



## ADMINISTRATIVE COMMISSIONER

### Patrick C. Keliher

*Appointed 2011*  
*Commission Vice Chair 2017 to 2019*  
*Commission Chair 2019 to 2021*

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Patrick Keliher took the oath of office to serve as Commissioner of the Department of Marine Resources (DMR) in January 2012.

Mr. Keliher has served as Deputy Commissioner and Director, Bureau of Sea Run Fisheries and Habitat within DMR since 2007. He has served, most recently as Acting Commissioner, and has been serving in this capacity since July 2011.

Prior to joining DMR, Keliher served as Executive Director of the Atlantic Salmon Commission and Executive Director of the New England States of the Coastal Conservation Association, Greater New England. Mr. Keliher has also served as a licensed Coast Guard Captain and is a Registered Maine Guide.

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Megan is the Director of External Affairs at the Maine Department of Marine Resources, focusing on Commission and Council related activities for the state. She joined the Department in 2019, following four years as a Fishery Management Plan Coordinator at the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission where she worked on fishery plans for American Lobster, Atlantic Herring, and Atlantic Menhaden. Ms. Ware received a Master's degree in environmental management from Duke University and a Bachelor's degree from Boston University.

## LEGISLATIVE COMMISSIONER



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Rep. Allison Hepler serves in the Maine House of Representatives.

Rep. Hepler teaches history at the University of Maine at Farmington and is the author of *“McCarthyism in the Suburbs: Quakers, Communists and the Children’s Librarian.”* Hepler has also worked as a printer, a retail store and office coordinator, a magazine production assistant and a steelworker. She is part-owner of her husband’s wooden boat building and repair business in Small Point, Phippsburg.



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Cameron Reny was born in Lincoln County, Maine, and raised in the community of Round Pond. After graduating from Lincoln Academy, she earned a Bachelor of Arts in community and justice studies from Guilford College and a Master of Arts in school counseling from the University of Southern Maine.

Senator Reny has worked as a school counselor in RSU for eight years and was elected to the Maine Senate in November 2022. Through her experience as an educator, community advocate, union member, and leader of professional associations, Cameron has worked at local, school, district, and state-wide levels to solve problems, support equitable policies, and advocate for children and families.

Reny’s husband, Adam, is an owner-operator of the Renys department store chain. They have two children.



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A full time commercial lobsterman for 23 years, Stephen has also been actively involved in the fisheries management process at both the state and interstate level. He has served for 16 years on the Board of Directors of the Maine Lobstermen's Association and has served as a member and Chair of the Maine Lobster Advisory Council. He also sat on the Maine Department of Marine Resources Advisory Council, Maine Scallop Advisory Council, and the Commission's American Lobster Advisory Panel. Mr. Train attended Northeastern University and has a 100-ton Captain's license. He lives in Long Island, Maine with his wife Marci and two daughters, Hattie and Rosie.



## ADMINISTRATIVE COMMISSIONER

### Cheri Patterson

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Ms. Patterson received a B.S. from the University of New Hampshire and has been with the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department Marine Division since 1977. In March 2020, Cheri was appointed Chief of the Marine Division, previously serving as Supervisor of Marine Programs since 2008. She also supervises the Marine/Anadromous, Fisheries Statistics, Marine Recreational Fisheries, and Invertebrate Fisheries Units of the Marine Fisheries Division. Duties include planning, coordinating, and supervising various fisheries-dependent and fisheries-independent programs, and fisheries policy.

Ms. Patterson represents the Department on a variety of marine interstate and intrastate fisheries management boards, committees, and teams: Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission, Atlantic Coastal Cooperative Statistics Program, New England Fishery Management Council, National Marine Fisheries Service Atlantic Large Whale and Harbor Porpoise Take Reduction teams, the Portsmouth Oil Spill Response Workgroup, and the Seabrook Nuclear Plant Technical Advisory Committee. She has served on several Commission committees, plan review and plan development teams, and workgroups in the past.

## ON-GOING PROXY



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Ms. Zobel is the Supervisor of Marine Fisheries for the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department. She has been employed with the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department since 2004. Prior to serving as the Supervisor of Marine Programs, Ms. Zobel oversaw the Fisheries Statistics and Invertebrate programs for the Department. She

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currently serves as the Commission's Atlantic Herring Technical Committee Chair and on the Plan Development and Review Teams. She has served on many other Commission and New England Fishery Management Council committees and workgroups over the years. Ms. Zobel received a B.S. in Biology from Wheaton College (Illinois). Outside of work, She enjoys all things outdoors and mentoring young women through the sport of volleyball.



