on the funding process and how to prepare a competitive application.

Session C6
Strategies for Balancing Conflicts
Room 6 (Venice 4)
Theme IV: Strategies
Moderator: Jim Fawcett, USC Sea Grant/USC Sol Price School of Public Policy
Speakers
Andrew Schwartz, AICP, RLA, LEED AP, Environmental Planning & Design, LLC, Pittsburgh
Balancing Conflicts between Paddles, Props, Otters and Tows: A Waterfront Park Plan

The focus of this presentation will be master planning techniques that manage water access while maintaining traditional waterfront activities. It will also address how to educate others and integrate traditional and non-traditional activities into design through the use of art and landscape. Also, the presentation will explore the means of utilizing industrial and maritime objects to celebrate and leverage the working waterfront heritage.

Elizabeth Durfee, Michigan Coastal Zone Management Program & Michigan Sea Grant
Planning and Zoning the Waterfront: Case Studies from Michigan

This presentation will review zoning and master plans as tools for supporting and accommodating traditional and future water dependent uses. The session will also provide an example of utilizing GIS and waterfront asset mapping as a method to better understand the geographic distribution of water dependent uses.
Joey Donnelly, York Harbor Board, York, Maine
A Historic Harbor Continues to Look to the Future
York suffered a lack of access for lobstermen, fishermen and recreation. Lobstermen and fishermen had one hoist for unloading and were frequently backed up. We now have five hoists, more working docks and an island that provides public access for recreational craft. This session will discuss how this was achieved.

Captain Joshua Berger, Sound Experience
BLUE Meets GREEN – Coordinating Sustainable Trends in Marine Industries of Puget Sound
Leaders from throughout the Puget Sound region have been working together to discuss trends and a coordinated way forward to increase sustainable practices throughout the multiple sectors of the maritime industry. Companies, ports, agencies and NGOs have been helping lead that charge. Is it creating a Green Standard and typology for vessels? Where does Blue meet Green? Capt. Berger will present the process and strides taken thus far in the Puget Sound region and lead conference attendees in discussing current practices and next steps across the industry.

Wednesday, March 27, 10:15 a.m.
Concurrent Sessions D

Session D1
Strategies for Recreational and Commercial Fishing
Room 1 (Pavillion BC)
Theme IV: Strategies
Moderator: Dan Hellin, Dan Hellin Consulting
Speakers
Lewis Lawrence, Middle Peninsula Planning District Commission, Gloucester County, Virginia
The Perrin River Commercial Seafood Harbor Master Plan
The goal of this project was to determine if local land-use policies and tools aligned with the position advocated by local elected officials: “Protecting and sustaining working waterfronts is essential to our community.” The project determined that the existing zoning district classifications were not easily compatible with a position supporting working waterfronts. A Working Waterfront Overlay District has been proposed to better align public policy with political perception.
Dean Burke, Tacoma South Sound Sports Commission
Economic Stimulus through Sport Access Development
This presentation will explore integrating water and land use in planning and management. When planning for emerging tourism and consumer marketing, does the trend add value to working waterfronts? An overview of opportunities will be presented through specific events and explore future use.

Brady Scott, Washington State Department of Natural Resources
Mystery Bay: A Collaborative Approach to Managing Vessels and Commercial Shellfish
Strategies for success in this case study include: utilizing neutral facilitation, creating shared understanding, developing a stakeholder group with capacity to achieve results, using existing regulatory structure, incorporating a non-regulatory voluntary approach to compliance and reaching out to the public to create a shared management responsibility.

Session D2
Coastal Program - Sea Grant Collaborations in Working Waterfronts Retention – A Case Study on Successful Research and Extension in the Chesapeake Bay
Room 2 (Pavillion EF)
Theme III: Outreach and Education
Moderator: Thomas Murray, Virginia Institute of Marine Science
Speakers
Vicky Carrasco, University of Maryland Sea Grant Extension
Kelly Collins, Chesapeake & Coastal Service–Maryland Department of Natural Resources
Beth Pollack, Virginia CZM Program
This panel will discuss development of working waterfront networks, applied research and extension to local and regional communities to deal with waterfront use conflicts and working waterfront retention.

