

# Oregon Ocean Science Trust



**Laura Anderson** is from a multi-generational commercial fishing family, the founder of Local Ocean Seafoods, an Independent Systems Seafood Consultant, and a leader in Oregon's sustainable fishery movement. She has an M.S. in Marine Resource Management from Oregon State University. Laura served two years as a Peace Corps volunteer in the Philippines, where she helped a village start to restore its coral reef fishery. After returning to the United States, Anderson earned an M.S. in Marine Resource Management from Oregon State University in 2000 and became a consultant to nonprofits trying to improve the coastal fish industry

through ecological restoration, salmon marketing and community-based fisheries management. In Port Orford, Oregon, Anderson spearheaded a highly visible effort that sought to give local fishermen a greater voice and more responsibility in figuring out how to restore depleted fish stocks. Laura and a colleague launched Local Ocean Seafoods in 2002. In 2022, Laura sold Local Ocean Seafoods into a special type of ownership called a Perpetual Purpose Trust. Local Ocean's new owner - the Local Ocean Stewardship Trust - ensures that the company will forever continue to source direct from local fishermen and showcase local species, continually strive for sustainable business practices, advocate for Oregon's fisheries, and ensure that Local Ocean is operating for the benefit of its employees, fishers, and the local community.



**Dr. Christine Moffit**, is a citizen of Oregon, living in Coos Bay. She has a B.A. in Biology from the University of California, Santa Cruz, an M.A. in Biological Sciences from Smith College, Northampton, Massachusetts, and a Ph.D. in Fisheries Biology from the University of Massachusetts, Amherst. She has extensive experience in research, education, and outreach in aquatic and marine sciences. She has participated in and held leadership positions in numerous scientific review boards, professional societies, and non-profit organizations. She currently serves on the Oregon Sea Grant Advisory Board. Locally, she serves as President of the Friends of

South Slough Reserve, Inc., and the Oregon Coast Music Association, and is a member of the Board of the Coos County League of Women Voters. She is a strong supporter of science-based engagement and collaborative processes to increase understanding and communication regarding the challenges of our coastal resources and communities.



**Steve Marx** has worked on ocean and fishery conservation issues for the Pew Charitable Trusts (Pew) for a decade. During that time, his work has focused on advancing ecosystem-based fishery management on the U.S. West Coast and in Alaska. As part of Pew's efforts to secure policy and regulatory improvements to the management of our marine resources, he works closely with fishery and ocean scientists to develop ecosystem-based solutions to pressing issues. In particular, he has helped develop and fund projects to advance understanding of forage fish and predator/prey dynamics, create ecosystem models for the California Current,

evaluate fishing impacts to ecologically important habitat, identify best practices for fishery ecosystem planning, and more. Working at the nexus of ocean science and policy has been and continues to be an extremely rewarding experience for him. In addition to his work with Pew, he has more than 10

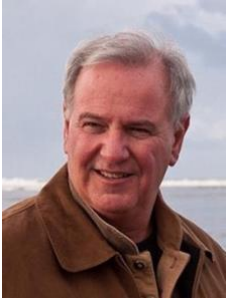
years' experience working on the water. Growing up in a small fishing town in Alaska, he crewed on recreational and commercial vessels targeting salmon, halibut, groundfish and crab. Prior to working for Pew, he also handled natural resource issues for the 1st Congressional District of Oregon, including fisheries. These experiences are integral components of his deep and lifelong connection to the ocean.