## LEGISLATIVE COMMISSIONER

### Senator David H. Watters

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Prior to being elected State Senator (2012), David H. Watters was a Member of the New Hampshire House of Representatives, serving District 4, Dover since 2008. Since 1978 he has been a Professor of English at the University of New Hampshire, teaching in the areas of Early American Literature and New England Literature and Culture. He has held the position of Director at the Center for New England Culture since 2002.

Senator Watters received his Ph.D. from Brown University and his B.A. from Dartmouth College. He has authored and coauthored a number of books and articles involving New England history and culture.

Senator Watters has been active on the Boards and committees of various organizations, including the Joint Legislative Historical Committee of the N.H. State Legislature and the N.H. Democratic Party at both the state and local level. He currently serves on the Senate Transportation Committee and the Executive Departments and Administration Committee.



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### Dennis Abbott

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Dennis Abbott served as Legislative Commissioner to the ASMFC from 1997 through 2010. He currently serves as co-chair of the ASMFC Legislators and Governors Appointees Committee and also serves on the Executive Committee.

Mr. Abbott has supported fisheries conservation and management activities along the Atlantic coast as both an ASMFC Commissioner and a New Hampshire state legislator. In May 2012 he received the ASMFC Annual Award of Excellence for his Legislative contributions.

Mr. Abbott served as Member of the New Hampshire State House of Representatives serving District 12 in Rockingham County for six terms, from 1994-2000 and 2004-2010. He chaired the House Fish & Game Committee and previously served on the Natural Resources Committee. He has fifteen years of municipal government service, including being a member of Zoning Board of Adjustment, Water Commissioner, Budget Committee member and Town Councillor. He was born in Exeter, New Hampshire and is a lifelong resident of the coastal community of Newmarket.

Mr. Abbott graduated from Newmarket High School and attended the University of New Hampshire. He served in the U.S. Air Force as an electronics technician maintaining communications equipment in northern Labrador and later maintaining satellite tracking electronics in the early 1960's. He worked for the Department of Defense for thirty years as an electronics technician specializing in submarine sonar systems and later as a Chief Test Engineer managing Submarine Weapons Systems testing, retiring in 1993.

Mr. Abbott is a lifelong recreational fisherman, primarily freshwater, and a hunter. He is a member of the American Legion; NH Audubon Society; Atlantic Salmon Federation, Local Historical Society, Coastal Conservation Association and LC Smith Collectors Association.

## GOVERNOR'S APPOINTEE COMMISSIONER



### **Doug Grout**

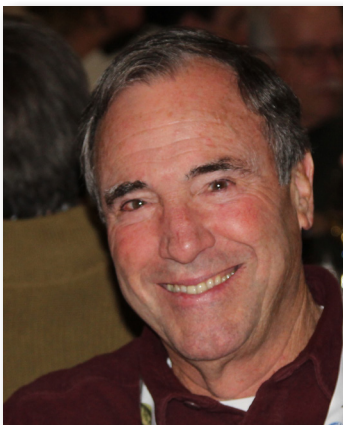
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Doug Grout has been a lifelong saltwater angler having fished for numerous marine and anadromous species along the Atlantic coastal waters of the US and Canada. Prior to retirement, he worked for 36 years in the Marine Division of the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department; first as a Marine Biologist and finally as the Chief of the Marine Division. During the early years of his career, he served on numerous technical committees of the Commission as well as the Management and Science Committee and the Assessment Science Committee. He received the Commission's Award of Excellence in the Scientific/Technical/Advisory category in 2005. As Marine Division Chief, he assumed the responsibilities of New Hampshire's Administrative Commissioner for ASMFC and served as Chair of the Commission from 2015-2017. Other fisheries management responsibilities included 11 years on the New England Fishery Management Council.

Mr. Grout received his M.S. and B.A. in Zoology from the University of New Hampshire and is a Certified Fisheries Scientist of the American Fisheries Society.

## ON-GOING PROXY



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Mr. White received his B.S. from the University of New Hampshire and presently serves on the Board of Directors of Coastal Conservation Association of New Hampshire. He is a founding member of Rescue Great Bay and has served on many other conservation organizations, including State of New Hampshire Chair of Ducks Unlimited, the American Tree Farm System, New Hampshire State Forestry Advisory Board and Conservation Commissions of Bow and Rye, New Hampshire.



