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EXPERIENCE

NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION

COASTAL MANAGEMENT SPECIALIST, November 2002-present, NOAA Coastal Services Center

- Manage the NOAA Coastal Storms Program (CSP), a cross NOAA program that seeks to harness and leverage NOAA and community resources to reduce the adverse effects of coastal storms. This includes leading a cross NOAA team that works with coastal communities to identify, develop and provide training for a suite of storm related products. Examples of products include enhanced oceanographic and meteorological observations, improved forecasting models, and decision support tools. CSP currently has pilot projects in Northeast Florida, the Pacific Northwest (Lower Columbia River region), and Southern California.
- Helped to establish the NOAA Coasts, Estuaries and Oceans (CEO) Program and currently serve as the National Ocean Service lead team member for the program. The mission of the CEO program is to provide (1) risk and vulnerability mitigation information, products and services and (2) coastal and oceanic data in support of forecasts and numerical predictions. Responsibilities include helping to set strategic direction, develop NOAA budget submissions and Annual Operating Plans for the program.
- Serve as the coastal hazards issue lead for the Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management.

SPECIAL ASSISTANT to the Assistant Administrator, November 2001- November 2002, Office of the Assistant Administrator, National Ocean Service

- Oversaw special projects for the Assistant Administrator, including a public education and outreach campaign on coastal issues and a Governors' coastal conference. Project oversight includes the management of cooperative agreements and contracts associated with these projects.
- Coordinated with other federal agencies and non-governmental organizations on coastal management issues.
- Prepared briefings, talking points, and presentations for the Assistant Administrator and other NOS and NOAA leadership.
- Represented the Assistant Administrator at meetings.
- Responded to requests for information from NOAA and Department of Commerce leadership.

COASTAL MANAGEMENT SPECIALIST, March 1999-October 2001 Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management, Coastal Programs Division

- Served as the NOAA liaison to the California and Oregon coastal zone management programs. Duties included managing cooperative agreements, providing policy and technical assistance on coastal management issues, participating in program evaluations, and providing guidance on the development of state programs to control polluted runoff.
- Provided technical assistance to states on federal consistency and assisted with drafting the first comprehensive revision of federal consistency regulations.
- Served on a coordination and policy development team for the Coastal Nonpoint Pollution Control Program.

- Lead an effort to promote communication among coastal states on policy and technical issues related to the laying of fiber optic cable in the coastal zone.
- Served on the planning committee for the first Solutions to Coastal Disasters Conference.
- Assisted with staff recruitment.

NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Directorate for Biological Sciences

PROGRAM ANALYST/STAFF ASSOCIATE, July 1997-March 1999

Office of the Assistant Director

- Served as the NSF representative to the Interagency Working Group on Biodiversity, which was responsible for preparing the U.S. Government's position on various issues related to the Convention on Biological Diversity.
- Prepared Congressional testimony, budgetary justification materials and associated briefing documents for the Directorate for Biological Sciences.
- Served as Executive Secretary for the National Science and Technology Council Subcommittee on Biotechnology.

PRESIDENTIAL MANAGEMENT INTERN, July 1995-June 1997

Throughout the period of my Presidential Management Internship, I served in a variety of details (3-4 months in length), both within and outside of the National Science Foundation. Select details include the following:

Biological Resources Division, U.S. Geological Survey, Department of the Interior

- Coordinated the organization of a strategic planning workshop for the National Biological Status and Trends Program.
- Provided staff assistance for the National Science and Technology Council Subcommittee on Ecological Systems.

Office of the Vice President, The White House

- Coordinated planning for the U.S.-China Forum on Environment and Development and organized support for the U.S. delegation. This included planning briefings for the Vice President.
- Assisted in the development of the bilateral agenda for the Third U.S.-South Africa Bi-national Commission meeting and organized support for the U.S. delegation.

Division of Environmental Biology, National Science Foundation

- Participated in the management of the several grant programs, including the Conservation and Restoration Biology, Ecology, and Ecosystems programs.

EDUCATION

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI

Master of Science, Conservation Biology and Ecosystem Management, April 1995

University of Maryland, College Park, MD

Bachelor of Science, General Biological Sciences, High Honors, May 1992