Session D3
State and Federal Update Panel
Room 3 (Venice 1)
Theme V: Legislative Issues
Moderator: Jeffrey Gabriel Jr., National Marine Manufacturers Association
Speakers
Ryck Lydecker, Boat Owners Association US
Recreational Boating Access Opportunities in the Urban Environment
Recreational boaters have experienced significant barriers to boating access in urban areas and many potential recreational boaters have been turned off from the pastime altogether. This presentation will identify the barriers to access and potential solutions to these barriers.
Byron Flagg, Esq., The Flagg Firm

Any Port Law in the Storm? How Ports Legislation Can Help Working Waterfronts

By analyzing existing state ports laws and suggesting certain reforms, this session will explore the extent to which state legislation in the various coastal states currently provides, or how it can be changed to provide, access to policy tools that effectively support waterfront uses commonly associated with working waterports.

Stephanie Otts, National Sea Grant Law Center

Working Waterfront Legislative Update

This presentation will share information on recent and ongoing federal and state legislative initiatives related to working waterports.

Session D4

Strategies for Preserving Industrial Waterfronts in West Coast Port Cities

Room 4 (Venice 2)

Theme IV: Strategies

Moderator: Stephanie Jones Stebbins, Director, Seaport Environmental and Planning Programs, Port of Seattle

Panelists

Joseph Gellings, Port of Seattle
Diane Oshima, Port of San Francisco
Richard Sinkoff, Port of Oakland
Susie Lahsene, Port of Portland

This panel will highlight the various tools being used to address industrial land-use pressures at four West Coast ports. Jurisdictional responses to the loss of industrial waterfront land will be discussed and lessons learned will be shared. Examples of preservation strategies that are both scalable and repeatable will be provided.

Session D5

Facing the Future: Waterfront Development Challenges in a Changing Climate

Room 5 (Venice 3)

Theme VII: Social and Cultural Aspects of the Working Waterfront

Moderator: Ed Knight, Swinomish Indian Tribal Community

Panelists

Ed Knight, Swinomish Indian Tribal Community
Sean Keithly, CollinsWoerman
Steve Moddemeyer, CollinsWoerman

The presentation will include an introduction to the waterfront context of the Swinomish Economic Development Zone, projected impacts of climate change and a focus on the concept of building “cultural resilience” as it relates to climate change impacts (including impacts on traditional resources and economic development).

Session D6

State, Local and University Partnerships Stem the Tide Eroding Floridians’ Waterfront Access

Room 6 (Venice 4)

Theme IV: Strategies

Moderator: Bob Swett, University of Florida

Panelists

Bob Swett, University of Florida
Julie Dennis, Florida Department of Economic Opportunity
Tom Ankersen, Levin College of Law

This panel will provide examples of how public opinion surveys, spatial use profiles and economic impact assessments help local governments justify financial commitment to enhance waterfront access infrastructure; comprehensive marine use planning based on environmental and developmental constraints; University, State and local partnerships engendered by a legislative program to preserve, enhance, and diversify working waterports.

Wednesday, March 27, 1:45 p.m.

Concurrent Sessions E

Session E1

Healthy Local Seafood and Vibrant Working Waterfronts — Opportunities from Commercial Aquaculture

Room 1 (Pavillion BC)

Theme I: Economics

The U.S. imports 86% of our seafood and over half of what we import comes from farmed products. With increased domestic aquaculture, we have the potential to reduce our $10 billion seafood trade deficit, produce jobs and business opportunities in coastal communities, and support working waterfronts and existing infrastructure, while maintaining healthy marine ecosystems.

Moderator: Laura Hoberecht, PhD, NOAA Fisheries

Speakers

Susan Bunsick, NOAA Fisheries Office of Aquaculture

Advancing Sustainable Aquaculture to Support Working Waterfronts through Policy and Innovation
This presentation will discuss how NOAA is working with government and private partners to enable domestic aquaculture to contribute to healthy economies at working waterfronts.

**Alan Cook, Icicle Seafoods (American Gold Salmon)**

The Economic and Spatial Impacts of Net Pen Farming in Washington State

The U.S. consumes millions of pounds of fresh farmed salmon annually, 95% of which is imported. Washington State has the potential to significantly expand salmon farming (without negatively impacting environmental goals) to replace imports and create jobs and economic benefits in small coastal communities and working waterfronts. The session will provide an overview of the impacts, benefits and risks of expanding this industry.

**Bobbi Hudson, Pacific Shellfish Institute**

Economic Impact of West Coast Shellfish Aquaculture

The presentation showcases an industry-NGO partnership to collect economic data demonstrating the value of ocean, estuary and harbor waterfront economies; the impacts of working waterfronts to local economies; and the economic impacts of changes in working waterfronts to local jurisdictions.

