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EDUCATION

2019-present
Durham, NC USA

PhD Student, Marine Science and Conservation (expected 2024)
Duke University, Nicholas School of the Environment/Duke Marine Lab
Advised by: Dr. Andy Read, Dr. Doug Nowacek, Dr. Wendy Piniak

May 2017
Durham, NC USA

Master of Coastal Environmental Management
Duke University, Nicholas School of the Environment
Master's Thesis: Examining the Role of Sound under the Endangered Species Act: A Petition to Designate Critical Habitat for Sperm Whales (*Physeter microcephalus*) in the Gulf of Mexico Based on Its Acoustic Habitat

May 2012
Wilmington, NC USA

Bachelor of Science, Environmental Science; Journalism minor
University of North Carolina Wilmington, Honors College
Study Abroad: University of Queensland, Australia (Jan.-June 2011)
Honors Thesis: Honors Thesis: Assessing Impacts of Beach Nourishment on Loggerhead Turtle (*Caretta caretta*) Hatching Success on Bald Head Island, NC

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Marine Policy and Conservation Experience

Apr.-June 2019

Washington, D.C., USA

U.S. Department of State, Office of Marine Conservation
(on contract with Kenja-Trusant Group)
Foreign Affairs Officer

Mar. 2018-Mar. 2019

Washington, D.C., USA

U.S. Department of State, Office of Marine Conservation
Knauss Marine Policy Fellow/Foreign Affairs Officer

July 2017-Mar. 2018

Washington, D.C., USA

National Marine Fisheries Service, Office of Protected Resources, (on contract with Ocean Associates)
Senior Analyst, Endangered Species Act and Marine Mammal Protection Act

Sep. 2016-July 2017

Beaufort, NC USA

Marine Conservation Ecology Lab, Duke University
Graduate Research Assistant

May-August 2016

Honolulu, HI USA

State of Hawaii
Graduate Protected Species Policy Intern

Science Communications Experience

April 2014-Aug. 2015
Washington, D.C. USA

Oceana
Online Editor

Jan.-Nov. 2013
New York, NY

National Audubon Society
Science Reporter

Field Experience

April-July 2013
Naples, FL USA

Conservancy of Southwest Florida
Sea Turtle Field Technician

May-October 2012
Wilmington, NC USA

Audubon North Carolina
Biological Technician

May-October 2009
Bald Head Island, NC USA

Bald Head Island Conservancy
Sea Turtle Intern

PUBLICATIONS

Elliott, B. W., Read, A. J., Godley, B. J., Nelms, S. E., & Nowacek, D. P. (2019). Critical information gaps remain in understanding impacts of industrial seismic surveys on marine vertebrates. *Endangered Species Research*, 39, 247-254.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS AND POSTERS

Elliott BW and Nowlin M (2017) Evaluating the Effectiveness of Incidental Take Permit No. 16230 in Reducing Observed Sea Turtle Take in the Southern Flounder Commercial Gillnet Fishery in North Carolina. Poster presented at the 2017 International Sea Turtle Symposium.

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

2019	Duke University, Bass Connections Grant, “Reducing Global Marine Mammal Bycatch through Development of Model Marine Mammal Legislation” (\$25,392)
2018	John A. Knauss NOAA Marine Policy Fellowship (placed with U.S. Department of State) (\$61,500)
2016	Edna Bailey Sussman Fund; awarded to support policy research on protected species management with the state of Hawaii (\$6000)

AWARDS AND HONORS

2017	Duke Law Clinic Environmental Advocacy Award
2017	Forever Duke Award
2017	Best Student Poster (Conservation), International Sea Turtle Society
2016	Nicholas School Alumni Council Fellowship
2015	Academic Scholarship, Duke University Nicholas School of the Environment

2009 Allen Pearsons Star News Newspaper Academic Scholarship
2009 Phi Eta Sigma Honors Society Inductee

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- Fall 2019 **Ocean and Coastal Law and Policy, Duke University**, *Teaching Assistant*
- Led lecture: "International Policy Initiatives to Address Global Bycatch"
 - Led lecture: "A Case Study on the ESA, MMPA, and NEPA: Seismic Permitting in the U.S. Atlantic Ocean"
- Fall 2019 **Teaching College Biology, Duke University**
- Guest lecture: "Improving How Universities Teach Science"
- Spring 2016 **Environmental Communication, Duke University**, *Teaching Assistant*

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

- January 2020-present **Animal Protection Society of Durham**
Durham, NC Dog Care Volunteer
- December 2008- May 2009 **Fort Fisher Aquarium**
Wilmington, NC Education Volunteer
- Summers 2005- 2008 **Bald Head Island Conservancy**
Bald Head Island, NC Education and Sea Turtle Volunteer

PROFESSIONAL SOCIETAL MEMBERSHIP

- Society for Marine Mammalogy, January 2017-present
- Society for Conservation Biology, January 2017-present
- International Sea Turtle Society, October 2015-present

SKILLS

- *Languages*: English (native), French (intermediate), Indonesian (beginner)
- *U.S. environmental law and policy*: Advanced literacy, understanding, and application of key environmental statutes, including the National Environmental Policy Act, Endangered Species Act, Marine Mammal Protection Act, Coastal Zone Management Act, Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act, and Clean Water Act;
- *International environmental policy*: Served on U.S. delegations to the U.S.-China fisheries bilateral meeting in Chengdu, China (June 2018), the annual meeting Agreement on the International Dolphin Conservation Program (AIDCP) in San Diego, California (August 2018), the 2018 Our Ocean conference in Bali, Indonesia (October 2018), the 57th meeting of the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas, in Dubrovnik, Croatia (November 2018), the 3rd Meeting of the Signatories to the Memorandum of Understanding on the Conservation of

Migratory Sharks in Monaco (December 2018), and the Seventh Meeting of the South Pacific Regional Fisheries Management Organization in The Hague, Netherlands (January 2019);

- *Computer:* R, ArcGIS, Wordpress, MATLAB, Drupal, Microsoft Office, Adobe Creative Suite;
- *Interpersonal:* Excellent public speaking, organizational, interpersonal and multitasking skills; highly adaptable to working in multiple work environments, cultures, and paces;
- *Certifications:* PADI Open Water Diver, Wilderness First Aid, CPR and AED;