## ADMINISTRATIVE COMMISSIONER

### Daniel J. McKiernan, Vice-Chair

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Mr. McKiernan develops agencies policies and provides expert representation at interstate and federal fishery management forums and administers nearly all aspects of the DMF's in-state management and regulations for fisheries management.

McKiernan is a graduate of UMASS-Dartmouth and earned a Master of Science degree in fisheries biology from Auburn University. He began his professional career as a field biologist for DMF in 1985, engaging in numerous recreational and commercial fisheries issues. He brought his field experience to DMF's headquarters and has worked on fisheries management and policy for over three decades. Since 2003 he has served as the agency's Deputy Director, gaining valuable managerial experience. McKiernan is practiced in the arenas of federal and interstate fisheries management. As a long-standing representative to the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission, he has chaired numerous species management boards (including lobster at present) and was recognized for his management efforts with an award of excellence in 2018. He is also the Chair of the ongoing Massachusetts Shellfish Initiative, a multi-agency and stakeholder effort to develop a strategic plan for Massachusetts shellfish fisheries.

He is SCUBA certified and coaches youth soccer. He received the Massachusetts Pride in Performance Award, as well as the Massachusetts Lobsterman's Association "Ralph W. Maling" Award of Excellence for dedicated service on behalf of the Commonwealth's lobster industry.



## BOARD-SPECIFIC PROXY



### **Dr. Michael Armstrong**

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***Board-specific proxy for northern shrimp, shad and river herring, Atlantic striped bass and Atlantic sturgeon***

Dr. Armstrong is an Assistant Director at the Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries. He is also Laboratory Chief for the Annisquam River Marine Fisheries Station in Gloucester, Massachusetts, and has worked for the Division for 18 years. He currently heads up the Fisheries Biology Section which encompasses all biological studies, surveys, and stock assessments conducted by the Division. He serves as adjunct professor in the Department of Fisheries Oceanography at UMass-Dartmouth and for the Intercampus Graduate School of Marine Science – UMass.

Dr. Armstrong received a B.S. in Biology from the University of Massachusetts – Dartmouth, an M.S. in Marine Science from College of William and Mary/Virginia Institute of Marine Science and a Ph.D. in Marine Zoology from the University of New Hampshire. Dr. Armstrong has an extensive background in fish biology, analysis of fishery data, and many aspects of estuarine, wetland, and coastal ecology. He has published papers on a number of aquatic species including river herring, winter flounder, striped bass, goosefish, Atlantic herring, weakfish, American lobster, northern shrimp, and bluefish.

Dr. Armstrong currently serves on the Management and Science Committee and has previously served on a number of ASMFC technical and stock assessment committees including Atlantic herring, Atlantic menhaden, weakfish, bluefish, fluke, scup, black sea bass, and northern shrimp. He enjoys playing guitar and coaching lacrosse.

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Ms. Meserve is a fisheries policy analyst for the Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries, assisting the Director in making policy and regulatory decisions for state-managed marine resources. She joined the Division in 2010, following four years at the ASMFC as a Fishery Management Plan Coordinator. She also serves on several Commission plan development teams and plan review teams. Ms. Meserve received a master's degree in environmental management from Duke University, and bachelor's degree in biology from Hamilton College.

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**Melanie Griffin** is a fishery policy analyst for the Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries (DMF). She has been the division's designee on the New England Fishery Management Council since 2010 and the lead DMF representative on both the Groundfish Committee and Atlantic Sea Scallop Committee. She now serves as the state's principal representative for all full Council meetings. Melanie has led DMF's federal groundfish disaster aid programs on multiple levels. In earlier years, she served as DMF's proxy on the Stellwagen Bank National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council and coordinated the division's work on state and federal legislative issues. She has a M.S. in Marine Science and Technology from the University of Massachusetts-Boston and a B.A. in Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, coupled with a minor in Marine Biology, from Cornell University. At the start of her career, Melanie spent time as a research assistant at the University of Washington's Friday Harbor Laboratories and as an intern at Mote Marine Laboratory in Sarasota, FL.



## LEGISLATIVE COMMISSIONER

### Representative Sarah K. Peake

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Representative Peake represents Massachusetts' 4th Barnstable District consisting of seven towns on Cape Cod. She was elected in 2007. She is currently the House Chair of the Joint Committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Representative Peake received her J.D. from Pace University and her A.B from Colgate University. She is a member of the American Bar Association, as well as the Massachusetts and Barnstable County Bar Associations.