**Margaret Pilaro Barrette, Pacific Coast Shellfish Growers Association**

Working the Waterfront and Keeping Clam

This presentation is intended to explain how shellfish aquaculture fits into a working waterfront and identify the potential conflicts and challenges facing the industry.

**Perry J. Lund, Washington Department of Ecology**

The Washington Shellfish Initiative: An Effective Instrument to Support Working Waterfronts

This presentation will focus on action items in the Washington Shellfish Initiative with particular focus on permitting efficiencies and Shoreline Management Program guidelines. The intent is to provide solutions for current challenges faced by coastal planners and marine water users.

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**Session E2**

Communities, Ecosystems and Waterfronts: The Two-Way Communication of Environmental Goals, Strategies and Science

Room 2 (Pavilion EF)

Theme III: Outreach and Education

**Moderator: Stacia Miller, Environmental Policy And Engagement Consultant**

This panel explores the role of public engagement in encouraging community support and public-private collaboration during development of waterway and waterfront projects.

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**Session E3**

NOAA Fisheries and the Coast: Exploring Opportunities for a National Working Waterfronts Policy

Room 3 (Venice 1)

Theme V: Legislative Issues

**Moderator: Keith Rizzardi, Marine Fisheries Advisory Committee (MAFAC)**

Panelists

**Linda Behnken, Alaska Longline Fishermen’s Association**

**Sebastian Belle, Maine Aquaculture Association**
Jennifer Steger, NOAA Restoration Center, Northwest and Alaska Region

Johnny Williams, representing a family-owned recreational fishing business in Galveston, Texas

Moderated by the chair of MAFAC, this four-person panel will explore ways in which NOAA Fisheries should play a supportive role in the preservation, maintenance and enhancement of working waterfronts for commercial and noncommercial fishing activities as coastal communities deal with climate change, land-use change and other social, economic and environmental challenges. The four speakers will represent commercial fishing (including aquaculture), non-commercial fishing, marine and business/community planning, and legislative/governance perspectives. The resulting findings can inform the conference and MAFAC on necessary changes in national policy and influence upcoming reauthorization of the Magnuson-Stevens Act to result in improved working waterfront outcomes.

Session E4
Working Waterfronts & Regulatory Constraints: A Collaborative Approach
Room 4 (Venice 2)

Theme IV: Strategies
Moderator: Angie Fredrickson, Port of Seattle

Speakers

Dr. Allison Geiselbrecht, Associate Principal, Floyd|Snider

Working Waterfronts and Regulatory Constraints: A Collaborative Approach

This presentation will explore the potential use of creative regulatory and collaborative approaches to allow industrial businesses within intensive use districts to pool resources for construction of significant habitat restoration and stormwater treatment facilities, resulting in significant environmental benefit while supporting intensive industrial water-dependent operations.

Erik Bakkom, Maul Foster & Alongi, Inc.

Zidell Working Waterfront Remediation Effort

This presentation will explain how the use of creative tools and techniques can accommodate multiple, seemingly conflicting land uses. Erik Bakkom will discuss how cleanup was implemented to simultaneously allow barge building operations to continue both during and after site remediation activities occurred.

Jack Wiggins, Harbor Institute, Boston

Green Ports: Best Practices and Innovative Approaches Employed in US Ports to Address Environmental Issues

This presentation will provide an overview of the approaches employed by U.S. ports to avoid, prevent, minimize, mitigate or remediate environmental and community impacts associated with port development and operations. Presentation will feature a selection of examples of innovative and cost-effective management measures and technologies employed in U.S. ports.

Paul Meyer, Port of Seattle

Integrating Sustainability into Port Operations

Session E5
The Maritime Heritage of Working Waterfronts: Where Culture, History and Economics Meet
Room 5 (Venice 3)

Theme VII: Social and Cultural Aspects of the Working Waterfront
Moderator: Natalie Springuel, Maine Sea Grant

Panelists

Barbara Garrity-Blake, Saltwater Connections
Bryan Fluech, Florida Sea Grant
Betsy Davis, Center for Wooden Boats

Communities around the country have undertaken efforts to protect the maritime heritage of their waterfronts because they value the important role that waterfronts play in a community’s character and economy. Understanding the cultural role, both past and present, of working waterfronts helps protect highly valued community assets.

