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Summary

A Mediator and Program Manager at Meridian Institute with more than seven years of experience in marine science and policy at the international, national, regional, state, and local levels. Expertise in the areas of ocean and coastal policy, fisheries management, collaborative process design, and marine energy. At Meridian, works primarily on the Joint Ocean Commission Initiative and projects relating to the implementation of the National Ocean Policy. Previous work experience includes positions at the U.S. Department of Energy, catalyzing marine renewable energy development, and at Washington Sea Grant, fostering collaboration for a marine stewardship area. Holds a Masters of Marine Affairs from the University of Washington and a B.A. in Biology from Clark University.

Meridian Experience

Meridian Institute

2014–Present

Meridian Institute designs and facilitates collaborative processes that help diverse parties identify critical issues, build relationships and trust, construct innovative solutions, and implement durable decisions. These collaborative processes address challenges at the local, state, national, and international levels, and involve leaders from government agencies, industry, nongovernmental organizations, and international institutions. Meridian also assists organizations in conducting strategy development and planning.

Mediator and Program Manager

Manages and facilitates policy dialogues, negotiations, and strategy development projects with teams of facilitators. Conducts convening assessments, designs processes, plans and facilitates meetings, helps participants develop consensus documents, and conducts implementation activities. Selected highlights are summarized below:

- Member of the Meridian team serving as a secretariat to the Joint Ocean Commission Initiative, a collaborative effort of the U.S. Commission on Ocean Policy and the Pew Oceans Commission. The primary goal of the Joint Initiative is to accelerate the pace of change that results in meaningful ocean policy reform.
- Member of the Meridian team providing process design, facilitation, and meeting support to regional ocean planning efforts, which are composed of federal, state, and tribal authorities and charged with enhancing inter-jurisdictional collaboration on ocean issues.

- Member of the Meridian team working on the National Ocean Policy Implementation Initiative, which is aimed at facilitating effective implementation of the National Ocean Policy. This policy is intended to unify and guide the actions of the multiple federal agencies with ocean management responsibilities and bring greater coherence to the numerous laws addressing ocean and coastal resources, in order to facilitate better ocean and coastal resource management.
- Please see <http://merid.org/staff/mmassaua> for a full list of projects completed.

Previous Experience

New West Technologies, LLC

Washington, DC 2013–2014

Marine Science and Policy Specialist

Supported the U.S. Department of Energy Wind and Water Power Technologies Office on the environmental, regulatory, and outreach aspects of offshore wind and marine hydrokinetics, as well as ocean policy and regional ocean planning. Managed the regulatory aspects of deploying offshore wind advanced technology demonstration projects.

U.S. Department of Energy

Washington, DC 2012

Knauss Fellow, Wind and Water Power Technologies Office

Assisted the office with research and development activities for marine renewable energy, especially concerning environmental research and national ocean policy activities.

Washington Sea Grant

Seattle, Washington 2010–2011

Project Coordinator, Port Susan Marine Stewardship Area

Coordinated the development of the Port Susan Marine Stewardship Area Plan using The Nature Conservancy's Conservation Action Planning process,

including: project management, workshop facilitation, strategy development, plan writing, and logistics.

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

Coos Bay, Oregon 2008–2009

Experimental Biology Aide

Piloted a new research program on bay clam species of recreational importance through intertidal and subtidal surveys to investigate distribution and abundance. Did additional work on the reproductive cycles of *Tresus capax*, a species of saltwater clam. Generated agency reports and conference presentations.

Maria Mitchell Association

Nantucket, Massachusetts 2006–2007

Research Assistant/Aquarium Intern

Executed several scientific dive surveys of the Nantucket Harbor bay scallop population and associated habitat characteristics. Researched the life history and spawning cycles of bay scallops via histology and light microscopy, resulting in a new commercial fishing regulation. Led environmental education activities via aquarium operation and marine ecology field trips.

Education

University of Washington, School of Marine and Environmental Affairs

M.M.A., Marine Affairs

2011

Clark University

B.A., Biology

2006