Representative Peake was raised in Bronxville, NY. She is a member of Elder Services of Cape Cod & the Islands, Advisory Council; Lower Cape Outreach Council, Honorary Board Member; and the Provincetown Chamber of Commerce. She spent her summers on Cape Cod, learning to sail and developing a love of nature and of Cape Cod that endures.



## ON-GOING PROXY

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Sarah is the budget and policy director for Representative Sarah Peake, responsible for drafting, tracking and advocating for the Representative's legislation and budget proposals. Over the years, she has worked on fisheries issues, including vibrio management, lobster processing and shellfish reporting dates. Sarah received a master's degree in public administration and a bachelor's degree in government and communications from Suffolk University. She lives in Danvers with her husband and son.



## GOVERNOR'S APPOINTEE COMMISSIONER

### Raymond Kane

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Ray Kane has been an active and successful Cape Cod fisherman for nearly 40 years. He is owner-operator of his own vessel, F/V Frenzy, and has caught a variety of species including lobsters, bluefin tuna and groundfish such as cod, haddock and pollock and black seabass. He currently serves as an outreach spokesperson and fishery advocate for the Fishermen's Alliance; he is a voting member of the Massachusetts Fisheries Advisory Commission and prior to his Commissioner appointment, attended all of the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission meetings.

In addition to his fishing interests, Ray was employed for four years with Severson Environmental Services as captain of the boats involved in the cleanup of PCBs from the Acushnet River to ameliorate the pollution of New Bedford Harbor, one of the EPA's largest ongoing Superfund cleanup sites.

## ADMINISTRATIVE COMMISSIONER



### **Dr. Jason McNamee**

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Jason E. McNamee has worked for over 19 years in the field of environmental and fisheries science. Before joining the RIDEM Division of Marine Fisheries in 2002, he worked for 2 years as an intern with RIDEM Division of Fish and Wildlife's Freshwater Section as well as 2 years in the RIDEM's Office of Water Resources. While with the Division of Marine Fisheries, Jason served as the principal investigator for the Narragansett Bay Juvenile Finfish Seine Survey, served as supervisor for the Division, and is currently serving as Chief of the Division. Jason was appointed in 2013 to the New England Fishery Management Council's Scientific and Statistical Committee, is currently serving as chair for that committee, and has served on several technical committees for the ASMFC.

Jason graduated from the University of Rhode Island in 1996 with a Bachelor's of Science in Zoology. His graduate work began at the University of Connecticut, where he graduated in 2006 with a Master's of Science in Biological Oceanography. He completed his PhD in Biological Oceanography at the University of Rhode Island's Graduate School of Oceanography where he focused on multi species stock assessment modeling.

As chief of the RIDEM Division of Marine Fisheries, he oversees the administration of DEM's marine fisheries science and management programs and staff, including its technical projects, scientific research, and outreach activities. He works closely with other states, federal agencies, industry representatives, non-governmental organizations and other stakeholders to develop interstate regional plans for the conservation and management of marine fisheries resources.



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## BOARD-SPECIFIC PROXY

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Phil is a supervising fisheries biologist for the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management within the Division of Fish and Wildlife where he has worked full time since 1998. Phil graduated from the University of Rhode Island with a MS in fisheries science. As a supervising fisheries biologist, he is responsible for the freshwater and diadromous fisheries sections and oversees biologists, hatchery, development, and seasonal staff engaged with fisheries programs and the operation and maintenance of state fish hatcheries, fish passage facilities, boat ramps and fishing access areas statewide. As the Division's fish passage coordinator, he works with many partners to promote and improve fish passage and river connectivity throughout the state. He has served on numerous ASMFC committees since joining RIDEM.



## LEGISLATIVE COMMISSIONER

### Senator Susan Sosnowski

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First elected to the Rhode Island Senate on November 5, 1996, Senator V. Susan Sosnowski was born on December 20, 1955. She is married to Michael Sosnowski and has four children, Ronald, Deborah, Stephen, Michael, Jr.

Senator Sosnowski graduated from Chariho Regional High School and attended the Ocean State Business Institute. She is a self employed farmer at Sosnowski Farms.

In addition, Senator Sosnowski is a member of the Northeast Organic Farming Association; the Richmond Grange; the South Kingstown Farmer's Market Association; the Wakefield Rotary; and the RI Nursery and Landscape Association. She also serves on the Clean Water Finance Agency and the Coastal Resources Management Council; the South Kingstown Democratic Town Committee; and since 1995 has served on the Agricultural Advisory Committee to the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management (DEM). She was moderator for Richmond Voting District 1 in 1984; a member of the South Kingstown Planning Board from 1993-1996; and served on the Governor's Advisory Council on the Environment in 1997.



