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Experience.

NORCROSS WILDLIFE FOUNDATION, NY, NY Director of Grant Programs (1/01 – 8/16)

- Create, update and maintain grant programs based on assessment of environmental community needs and priorities.
- Review and research approximately five hundred requests for project funding per year and make recommendations to a 14-member Board of Directors based on knowledge, experience and research.
- Meet with ENGOs to discuss their current work and needs and determine candidacy for funding.
- Conduct follow-up visits with grant recipients to assess utilization of grant money.
- Helped distribute over 12 million in grants, much of it directly targeted for marine fish and habitat conservation.

ONE MORE CAST CHARTERS, Fishing Guide Service, Oceanside, NY, Owner/Primary Operator (4/01 – Present)

- Created and maintain profitable guiding service with three boats and two employees. www.onemorecastcharters.net

FREELANCE WRITER AND PHOTOGRAPHER (1/99 – Present) Publish articles and photography in several national and local magazines/newspapers/websites (e.g. [NY Times](http://www.nytimes.com), [Newsday](http://www.newsday.com) etc.)

- Regular contributor to *Saltwater Sportsman*, *Sportfishing*, *Saltwater Flyfishing*, *On The Water*, *The Fisherman* etc.
- Conservation blogger at [Marine Fish Conservation Network](http://www.marinefishconservationnetwork.com), Conservation blogger at [Reel-Time.com](http://www.reel-time.com) from 2001 to 2013
- Columnist at On The Water Magazine
- Conservation Editor of Flyfishing in *Saltwaters Magazine* from 2001 to 2013

MID ATLANTIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL, New York Councilman (8/08 – Present)

- Hold New York's Obligatory Seat representing conservation-minded fishermen on federal regional management council.
- Develop and maintain federal fishery management plans for important recreational and commercially caught species.

ATLANTIC STATES MARINE FISHERIES COMMISSION, Legislative Proxy (8/16 to Present)

- Act on behalf of NY Senator on state and East Coast fisheries management decisions

COASTAL CONSERVATION ASSOCIATION NEW YORK (CCA NY), Executive Director (8/98 – 1/01)

- Controlled and maintained 1500 member state chapter of national organization.
- Articulate fisheries and clean water issues and mobilized membership.
- Led efforts to recruit active volunteer base.
- Chaired local and state meetings.
- Presented testimony re CCA NY positions at public hearings.
- Communicated organization's interests to local, state and national legislators.
- Wrote and issued press releases on relevant issues.
- Created and organized fundraising events (Tournaments, Dinners, Auctions, Seminars, Trade Shows etc.).
- Organized and managed membership acquisition programs.
- Delivered public presentations to local industry-related clubs and organizations.
- Managed advertising space for CCA bi-monthly state newsletter.
- Developed maintained strong working relationships with marine and fishing industry-related contacts throughout the East Coast.

U.S. COAST GUARD (9/94-9/98)

- Coxswain: Skipper in charge of safe operation and navigation of 41' Search and Rescue Boat and 21' surf boat.
- Fisheries Boarding Officer: Federal Maritime Law Enforcement Officer.
- Engineer: In charge of maintenance/repair of ten VT903 M Cummins Diesel engines and two 135HP Mariner Outboard motors.
- Collateral Duties: Responsible for organizing and providing training on all of the above skills to all junior personnel.

Education/Training

Loyola College, Baltimore, MD: BA, Political Science (12/93)

U.S. Coast Guard Training Center, Yorktown, VA: Machinery Tech. School (marine mechanic school) (12/95)

U.S. Coast Guard Training Center, Petaluma, CA: Boarding Team Member, Marine Law Enforcement Course (5/96)

North East Regional Fisheries Training Center, Cape Cod, MA: Living Marine Resources Enforcement Course (12/96)

U.S. Coast Guard Institute, Oklahoma City, OK: Boatswains Mate Course (6/97)

Sea School, Operator of Uninspected Passenger Vessels & Master of Inspected Passenger Vessels Training Course (2/98)

Affiliations

MID-ATLANTIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL: 1.) Law Enforcement Committee, *Chair*; 2) Ecosystem and Planning Committee, *Vice Chair*; 3) Mackerel, Squid, Butterfish Committee, *Vice Chair*; 4) Demersal Committee, *Member*; 5) Highly Migratory Species Committee, *Member*; 6) Executive Committee, *Member*

NEW ENGLAND FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL: Herring Oversight Committee, *MAFMC Liaison Member*

ATLANTIC STATES MARINE FISHERIES COMMISSION: Striped Bass Advisory Panel, *NY Member*