Session E6
Seafood Industry Financial Tools, Community Fisheries Network
Room 6 (Venice 4)

Theme II: Financing Tools
Moderator: Edward Backus, Ecotrust Fisheries Initiative

Panelists

Leesa Cobb, Port Orford Ocean Resource Team, OR
Dave Kubiak, Alaska Marine Conservation Council and longtime jig fisherman in Kodiak
Pete Halmay, San Diego Fishermen’s Working Group and urchin fisherman
Rob Snyder, Island Institute, Rockland, Maine

The Community Fisheries Network members combine funding strategies and tools to ensure they have the working waterfronts they need to survive. This panel will identify how tools such as permit banking, Community Fishing Associations, Community Supported Fisheries, private investment and public financing can be combined to support critical infrastructure.
Wednesday, March 27, 3:30 p.m.

Concurrent Sessions F

**Session F1**
Role of US Economic Development Administration
Room 1 (Pavillion BC)

Theme I: Economics

**Moderator:** Shannon Fitzgerald, U.S. Economic Development Administration, Seattle

Panelists

- David Farnsworth-Martin, Economic Development Representative for Northern and Coastal California
- Jacob Macias, Economic Development Representative for Western Washington and Arizona
- David Porter, Economic Development Representative for Oregon, Clark County and Eastern Washington

This session will introduce the audience to the Economic Development Administration (EDA), a federal agency that provides grants and loans for planning, technical assistance and infrastructure to assist working waterfronts. Agency staff and grantees will present a range of diverse projects funded by the EDA. Staff will also provide information on the funding process and how to prepare a competitive application.

**Session F2**
Coalition Building — Strategies for Engaging the Public in Working Waterfronts
Room 2 (Pavillion EF)

Theme III: Outreach and Education

**Moderator:** Ann Beier, Office of Healthy Working River, City of Portland

Panelists

- Brooke Berglund, Community Affairs Tour and Outreach Manager, Port of Portland
- Jody Thompson, Auburn University/Mississippi-Alabama Sea Grant
- Roland Lewis, Metropolitan Waterfront Alliance, New York
- Hugh Cowperthwaite, Maine Working Waterfront Alliance Coalition

This panel will provide techniques to engage the public in working waterfront issues. Panelists will describe approaches to coalition building. Participants will gain an understanding of the pros and cons of bringing groups together to resolve issues. They will leave with new ideas and will be energized to tell their own waterfront stories.

**Session F3**
Regional Land Use Strategies, Regional Ocean Partnerships: Striking a Balance of Uses for Working Waterfronts
Room 3 (Venice 1)

Theme IV: Strategies

**Moderator:** Suzanna Stoike, West Coast Governors Alliance Sea Grant Fellow

Panelists

- April Turner, South Carolina Sea Grant
- Maureen Meehan, North Carolina Department of the Environment and Natural Resources, Division of Coastal Management
- Julie Dennis, Florida Department of Economic Opportunity
- Patty Snow, Oregon Department of Land Conservation and Development

The Working Waterfronts Technical Team of the Governors’ South Atlantic Alliance (North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, and Florida) is working with Alliance partners to develop initiatives to further common goals for regional benefit. This will be accomplished by implementing action plan objectives that address diverse issues and are intended to strike a balance between new development, historical uses and sustained resources; support port development/maintenance and effective coastal planning; and ensure public access.

**Session F4**
Small, Medium and Large Working Waterfronts — Establishing Value and Protecting from Encroachment
Room 4 (Venice 2)

Theme IV: Strategies

**Moderator:** Ron Popham, Port of San Diego

Panelists

- Geraldine Knatz, Executive Director, Port of Los Angeles
- Roque DeHerrera, City of Seattle
- Bill Needelman, AICP, Senior Planner, City of Portland, Maine
- Vaughan Davies, AECOM

This session will explore strategies for accommodating new and traditional waterfront uses while protecting those facilities that are vital to a region’s economy, goods movement and middle-class jobs. It will also explore strategies for addressing developer interests and proposals for incompatible land uses. Panel members will provide insight on joint uses that incorporate tourism and maritime industrial uses while protecting or adding value to working waterfronts. Also, the discussion will explore opportunities to protect working waterfronts through legislation and community action.
**Session F5**

**Telling the Story of Our Working Waterfront Communities**

Room 5 (Venice 3)

Theme VII: Social and Cultural Aspects of the Working Waterfront

**Moderator:** Jason Mann, Island Institute, Maine

**Panelists**

Jason Mann, editor of Working Waterfront (regional newspaper focused on working waterfront community issues as a whole)

Jess Hathaway, editor, National Fishermen (national trade publication focused on fisheries)

Ben Bloch, Times Picayune (journalist who covers seafood and working waterfront issues for New Orleans)

Peter Philips, Publisher, Fishermen’s News and Pacific Maritime Magazine (regional commercial fishing and maritime publications aimed respectively at the independent West Coast commercial fishing fleet and the maritime operations sector of the Pacific Coast)

This panel will delve into gaining a greater understanding of the role of waterfront communities in the media. Recognizing how working waterfronts are covered in traditional and digital media and identifying future outlets for stories about these communities relates to a better understanding of their social and cultural aspects and the challenges they face.

