

LIZ HAMILTON

QUALIFICATIONS

- More than 20 years of experience managing fisheries related nonprofit in the Northwest
- Member of numerous boards and committees focused on enhancing fish populations and their habitats
- Deep understanding of fish and wildlife issues in Pacific Northwest both from career and a family culture of hunting and fishing in the Northwest
- Connected with lawmakers and policy leaders on the state, local and federal levels

EXPERIENCE

Executive Director and Founder

Northwest Sport Fishing Industry Association (NSIA), Oregon City, Oregon (January 1993 - Present)

- Manage a non-profit trade organization of more than 300 sport fishing related businesses in Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Alaska and California and beyond with a staff of 5 people, 2 Government Affairs Directors, scientists, lawyers, and a budget approaching \$500,000.
- Provide strategic advice to the board of directors (more than 20 members) on policy and public communication issues, legislative priorities, internal organization and operations, legal matters and personnel issues.
- Work with all sectors of the sport fishing industry, from manufacture, to wholesale, distribution, retail and tourism, including boating and advertising.
- Represent NSIA to the public through various media platforms, including interviews for print, television, and digital media outlets, as well as regularly contributing guest opinions and attending editorial board meetings on important issues facing the sportfishing industry.
- Maintain strong and effective partnerships with diverse stakeholders including local and national officials, private businesses, conservation coalitions, and individual community leaders.
- Conduct extensive work on habitat protection, hydro, hatchery and harvest reform to balance conservation and recovery goals throughout the Northwest.
- Build collaborative solutions to complex fishery management problems with Congress, state legislatures and wildlife agencies.
- Founding board member of *For the Sake of the Salmon* to restore salmon to levels which ensure healthy sustainable natural populations and support productive fisheries. Signed by Governors of Oregon, Washington and California.
- Engage new people to discover angling – especially women and families – and employ well-known, infectious enthusiasm to promote sport fishing.

PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE

- First American Title Company: Floating Escrow Officer for 13 branch offices (1991-1993)
- St. James Escrow Company: Escrow Officer and Manager (1978-1981)

HONORS AND SERVICE

Current

- Appointed as the advisor to the United States Secretary of Commerce to the Marine Fisheries Advisory Committee
- Appointed to Columbia Basin Partnership Task Force
- Oregon advisor to the Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission
- Member of the Habitat Committee for Pacific Fishery Management Council
- Hall of Fame inductee in 2005 and current Honorary Board member of the Association of Northwest Steelheaders
- Published author of articles relating to hydro, habitat, harvest and fish hatcheries

Past (*partial listing*)

- Appointed by Oregon Governor to the Lower Columbia Recovery Domain Stakeholder Team
- Past Board Member, For the Sake of the Salmon-Fishing Industry
- Appointed by Oregon Governor to the Forest Practices Committee on Salmon and Watersheds
- Oregon Wildlife Heritage Foundation volunteer fundraiser
- Former board member of the Northwest Power and Conservation Council's Fish Passage Center Oversight Board
- Nationally recognized in *Sport Fishing Magazine*: "Making a Difference" Award
- Board member of National Wildlife Federation
- Board member of Save our Wild Salmon
- Appointed by Oregon Governor to Coastal Salmon Restoration Task Force
- Participant and Advisor, ODFW warmwater fishery management, workshop and workgroup

EDUCATION

- Lewis and Clark College, Portland, Oregon
- Portland State University, Portland, Oregon