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EDUCATION

- **Lewis & Clark Law School** May 2003
J.D.; Environmental and Natural Resources Law Certificate; Pro Bono Honors Award
- **University of Wisconsin—Eau Claire** May 2000
B.S. in Biology with emphasis in Field Zoology; Minor in Philosophy

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- **Samantha Murray Consulting, LLC** Jan 2015 to Present
Principal, Portland, Oregon
Provide capacity for clients with on-demand delivery model; offer essential deep expertise and leadership on ocean and coastal policy issues including habitat protection, fisheries management, water quality and ocean acidification; conduct objective, science-based assessments to support forward-thinking and action-oriented strategic planning and decision-making; provide multi-stakeholder facilitation services to build broad-based agreements that are fair, effective and durable; and create non-traditional alliances that connect scientists, users and policy-makers, particularly in the presence of competing interests.
- **Oregon Environmental Council** Sept 2015 to May 2016
Water Program Director, Portland, Oregon
Led program development and all associated components, including strategic programmatic planning, policy analysis, advocacy, fundraising, coalition-building and outreach. Focused on issues related to water quality and agriculture, water availability and conservation, safe drinking water and groundwater.
- **Ocean Conservancy** Nov 2012 to Dec 2014
Pacific Program Director, Portland, Oregon
Occupied senior management position with organization; designed and implemented goals, strategies and objectives for successful Pacific program; remotely supervised and evaluated staff and contractors throughout California; managed and reported on grant deliverables for multiple programs under deadline; created and tracked budgets; served as public education and communications spokesperson for Ocean Conservancy on West Coast; and led organizational effort to successfully maintain and defend California's marine protected areas (MPAs), in particular by convening NGOs and facilitating coordinated MPA integration efforts with Ocean Protection Council, California Coastal Commission and State Lands Commission.

Senior Manager, Pacific Program, Portland, Oregon Aug 2011 to Nov 2012
Worked intimately with agencies, stakeholders and decision-makers to successfully adopt statewide network of MPAs, covering 16% of California waters; helped launch Ocean Conservancy's current Pacific Fish program; helped lead efforts to create and fund the West Coast Ocean Data Portal; translated complex technical concepts into understandable educational materials and an accessible user interface; convened West Coast NGO community on key regional issues, such as ocean acidification and marine debris.

Manager, Pacific Program, San Francisco, California Jan 2007 to Aug 2011
Established and cultivated partnerships with fishermen, scientists, tribes and agencies to design a science-based statewide network of MPAs in California through Marine Life Protection Act (MLPA); convened and advised partners on goals, strategies and tactics to ensure strongest possible conservation outcome.

- **Golden Gate Audubon Society** Nov 2005 to Jan 2007
Conservation Director/ Acting Executive Director, Berkeley, California
 Negotiated scientifically complex settlement agreement among conservation interests and industry on politically contentious lawsuit over avian mortality at Altamont Pass Wind Resource Area; managed myriad restoration and conservation projects on behalf of Bay Area wildlife and habitat; created goals, strategies and budgets for multiple programs; managed staff and volunteers; and managed grant deliverables.
- **Audubon Society of Portland** April 2004 to Oct 2005
Assistant Director of Conservation, Portland, Oregon
 Helped lead campaign and launch coalition to secure MPAs off Oregon's coast; advocated on behalf of fisheries management reform at state and federal level; sat on steering committee to create Habitat Conservation Plan for western snowy plover; managed grants.
- **Multnomah County District Attorney's Office** Oct 2002 to May 2003
Certified Law Clerk, Portland, Oregon
 Appeared in courtroom daily, representing the state of Oregon at arraignments and release hearings; made release recommendations; established probable cause; drafted/negotiated plea bargains; and issued cases.
- **Earthrise Law Center** Aug 2001 to May 2002
Student Clinician, Portland, Oregon
 Drafted pleadings, including memoranda in support of summary judgment and reply briefs; specifically, worked on landmark ballast water case.

KEY SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- **IUCN World Parks Congress**, Sydney, Australia 2014
- **2nd Int'l Symposium on Integrated Coastal Zone Management**, Arendal, Norway 2011
- **World Conference on Ecological Restoration**, Mérida, Mexico 2011
- **International Marine Conservation Congress**, Washington, D.C. 2009
- **Participation in decision-making—MPA networks and wider implications**, Exeter, U.K. 2008

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS AND AFFILIATIONS

- **Marine Protected Areas Federal Advisory Committee** 2014 to Present
Member
- **West Coast Governors Alliance West Coast Ocean Data Portal** 2012 to 2013
Member, Action Coordination Team
- **Upstream Public Health** 2011 to 2012
Board Member, Portland, Oregon
- **Marine Life Protection Act Initiative** 2007 to 2011
Member, North Coast Statewide Interests Group
Member, South Coast Statewide Interests Group
Member, North Central Coast Regional Stakeholder Group
- **Citizens for East Shore Parks** 2006 to 2009
Board Member, Albany, California