**Session F6**

**Sustainable Seafood and Working Waterfronts**

Room 6 (Venice 4)

Theme II: Financing Tools

**Moderator:** Mark Helvey, NOAA Fisheries

**Speakers**

Jennifer Isé, Amber Rhodes, and Craig Heberer, NOAA Fisheries

Aligning the Waterfront with Goals for Sustainable US Fisheries and Seafood Market Opportunities

Rebecca Reuter and Amber Rhodes, NOAA Fisheries

Help Spread the Word: US Seafood is Sustainable

Joshua Stoll and Mark Holliday, NOAA Fisheries

Linking NOAA Fisheries to Working Waterfronts: Existing Resources and Funding Opportunities

Jen Levin, Gulf of Maine Research Institute

Building Markets for Underutilized Seafood: An Industry/Chef Collaboration

This session will explore how US fisheries are important components of working waterfronts and ways in which a strong US seafood supply can contribute to local economies. It will also provide insights into how waterfront managers and businesses, by supporting local fisheries, can help their communities take advantage of emerging opportunities in the seafood marketplace.

**Wednesday, March 27, 3:30 p.m.**

**Interactive Round Table Discussions**

Tools Café, Room 7 (AG)

**Danielle Molnar,** The Baldwin Group, NOAA Coastal Services Center

**Assessing Working Waterfronts with the Ocean Economy**

This presentation will demonstrate the use of tools and data that allow users to see the businesses, jobs, wages and GDP supported by working waterfronts. The data (Economics: National Ocean Watch, produced by NOAA) focus on commercial fishing, marine transportation, ship and boat building and other marine activities.

**Rebecca Lunde,** NOAA Coastal Services Center

**Visualize Sea-Level Rise: Robust Data in a Really Easy Tool**

This talk focuses on a powerful mapping and visualization tool that shows communities the potential impacts of sea-level rise and flooding on critical aspects of working waterfronts: people, economy and the environment. Ideas for applying the tool and examples of their use for waterfront planning and/or communication will be provided.

**Kristen Grant,** Maine Sea Grant and UM Cooperative Extension

**Everything You Wanted to Know About Accessing the Coast of Maine — and Beyond**

This website had been designed by Maine Sea Grant and its partners to help waterfront users, coastal communities, and land owners address issues related to coastal access. The intent is to offer specific tools to coastal stakeholders to facilitate their ability to cooperatively address access issues, possibly reducing the need for litigation. The site is available for adaptation in other states at no cost to eligible applicants. Current adaptations include AL, HI, MS, NJ, and VA and are pending in TX and the province of Nova Scotia, Canada.

**Heather Wade,** Coastal Management, Texas Sea Grant

**WeTable: A Tool for Participatory GIS for Tabletop Planning at Public Workshops**

Using Wii™ technology, the WeTable transforms an ordinary tabletop into an interactive interface. This affordable public participation tool allows teams to collaboratively...
explore and use computer-based data and programs in a workshop setting. The WeTable enhances what people use daily — tables and pens — while the supporting technology works quietly in the background. This means that participants can use the interface with very little instruction, allowing them to work with what matters most in a meeting: data, maps and their fellow participants.

Andrea Martin, Cascadia Consulting Group

Integrating Vulnerability Information and Policies into One Decision-support Tool: Climate Impact–Decision Support Tool

CIMPACT-DST (Climate Impact–Decision Support Tool) is a first-of-its-kind integrated platform for climate adaptation planning. The tool provides a single customized resource to communicate technical and policy information related to climate adaptation. It combines the latest climate change science and best-practice adaptation strategies with organization policies and guidelines to provide consistent recommendations to planners, project managers and other departmental staff throughout the organization. Within 15-20 minutes, a user can obtain potential exposure and guidance information for their project or asset, including summary outputs for each of the primary climate impacts: temperature change, precipitation/stream flow changes and sea level rise. CIMPACT-DST ties in with existing GIS system capabilities. By combining asset and site attribute information with GIS data, site-specific climate change hazard and risk assessment is possible.

