

Ocean and Coastal Law Enforcement: Enforcing Protected Species Laws in the Marine Environment

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Panelist & Moderator Biographies

Tracy Dunn, Acting Deputy Director, NOAA Office of Law Enforcement

Tracy Dunn has been a special agent with the NOAA Fisheries Office of Law Enforcement for over twenty-two years. He began his enforcement career in the Florida Keys before transferring to Charleston, SC. During the twelve years he worked in the field, agent Dunn conducted all levels of living marine resource enforcement with an emphasis on complex civil and criminal investigations. In addition to his enforcement responsibilities in Charleston, he helped develop the curriculum for the newly established USCG South Atlantic Fisheries Training Center and was instrumental in setting up the first Joint Enforcement Agreement (JEA) in the country. Agent Dunn left the field in July of 2002 and accepted a management position as the Deputy Special Agent in Charge in St. Petersburg, FL. During his time in St. Petersburg he managed enforcement programs such as vessel monitoring systems (VMS) and cooperative enforcement (JEA), as well as field operations in the Gulf of Mexico, South Atlantic and Caribbean. He has also represented the agency at the fishery management councils for the South Atlantic, Gulf of Mexico, and the Caribbean. In October 2011 he was asked to serve as the Acting Deputy Director in Silver Spring, MD, and continues in that position to date.

Phil Kline, Senior Ocean Campaigner, Greenpeace U.S.

Phil Kline is a recognized expert on ocean policy domestically and internationally, and has represented Greenpeace U.S. at International Whaling Commission (IWC) meetings and Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission meetings around the globe. Since the 1970s, Phil has been an active proponent of fisheries conservation and successfully lobbied in support of sustainable fisheries under the Magnuson-Stevens Act, which is the primary law governing marine fisheries management in United States federal waters. He was also instrumental in the reauthorization of the Magnuson-Stevens Act in both 1996 and 2007. Phil's past work includes serving as the Fisheries Program Director with the American Oceans Campaign and as the Senior Fisheries Policy Advisor for Oceana. He is a founding member of the Pacific Marine Conservation Council and served on its board from 1997 to 2005. He currently serves on the board of directors and as co-chair of the Marine Fish Conservation Network (MFCN), a national coalition comprising over 200 groups working in collaboration for sustainable fisheries.

Steven Tucker, Deputy Chief for Marine Protected Species, U.S. Coast Guard

Steve Tucker is Deputy Chief for Marine Protected Species in the Coast Guard's Office of Law Enforcement Policy, Living Marine Resources Division, a position he has held since 2008. Steven's career in public service began with his work as a ranger at Massachusetts' largest coastal Area of Critical Environmental Concern, where he served two years as Chief Ranger before moving on to the roles of Coastal and Marine Resources Program Manager for the Cape Cod Commission and regional staff for the Massachusetts Bays National Estuary Program. Currently, Steven represents the Coast Guard on the U.S. Coral Reef Task Force and as an ex-officio participant in the Marine Protected Areas Federal Advisory Committee and NOAA's Marine Mammal Unusual Mortality Event Working Group. He was selected to be the first Coast Guard lead for the Operational Science Advisory Team for the *Deepwater Horizon* response, and was called back to support the development of the first state-wide Net Environmental Benefits Analysis for response activities. He has contributed to the Coast Guard's work on the National Ocean Policy and continues to participate on National Ocean Council interagency subcommittees. Steven obtained his undergraduate degree from Union College and a Master of Marine Affairs from the University of Rhode Island.

John Webb, Former Assistant Chief, Environment and Natural Resources Division, U.S. Department of Justice

John Webb, a former Assistant Chief of the Environmental Crimes Section at the U.S. Department of Justice (formerly with the Wildlife and Marine Resources Section), was with the Division from 1986 until his retirement in 2011 after twenty-five years of service. Prior to joining the Justice Department, John spent eight years working on wildlife law enforcement with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. He was the nation's expert in the complex area of domestic and international wildlife crime enforcement. John developed innovative prosecution theories and methods, worked to increase penalties imposed on wildlife traffickers, enhanced the proficiency of U.S. wildlife law enforcement agents, increased international understanding and cooperation in multilateral wildlife enforcement efforts, fostered cooperation between federal and state wildlife agencies, and promoted awareness of and proficiency in prosecuting wildlife cases by U.S. Attorney's Offices.

Jordan Diamond, Deputy Director, Ocean Program, Environmental Law Institute

Jordan Diamond has been with the Institute since 2008, where she works on ocean and coastal law and policy and international environmental law. Recent focal areas include supporting public participation in the *Deepwater Horizon* natural resource damage assessment process; supporting Alaska Native communities' engagement in Arctic coastal and marine spatial planning (CMSP); the development and implementation of the U.S. federal CMSP framework; fisheries compliance and enforcement, and comparing U.S. and Mexico habitat conservation and restoration laws, policies, and programs. Jordan holds a J.D. with a certification of specialization in environmental law from the University of California, Berkeley, where she was a research associate for the Law of the Sea Institute and the managing editor of *Ecology Law Quarterly*. She obtained her B.A. in earth and environmental sciences from Wesleyan University.