**Dr. Karina J. Nielsen** is the director of the Oregon Sea Grant and a Professor of Practice in Integrative Biology at Oregon State University. Oregon Sea Grant is one of 34 university-based state programs within the Sea Grant college program, a network connecting NOAA and university resources to support the health of coastal communities and ecosystems through research, extension, and education. Dr. Nielsen earned her Ph.D. in Zoology from Oregon State University in 1998 and a B.S. in Biology from Brooklyn College, City University of New York in 1992. She was a National Science Foundation International Postdoctoral Fellow at Estación Costera de Investigaciones Marinas, Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile from 1998-2000. Her research focuses on coastal fringe ecosystems, including rocky shores, sandy beaches, and estuaries, and emphasizes interdisciplinary themes of biodiversity, climate change, ocean acidification and hypoxia, and stewardship of coastal ecosystems. Previously she was the executive director of the Estuary & Ocean Science Center at San Francisco State University, and Professor of Biology at Sonoma State and San Francisco State universities. Karina serves as an ex-officio member of Oregon's Ocean Policy Advisory Council executive committee and chairs its science & technical advisory committee, and as a member of the Oregon Ocean Acidification & Hypoxia Council. She is also a member of the California Ocean Science Trust and the Oregon Ocean Science Trust, and a fellow of the California Academy of Sciences.

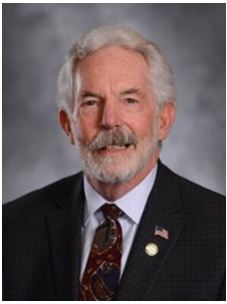


**Krystyna U. Wolniakowski** serves as Executive Director of the Columbia River Gorge Commission. Before joining the Gorge Commission, Krystyna led the Western Partnership Office of the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) in Portland for more than 14 years as Regional Director, creating and managing conservation grant-making programs in seven Western states. Her work included the launch of the Washington State Community Salmon Fund, the Alaska Fish and Wildlife Fund, and the Oregon Governors Fund for the Environment. As a member of the National Fish Habitat Board, she oversaw the development of regional collaborative partnerships throughout the U.S. for protecting and restoring the nation's freshwater and marine habitats. Krystyna was recently appointed by the Secretary of Commerce to serve as the Oregon Appointee to the North Pacific Research Board in Alaska to review and fund scientific proposals on ocean fisheries and management. From 1990 to 2000, she worked for the German Marshall Fund of the U.S. as Director for Central and Eastern Europe, developing grantmaking programs in seven countries. In August 2015, she received the highest honor given for international cooperation from the President of Poland, the Knight's Cross of Merit Award, for her decade of work in philanthropy and development of environmental partnerships in post-Communist Poland. This recognition was the first ever given for achievement in the field of conservation. Krystyna earned her B.S. degree at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire in Biology/Chemistry and her M.S. degree at Oregon State University in oceanographic sciences.



**David Gomberg** represents House District 10 in the Oregon Legislature. David serves as co-vice chair of the Ways and Means budgeting committee and co-chair of Transportation and Economic Development. He is a member of the Governor's Commission on Senior Services, the Oregon Innovation Council, the Seismic Safety Commission, and the Ocean Science Trust. His most recent legislative efforts have focused on economic development, wildfire recovery, and emergency response. In the past two years, David brought home funding for ports, parks, water systems, and fire stations across the district totaling over \$70 million. David describes

himself as a professional kite flier. His company designed and manufactured kites, produced large show kites, and operated web pages and retail stores. He has performed for Walt Disney, the Super Bowl, the London Millennium Celebration, and in 40 different countries. In 2005, he was inducted into the Kite Hall of Fame. David is a graduate of Oregon State University where he earned a Bachelor's degree in Political Science, served as student body president, and earned a Master's in Political Science, Economics, and History. He then earned his MBA at Willamette University.



**Dick Anderson** was elected to the Senate in 2020. He is the former Mayor of Lincoln City on the Oregon Coast and serves on the North Lincoln Health District Board as well as the Siletz Tribal Charitable Contribution Board. While Mayor, Anderson served on the Lincoln County Foundation and the Oregon Coastal Zone Management Executive Committee. Senator Anderson was raised in Wallowa County and has lived in the Northwest in several areas during his career before retiring. He worked for 35 years in the financial industry where he honed his collaborative approach to issues before moving to the Oregon coast. Dick and his

wife, Sue have been married for 50 years and have two children and 5 grandchildren. They purchased their home on the Oregon coast to retire but state and local government have become part of that equation. Locally, Senator Anderson has also been active with the North Lincoln County Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), B'nail B'rith Camp and Family Promise of Lincoln County as a volunteer, Lincoln City Chamber of Commerce and is an avid golfer.