

EDUCATION

<p>Duke University, Nicholas School of the Environment Durham, NC <i>Aug. 2019-present</i></p>	<p>PhD student, Marine Science and Conservation <u>Teaching Assistant:</u> Ocean and Coastal Law and Policy, Fall 2019 <u>Research Assistant:</u> Read and Nowacek Labs, August 2019-present Expected graduation May 2024</p>
<p>Duke University, Nicholas School of the Environment Durham, NC <i>May 2017</i></p>	<p>Master of Environmental Management, Coastal Environmental Management <u>Master's Thesis:</u> Examining the Role of Sound under the Endangered Species Act: A Petition to Designate Critical Habitat for Sperm Whales (<i>Physeter microcephalus</i>) in the Gulf of Mexico Based on Its Acoustic Habitat</p>
<p>University of North Carolina Wilmington Wilmington, NC <i>May 2012</i></p>	<p>Bachelor of Science, Environmental Science; minor in journalism <u>Study Abroad:</u> University of Queensland, Australia, Jan.-June 2011 <u>Honors Thesis:</u> Assessing Impacts of Beach Nourishment on Loggerhead Turtle (<i>Caretta caretta</i>) Hatching Success on Bald Head Island, NC</p>

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

<p>U.S. Department of State, Office of Marine Conservation Washington, D.C. <i>Mar. 2017-June 2019</i></p>	<p>Foreign Affairs Officer/NOAA Knauss Marine Policy Fellow Assisted with writing position papers and representing the U.S. at bilateral and multilateral fora on fisheries-focused issues such as: ensuring compliance with the Marine Mammal Protection Act Import Provisions; co-lead coordination of the Our Ocean conferences; co-lead U.S.-China fisheries portfolio; and assist with U.S. policy formulation for the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas and the South Pacific Regional Fishery Management Organization.</p>
<p>Ocean Associates Inc. on contract for the National Marine Fisheries Service Washington, D.C. <i>Jul. 2017-Mar. 2018</i></p>	<p>Senior Analyst, Marine Mammal Protection Act Analyzed applications for Incidental Take Authorizations under the Marine Mammal Protection Act, including reviewing applications, researching and writing <i>Federal Register</i> proposed and final rules, reviewing and responding to public comments on regulatory actions, and writing NEPA compliance documents.</p>
<p>Marine Conservation Ecology Lab, Duke University Beaufort, NC <i>Sep. 2016-Jul. 2017</i></p>	<p>Research Assistant Acted as lead author on public comments focused on marine mammal/ seismic survey-related regulatory decisions. Researched and wrote article on impacts from seismic testing on protected species for publication in <i>Endangered Species Research</i> (in review); drafted manuscript on a stock assessment analysis under the MMPA.</p>
<p>State of Hawaii, Division of Aquatic Resources Honolulu, HI <i>May-Aug. 2016</i></p>	<p>Graduate Protected Species Policy Intern Advanced States' efforts on protected species: (1) Wrote report on incorporating human social and cultural factors into Hawaiian monk seal management and (2) Researched and wrote Hawaii's first-ever draft management plan for green sea turtles.</p>
<p>Oceana Washington, D.C. <i>Apr. 2014-Jul. 2015</i></p>	<p>Science Editor Managed online content by working with scientists and policy specialists to communicate on three major campaigns: sustainable fisheries, climate change, and protected species. Wrote daily articles on new studies, rulemaking, and policy.</p>
<p>National Audubon Society New York, NY <i>Jan.-Apr. 2013, Sep.-Nov. 2013</i></p>	<p>Science Reporter Contributed to Audubon's editorial goals by translating complex studies on climate and ornithological subjects into blog posts and short magazine articles.</p>

Conservancy of SW Florida
Naples, FL
Apr.-Jul. 2013

Sea Turtle Conservation Associate
Supported long-withstanding turtle monitoring program by collecting biometric data on nesting sea turtles at night via UTV; tagged turtles; assisted with hatchings.

Audubon North Carolina
Wilmington, NC
May-Oct. 2012

Biological Technician
Advanced Audubon's shorebird conservation efforts by collecting data on shorebird nesting colonies, assisting with bird banding, and conducting public outreach.

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

Fort Fisher Aquarium
Wilmington, NC
Dec. 2008-May 2009

Education Volunteer
Staffed both a sea turtle exhibit and an invertebrate touch tank to educate the public about various marine species and conservation.

Bald Head Conservancy
Bald Head Island, NC
Summers 2005-2008

Education and Sea Turtle Volunteer
Obtained over 500 hours in volunteer experience; led educational activities related to sea turtles in an ocean conservation-themed camp for children

PUBLICATIONS AND RELATED MATERIAL

- **Elliott, B.**, Read, A., Nowacek, D., Godley, B., and Nelms, S. (2019) *Impacts of Seismic Testing on Marine Vertebrates: A Call for More Research*.
- Published over 250 articles within the past five years on environmental/marine science and policy for a lay audience, primarily for Oceana and The Huffington Post (clips housed at www.briannawelliott.com)

PROFESSIONAL SOCIETAL INVOLVEMENT AND CERTIFICATIONS

- **Society for Marine Mammalogy**, Jan. 2017-pres.
- **PADI Open Water certification**, Jul. 2016-pres.
- **International Sea Turtle Society**, Oct. 2015-pres.
- **Society for Cons. Biology**, Jan. 2017-pres.

SKILLS AND STRENGTHS

- Expertise in field surveys; lab research; science communication; outreach; and international travel
- Advanced literary of key environmental statutes, including NEPA, ESA, MMPA, CZMA, OCSLA, and CWA
- Proficient in ArcGIS, Wordpress, Microsoft Office, social media; working knowledge of R and MATLAB
- Excellent public speaking, multitasking, and interpersonal skills; highly adaptable to many work environments
- Proficient in English (native language); intermediate French; basic Bahasa Indonesian skills

AWARDS

John A. Knauss Marine Policy Fellow, *June 2017*: Selected out of a vast applicant pool to be a 2018 Knauss Marine Policy Fellow. Placed with the U.S. Department of State, Office of Marine Conservation.

Duke Law Clinic's Environmental Advocacy Award, *May 2017*: First-ever non-Duke Law student to receive an award from the Duke Law Clinics recognizing 400+ hours of pro-bono scientific and policy work for clients in the Environmental Law and Policy Clinic. Provided policy guidance and biological expertise on legal cases related to an Incidental Take Permit under the Endangered Species Act, on marine debris and sea turtles under the Clean Water Act, and expertise on ocean noise generated from deep sea mining.

Forever Duke Award, *April 2017*: One of 18 graduate students campus-wide awarded the Forever Duke Award, which recognizes graduating students who made significant contributions to their campuses and who embody the university's guiding principle of "knowledge in the service of society."

International Sea Turtle Society, Best Student Poster (Conservation), *April 2017*: Received the Archie Carr Best Conservation Student Poster at the 37th annual International Sea Turtle Symposium. Poster summarized research on sea turtle bycatch trends in North Carolina's southern flounder commercial gillnet fishery.

REFERENCES – CONTACT INFORMATION AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST

Mr. David Hogan
Acting Director, Office of Marine Conservation, U.S. Dept. of State

Ms. Jolie Harrison
Chief, Permits and Conservation, NMFS Office of Protected Resources

Dr. Andy Read
Director, Duke University Marine Laboratory