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Dr. Davis is currently serving as the Assistant Director of the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (CT DEEP) Fisheries Division. In this capacity, he oversees the CT DEEP Fisheries Division Marine Fisheries Program (formerly the Marine Fisheries Division). Justin has worked for the CT DEEP Fisheries Division in several different capacities since 2007, working on both inland and marine fisheries management projects. Justin holds a B.S. in Marine and Freshwater Biology from University of New Hampshire (1999), and an M.S. in Natural Resource Management (2004) and Ph.D. in Ecology and Evolutionary Biology (2016) from University of Connecticut. He is also a past President of the Southern New England Chapter and the Northeastern Division of the American Fisheries Society. Justin grew up on the shore of Long Island Sound, where he still lives, and is a lifelong avid saltwater angler.

## ON-GOING PROXY

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Mr. Gates has been with Connecticut's Marine Fisheries Program since 2000, currently as a fisheries biologist working on the Commercial Fisheries Statistic Project. He serves on several ACCSP committees, ASMFC technical committees and on the NEFMC's Monkfish Plan Development Team.

## BOARD-SPECIFIC PROXY

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## BOARD-SPECIFIC PROXY

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*ACCSP Coordinating Council*

## LEGISLATIVE COMMISSIONER



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Born and raised in Stratford, Joe obtained a Bachelor of Science degree in environmental science from Central Connecticut State University. Joe worked as a weather forecaster at Western Connecticut State University and Techni-Weather before beginning a career in radio news. He had a successful career as a radio news reporter/anchor at WICC/WEBE, winning many Associated Press awards and twice the Ellen Abrams award for best radio reporter in the state.

After working in the City of Bridgeport administration managing all media relations and public affairs functions including the police and fire departments, Joe served as the deputy chief of staff for State of Connecticut House Speaker Jim Amann. He returned to the city of Bridgeport and currently works on green initiatives ranging from energy efficiency and renewable energy to urban forestation and sustainable growth. Joe volunteers at the CT Food Bank and annually at the Housatonic River clean-up and is a member of Protect Your Environment (PYE), the Stratford Rotary, the Lordship Fathers Club and the Stratford Oldtimers Athletic Association. He is also an auxiliary member of the local VFW Post 9460 and was also a lector at Holy Name of Jesus Church.

Joe is fighting for Stratford interests at the State Capitol, including securing the funding for the new Stratford High School, the grant for the improvements at the South End Community Center and playscape, the funding for the Sterling House upgrades, the Connecticut Air and Space Museum at Sikorsky Memorial Airport, conveyance of the Grasso property to the town of Stratford, Shakespeare Theatre funds and paving of Main Street.

Joe received the Legislator of the Year Award from the Bridgeport Regional Business Council in 2019.



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Prior to his retirement in 2023, Sen. Miner was elected to represent the 30th District in the State Senate of Connecticut in 2016 and had previously served five terms representing the 66th District.

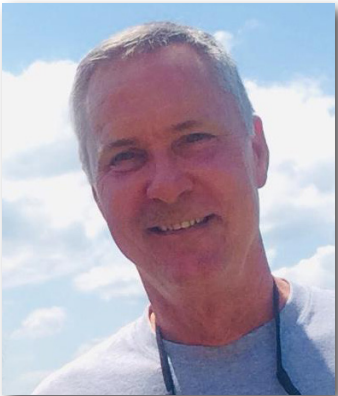


## GOVERNOR'S APPOINTEE COMMISSIONER

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Mr. LaFrance serves as Policy Director for Audubon Connecticut advocating for conservation priorities, and working to identify positive policy recommendations to combat climate change, protect water and coast, and improve forest resiliency.

Mr. LaFrance spent much of his career at the Connecticut State Capitol serving Commissioners Gina McCarthy, Dan Esty and Rob Klee as DEEP's Director of Governmental Affairs, and then he served as the Director of Law and Policy for Environmental Conservation at the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP).

Mr. LaFrance holds a BA in Economics and Ecology from the University of Arizona (Tucson) and a JD from Quinnipiac School of Law where he is also an Adjunct Professor of Environmental Law. When he's not working, he is an avid golfer who also enjoys swimming, tennis, bird watching, and hiking with his wife Maria and their children Alison, Darcy, and Kevin.

