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Work Experience:

2004 to Present

Executive Director Garden State Seafood Association Cape May, NJ

As Executive Director I attend every Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission and New Jersey Marine Fisheries Council meetings. I often attend New England Fishery Management Council meetings as well. I evaluate the impacts of many of the Fishery Management Plans under the authority of these regulatory bodies. When needed, I give public testimony and provide written comments in response to the Amendments of the Fishery Management Plans. It is often necessary to write substantial comments to proposed regulations being developed by the National Marine Fisheries Service. These comments state the position of our association and explain the scientific and socio-economic reasons that formed our position.

I represent our association to the New Jersey State Delegation as well as our U.S. Federal Delegations. This requires frequent communication and the development of a sound working relationship with legislative staff. Tracking state and federal legislation and following the actions of relevant committee's is essential.

Communication with the members of our association is performed through weekly updates, meetings and face-to-face outreach with active commercial fishermen and other industry participants.

Both of my current positions have also afforded me the opportunity to attend many stock assessment meetings for important managed species including summer flounder, spiny dogfish and black sea bass. This has provided me a better understanding of statistical analyses, which our fishery management is based upon. My current experience combined with my understanding of the everyday operations of many fisheries has given me a proper understanding of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Management Conservation and Management Act. My responsibilities have made it necessary to understand the administrative process associated with fisheries management policy and qualified me to advocate on behalf of the fishing industry while considering the health of the resource.

2004 to Present

Executive Director National Fisheries Institute / Scientific Monitoring Committee Cape May, NJ

My current position also requires that I act as a liaison between our scientific committee and the fishing industry. Through my position with the National Fisheries Institutes / Scientific Monitoring Committee I have been directly involved with the development of numerous scientific proposals, receiving significant funding through the Mid-Atlantic Research Set-Aside Program. These proposals have enhanced our knowledge of several stocks of fish, tested alternative gear modifications and allowed for cooperative research with the scientific community and the fishing industry.

1999 to 2004

Executive Director Monroe County Commercial Fishermen, Inc. Marathon, FL

As the Executive Director of this association it was my responsibility to communicate to fishing dependent communities all relevant issues and policies of the National Marine Fisheries Service and the National Marine Sanctuary. I attended the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council, South Atlantic Fisheries Management Council and the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission meetings. This allowed me to communicate with fishing communities from Texas to North Carolina.

I was an active member of the King Mackerel and Marine Protected Area Advisory Panels. Most importantly I served on the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary Council representing the local commercial fishing industry. I was successful at pursuing and obtaining a \$4.8 million Disaster Relief Appropriation for the local community as a result of a hurricane Georges that devastated the fishing industry and was instrumental in organizing many clean up attempts of the nearshore waters of the Marine Sanctuary.

1995 to 1997

North Carolina Division of Marine Fisheries Manteo, NC Marine Fisheries Technician

My duties included the data entry, collection and analysis of the tagging program for red drum. The program determined the migratory patterns along the southeast coast and retention rate of tags. Our program also determined the sex, life history and age of tagged and collected red drum. I was responsible for field sampling of many different commercial fisheries and operated a trawl/abundance survey. The data collected from my field sampling was incorporated into the Division of Marine Fisheries database.

Education:

**1992 UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND, Kingston, RI
(B.A., Marine Affairs)**