Thursday, March 28, 8:00 p.m.
Introduction to National Working Waterfront Strategy Session
Natalie Springuel, Maine Sea Grant and NWWN Co-Chair

Developing a National Strategy Together

8:15 – 8:45 a.m.
Plenary Session

National Political Landscape: What Now?
Kyle Molten, Field Representative for Congresswoman Chellie Pingree (ME-01)
Jeffrey Gabriel, Legislative Counsel for the National Marine Manufacturers Association

8:45 – 10:15 AM
Challenges of Working Waterfronts Nationwide

Moderator
Dick Vortmann, National Sea Grant Advisory Board, and former President, National Steel and Shipbuilding Company

Panel Members
Ryck Lydecker, BoatsUS, Representing recreational boating industry
Peter Philips, Philips Publishing, Representing the maritime industrial and commercial fishing industry
Bill Dewey, Taylor Seafoods, Representing Shellfish Industry
Rob Snyder, Island Institute, Representing Small Communities

10:30 – Noon
Setting a National Working Waterfronts Agenda
A Strategy Session for all Symposium Participants

At the 2010 Symposium, participants called for the creation of a National Working Waterfront Network. The 2013 Symposium participants will help define this new Network’s priorities, including regional approaches for the West Coast, large and small working waterfronts finding common ground, policy, research and more.
**SPEAKERS’ BIOGRAPHIES**

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Susan Abbott-Jamieson is president of Abbott-Jamieson Consulting, Ltd. From 2002 to 2011, she served as lead social scientist for NOAA Fisheries’ Office of Science and Technology, where she guided efforts to improve the agency’s ability to meet its mission-related social science research requirements. She is an applied anthropologist whose current work focuses on the continued development of NOAA Fisheries’ Voices from the Fisheries Project.

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Dr. Ahn is a senior engineer specializing in waterfront and port engineering. He is experienced in all aspects of waterfront and municipal projects, from feasibility analysis to planning, permitting, design, cost estimating and construction administration. Willy’s waterfront experience includes commercial/industrial marine and port facilities, marinas, Navy facilities and ferry terminals. He has been project manager on numerous waterfront projects and a marine structural engineer providing durable and cost-effective designs of various waterfront facilities for more than 18 years. He holds an MS and PhD in ocean engineering from Florida Atlantic University, and a BS in naval architecture and ocean engineering from Inha University in Korea. He is a registered professional engineer in Florida, Washington, and Alaska.

**Rick Algert**, City of Morro Bay Harbor (retired)
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Rick Algert has been active in fishing issues for almost 30 years. For 20 of those years, he served as the Harbor Director for the City of Morro Bay. Rick is also a past chairman of the California Marine Affairs and Navigations Conference (CMANC), the state’s preeminent association of public ports and harbors. He is well known in the California fishing community, among conservation nonprofits, and by key state and federal staff. Rick has a degree in economics from the University of California, Santa Barbara.

**Tom Ankersen**, University of Florida Levin College of Law
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Tom Ankersen is a legal skills professor at the University of Florida Levin College of Law, where he directs the law school’s conservation clinic, housed in the Center for Governmental Responsibility. The clinic represents clients in the governmental, non-governmental and private sectors in environmental and land use matters. His current work focuses on issues concerning public water access and the preservation of working waterfronts. He holds a JD from the University of Florida, where he was a member of the Law Review.

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Stephen Atkinson is an associate planner with the City of Tacoma, with primary responsibility for shoreline and environmental planning. A graduate of Cornell University in city and regional planning, he has been the lead for Tacoma’s extensive shoreline master plan update process for the past four years, which includes public access planning and design guidelines for the Thea Foss Waterway.

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Ann Avary’s work focuses on the boat- and ship-building industries of Washington State. She works closely with industry partners to develop training programs to meet workforce needs, with a specific focus on new and emerging technologies.
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Edward Backus is vice president of Ecotrust and the founder and chair of the North Pacific Fisheries Trust. He oversees the community fisheries program, which includes marine and salmon initiatives from Alaska to California. The program focuses on habitat conservation, water rights and organizational development in the Copper River, Alaska; social and economic effects of marine fisheries management; development of capital strategies for communities to accumulate equity in the tradable assets of fishing; and policies on community-based fisheries and conservation. Edward has a background in conservation planning and information systems, tropical forest conservation, seabird ecology and commercial fishing. He holds an MFS from the Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies.

