

An Inclusive and Equitable Ocean: A Workshop

Committee

Trisha K. Watson

Chair

Trisha Kehaulani Watson-Sproat, JD, PhD, is owner and CEO of Honua Consulting, the largest Hawaiian-owned cultural resource management and community planning company in Hawai'i, which she founded in 2004. Born and raised on the Island of O'ahu, she completed her bachelor's degrees in Sociology and American Studies in 1999 at the University of Hawai'i, Manoa before completing her master's degree in American Studies at Washington State University, where she studied environmental justice and ecofeminism. She completed her JD and the Environmental Law Program at the William S. Richardson School of Law in 2003. She then earned a PhD in American Studies in 2008, focusing on Indigenous epistemologies in the Pacific before continuing into a career in historic preservation, community planning, and resource management. In 2017, she helped found 'Aina Momona, an Indigenous-led community organization dedicated to restoration efforts in rural communities. She is president of the Kalihi-Palama Culture and Arts Society, and her writings on community, culture, and conservation have appeared in numerous publications around the world. She has received multiple awards and recognitions for her community work.

Angela N. Doerr

Member

Angela Doerr is an Assistant Professor of Practice with Oregon State University and an Oregon Sea Grant and Oregon State University Extension specialist for Lincoln County. She focuses on commercial fisheries and marine coastal resources, providing community outreach and education on subjects ranging from marine resource management to nearshore energy and sustainable economic growth for coastal industries. Angee works closely with community partners, including commercial fishermen, managers, and researchers, to advance our understanding of fisheries and other marine resources in Oregon and along the west coast. She holds a BS, an MBA and a Ph.D. focused on socially and ecologically sustainable fisheries. Angee has previously served as an Early Career Liaison for the U.S. Ocean Decade with NASEM, served as a member on the Cross-Cutting Themes for U.S. Contributions to the UN Ocean Decade Report, and has been engaged with diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility efforts for two decades. Angee is currently a Commander in the US Navy Reserves, having spent eight years on active duty as a naval flight officer and twelve years in the Reserves.

Anthony MacDonald

Member

Anthony MacDonald, Esq. is the Director of the Urban Coast Institute (UCI) at Monmouth University in West Long Branch, New Jersey. UCI's mission is to serve the University and public interest as a research and policy forum to support healthy and productive coastal ecosystems, and ecologically sustainable and economically vibrant coastal communities. Mr. MacDonald is a member of the National Academy of Sciences Ocean Studies Board and the U.S. National Committee for the Decade for Ocean Science for Sustainable Development. Mr. MacDonald served as a member of the Cross-Cutting Themes for U.S. Contributions for the UN Ocean Decade Report. His current work focuses on regional ocean planning, coastal zone management, sea level rise, and coastal community resilience. Mr. MacDonald was previously the Executive Director of the Coastal States Organization (CSO) in Washington, D.C., and Special Counsel and Director of Environmental Affairs at the American Association of Port Authorities. Mr. MacDonald also practiced law with the NYC Corporation Counsel and with a private firm in Washington, DC. Mr. MacDonald is a graduate of Middlebury College (B.A.) and the Fordham University School of Law. (J.D.)

Russell F. Smith, III

Member

Russell Smith has spent much of the last 25 years working on the development and implementation of international environmental policy that supports sustainable development and the conservation of resources. During that time, he served as the deputy assistant secretary for International Fisheries at the U.S. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. While at NOAA, he was the U.S. lead for bilateral and multilateral negotiations on a range of issues, including the sustainable management of shared fisheries, the conservation and management of whales, and the global effort to combat illegal fishing. He also led U.S. efforts to combat illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing and of the international convening of the organizations responsible for managing tuna fisheries. Before joining NOAA, Mr. Smith worked as a negotiator for the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative where, among other things, he focused on ensuring that U.S. environmental and trade policy are mutually supportive. He also served as a lawyer in the Environment and Natural Resources Division at the U.S. Department of Justice where his responsibilities included helping other countries improve their regulatory systems for environmental protection. He is a graduate of Yale College and the University of Michigan Law School.

Alexis Valauri-Orton

Member

Alexis Valauri-Orton is a Program Officer at The Ocean Foundation (TOF), a public community foundation based in Washington, D.C. She has been with the Foundation since 2016 and in her capacity as Program Officer leads TOF's activities related to ocean science capacity development, including the International Ocean Acidification Initiative and EquiSea. A core element of this work has been reducing technical and financial barriers to ocean science, such as with the creation of the GOA-ON in a Box kit, which enables users with only access to seawater and electricity to collect high quality ocean acidification measurements. She holds a Nonprofit Management Certificate from the University of Washington (2022), a degree in Biology, with honors, from Davidson College (2012), and received a Thomas J. Watson Fellowship in 2012 to study the effects of ocean acidification on human communities in Norway, Hong Kong, Thailand, New Zealand, The Cook Islands, and Peru. She sits on the Ocean Acidification International Experts Group and received the Ocean Tribute Award in 2018 in recognition of her work increasing capacity to monitor, understand, and respond to ocean acidification.

Angelo Villagomez

Member

Angelo Villagomez is a senior fellow at American Progress, where he focuses on Indigenous-led conservation. Born in a village on an island in the western Pacific Ocean next to the Mariana Trench and trained in Western scientific methods, Villagomez is a conservation advocate who uses Indigenous knowledge and values and the scientific method to address modern threats including habitat loss, fishing, and climate colonialism. Villagomez worked for 14 years at The Pew Charitable Trusts, where he was an advocate for the designation and expansion of the national marine monuments in the Pacific islands and a policy expert on global shark conservation. During his tenure at Pew, he led efforts to secure an agreement at the International Union for Conservation of Nature committing governments to protect at least 30 percent of the ocean in fully to highly protected marine areas and contributed to The MPA Guide and the IUCN MPA Standards.