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Jessica Bailey is the project manager for Voices from the Fisheries, a NOAA project designed to be a “one-stop shop” for those interested in the lives of those who work in our nation’s fisheries. In addition to her work with Voices from the Fisheries, she is the development and exhibits manager for the Working Waterfront Festival, a celebration of our nation’s working ports. Her professional experience has focused on special event planning, development and tradeshow coordination. Jessica has also worked for several foundations, including the United Way. She is a resident of New Bedford, Massachusetts, our nation’s number-one fishing port.

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Erik Bakkom, an environmental engineer with Maul Foster & Alongi, has 15 years of experience in industrial site cleanup, sediment remediation and solid waste services. Erik has worked on cleanups at a variety of operating sites, including high-tech and airport facilities. He will describe how his team integrated the existing barge construction operational requirements into the design and construction of a complex cleanup effort along Portland’s waterfront.

Margaret Pilaro Barrette, Pacific Coast Shellfish Growers Association
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Margaret Pilaro Barrette joined the Pacific Coast Shellfish Growers Association (PCSGA) as the executive director in 2010. She brings to the position experiences in both local and state government, where she worked on aquatic resources issues, community planning and public involvement. She received both a BA and MA in marine affairs from the University of Rhode Island.

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Linda Behnken has been a commercial fisherman in Alaska since 1982 and has served as the executive director of ALFA since 1991. Linda served on the North Pacific Fishery Management Council (NPFMC) from 1992 to 2001, and she co-chaired the NPFMC’s Essential Fish Habitat Committee. Linda was awarded the National Fisherman Highliner award in 2009 for her work promoting healthy marine ecosystems and strong coastal communities. Linda has a bachelor’s degree from Dartmouth College and a master’s in environmental science from Yale University.

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Ann Beier is the director of the City of Portland’s Office of Healthy Working Rivers. Ann has more than 25 years of experience working on environmental policy, economic development, land use planning and sustainability issues. She served as sustainability director for the City of Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Prior to that, she worked for the State of Oregon’s Land Conservation and Development Department as manager of the Planning Services Division. Ann has extensive experience on water quality issues and worked for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in Washington, D.C.

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Sebastian Belle began his career as a commercial fisherman, working his way through university as a mate on offshore lobster boats. Currently, he is the executive director of the Maine Aquaculture Association, a private nonprofit association representing Maine shellfish and finfish growers. Sebastian sits on the National Organics Standards Board Aquaculture Task Force, the Standards Oversight Committee of the Global Aquaculture Alliance and the Boards of Directors for the USDA Northeast Regional Aquaculture Center and the International Salmon Farmers Association. Prior to joining the Maine Aquaculture Association, he was the state aquaculture coordinator working for the Maine Department of Marine Resources and managed commercial salmon and tuna farms. Sebastian holds degrees in fisheries biology and agricultural economics. He is president of Econ-Aqua, a consulting firm specializing in aquaculture project design, operations management, financial due diligence and risk analysis and control.
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Andy Bennett earned his BS in naval architecture from MIT and his MMA from the University of Washington School of Marine Affairs. After fifteen years designing boats ranging from high-speed ferries to aircraft carriers, he washed ashore and now manages waterfront engineering and design project and ferry-system planning. Current clients include the U.S. Navy, Staten Island Ferry, King County Ferries, the City of Bellevue, Wash., and several private clients. He also serves on the board of directors for Northwest Seaport, a nonprofit organization dedicated to preserving the maritime heritage of the Puget Sound and providing opportunities for young people to get a start in the maritime industry.

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Lydia Bennett is the director of business development for the Port of Bellingham in Washington. She has worked in the commercial real estate industry her entire career — with developers, as a broker and consultant, and as a business owner. She currently oversees marketing and developer selection for the initial development area of the port's waterfront district. Additionally, she is a national instructor with the CCIM Institute and travels throughout the United States teaching financial analysis of commercial real estate.

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Joshua Berger has proven abilities as a skilled and passionate professional mariner, educator and advocate of Puget Sound. He earned a master's degree from Antioch University in Seattle and was awarded a 2012 TogetherGreen Fellowship provided by Toyota and Audubon. Joshua has worked across the country on nonprofit, commercial and research vessels and has been deeply engaged in sustainability education as a community development consultant for statewide and regional participatory planning and socio-environmental change. Presently, Joshua serves as captain of the schooner Adventuress and as project manager for the ship's restoration and living ship initiative.

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Brooke Berglund is the community affairs tour and outreach manager for the Port of Portland. The port owns four marine terminals, three airports (Portland International and two general aviation facilities), and has developed six business parks. Brooke is responsible for providing support and community outreach management for a variety of trade and transportation-related projects for the port's marine and industrial development departments, Portland International Airport and Hillsboro Airport. In addition, she manages the port's education outreach program and the waterfront exploration tour series. Brooke graduated from Portland State University with bachelor's degrees in marketing and advertising. She received her MBA in general management from Marylhurst University.

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Dan Blick is a senior mobile technologist for Phondini Partners in Half Moon Bay, California. His background includes vibration analysis, digital signal processing, data acquisition systems and the modeling and simulation of open-loop and closed-loop dynamic systems. Dan holds a master's in mechanical engineering from Stanford, and a bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering from the University of California, Berkeley. Dan played tuba in the Cal Marching Band, and he currently plays in the California Repercussions.

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Benjamin Alexander-Bloch is a reporter with The Times-Picayune newspaper in New Orleans. He covers commercial fisheries and St. Bernard Parish, a historic coastal community ravaged in Hurricane Katrina. He has reported on several hurricanes and their impacts on the region. His other beats have included crime and courts. In 2006, he graduated from Yale University with a degree in cultural anthropology. He previously worked for The Toledo Blade.

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Stephen Brandt has been Oregon Sea Grant's director since 2009. He previously served as the director of the NOAA Great Lakes Environmental Research Laboratory (GLERL) for 12 years. An oceanographer and fisheries ecologist by training, he received his PhD from the University of Wisconsin, Madison, and has had several academic appointments, including as a professor with the University of Maryland's Chesapeake Biological Laboratory and as director of the Great Lakes Center for Environmental Research and Education with the State University of New York College at Buffalo.
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Mark Breederland loves to work with Great Lakes coastal communities and has done so for 25 years. Since 1995, he has been a field-based educator with the Michigan Sea Grant College Program/Michigan State University Extension, serving the greater Detroit/Southeast Michigan area on a variety of urban Great Lakes waterfront and conservation issues. Mark is directly involved in the Michigan Sea Grant and Michigan Office of the Great Lakes working waterfront project. Mark has a BS in biology from Taylor University and a master’s in environmental science from Miami University.

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Jim Brennan is a landscape architect with more than 25 years of experience in shoreline planning and design. Dedicated to the health and restoration of the environment for the benefit of people and ecosystems, Jim’s career has focused on the design of projects in sensitive environments. Jim recently developed alternatives for the Seattle downtown waterfront’s new shoreline edge that celebrate the uniqueness of the City of Seattle and its place on Elliott Bay. Many of Jim’s projects have been in working waterfront settings.

Susan Bunsick, NOAA Fisheries Office of Aquaculture
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Susan Bunsick has been leading policy, legislative and regulatory initiatives in support of marine aquaculture at NOAA since 2001. She holds master’s degrees in marine policy from the University of Delaware and in public affairs from George Washington University, and she did her undergraduate work in public service at the Pennsylvania State University.

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Dean Burke has been a Tacoma resident for almost 20 years and is an avid stand-up paddler who can be seen many days of the week on the waters of Commencement Bay. When not on the water with his family, he serves as vice president of the Tacoma South Sound Sports Commission and advocates sport development and tourism for the greater Pierce County region.

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Joe Callaghan provides a focus on project permitting and habitat restoration associated with aquatic systems. He has worked on many multi-disciplinary teams preparing federal permit documents, Endangered Species Act consultations, environmental impact statements, environmental assessments and other SEPA and NEPA documents. Joe is an accomplished biologist who has completed a wide range of projects including assessments and baseline habitat documentation, eelgrass surveys, underwater video reconnaissance, mitigation planning and restoration planning for wetlands, streams and near-shore environments. Joe holds an MS in environmental science from Washington State University and a BS in environmental science and biology from Washington State University.

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As a unique voice in the United States Senate, Patty is known for her down-to-earth, determined style. She's been called “a workhorse, not a show horse” by the Seattle Post-Intelligencer for her intense, behind-the-scenes efforts to get the job done. She has also been described as “tenacious” in her work to address Washington state's needs by the Seattle Times. Patty is often looked to by colleagues and the media in Washington, D.C., for her ability to articulate how complex issues affect every day American families.
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