## ADMINISTRATIVE COMMISSIONER

### **Marty Gary**

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## LEGISLATIVE COMMISSIONER



### **Assy. Fred W. Thiele, Jr.**

*Appointed 2023*

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In November 2023, Assemblyman Fred W. Thiele, Jr. became New York's Legislative Commissioner to the ASMFC. Assemblyman Thiele, who is serving his 13th term in the New York State Assembly, has numerous accomplishments as a State Assemblyman. He authored legislation which created the Peconic Bay Community Preservation Fund Act (CPF). This groundbreaking legislation authorized the five towns in the Peconic Region to establish dedicated funds, financed by a 2% real estate transfer tax for land preservation and water quality protection. Since its enactment 20 years ago by public referendum, the fund has generated more than \$1.4 billion and has resulted in the preservation of more than 10,000 acres of sensitive lands. Other environmental initiatives have included state funds for improving water quality, Peconic Bay and South Shore Estuary projects, farmland preservation, and state acquisition of critical environmental parcels.

Assemblyman Thiele has also been very involved in transportation issues, affordable housing and efforts to insure fiscal responsibility at all levels of government. He Chairs the Assembly Local Governments Committee and serves as a member of the Rules Committee; Environmental Conservation Committee; Oversight, Analysis and Investigation Committee; and Transportation Committee.

A lifelong resident of Sag Harbor, New York, he currently lives with his wife NancyLynn. He has three children, (Michael, Jeffrey and Josephine) and three grandchildren. He attended Cornell University and is a 1976 graduate of Southampton College of Long Island University. He received a Bachelor of Arts degree, summa cum laude, in Political Science and History. In 1979, he received his law degree from Albany Law School. In 1980, he was admitted to the Bar in the State of New York.



## GOVERNOR'S APPOINTEE COMMISSIONER

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Mr. Hasbrouck is a Senior Natural Resources Specialist, and former Marine Program Director, with Cornell University Cooperative Extension's Marine Program based at the Cornell Cooperative Extension offices of Suffolk County, Riverhead, N.Y. No stranger to the fisheries management arena he has worked with New York's fishing industry for over 40 years. The Marine Program is known and respected nationally and internationally, in its mission to protect the waters and marine resources of Long Island. Emerson has been with the Marine Program for 26 years and previously worked for the National Marine Fisheries Service.

Emerson plans, develops and implements extension programs relative to the effective conservation and utilization of NY marine and natural resources. These include fisheries data, fisheries management and fisheries economic development for New York's commercial and recreational fishing industries as well as the business that support these industries. He conducts applied cooperative research programs and demonstration projects that help address critical fisheries and natural resource issues for the Mid-Atlantic/Southern New England areas and works with fishermen from Massachusetts to New Jersey. He was instrumental in the formation of the Squid Trawl Network and the Butterfish Avoidance Network and helped with the development and support the L.I. Sport Fishing Education Center. Over the past decade Emerson has been focusing on conservation engineering gear technology in cooperation with the fishing industry to develop gear modifications and fishing practices that reduce the bycatch of species of concern while allowing important viable fisheries to continue at a sustained level.

Emerson received his M.S. in Marine Science/Fisheries Management from the State University of New York at Stony Brook (SUNY), and his B.S. in Marine Science from Southampton College of Long Island University.



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## ADMINISTRATIVE COMMISSIONER

### Joseph Cimino, Chair

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Joe directs the operations of the Marine Resources Administration, which includes both the marine fisheries and shellfisheries bureaus. He represents the division at various inter- and intra-state meetings, including the New Jersey Marine Fisheries Council and Shellfisheries Councils, the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission and the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council. He directs the research and monitoring programs of the Administration to ensure that activities conducted provide the necessary information for the sound management of the marine and shellfish resources. Joe started his marine fisheries career as a seasonal technician for NYS DEC's Hudson River fisheries Unit, he then spent two years with NC DMF in the Elizabeth City office. He spent nearly 14 years with the VA Marine Resources Commission in various rolls, ultimately finishing his time there as the Deputy Chief of Fisheries. Joe has degrees from SUNY Cobleskill and Plattsburgh in Fisheries and Wildlife Technology and Environmental Science, respectively.

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Heather has worked with the New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife since 1994, currently serving as a Principal Biologist with the Bureau of Marine Fisheries. She has been responsible for several of the Division's field surveys including striped bass tagging and river herring monitoring. She has been a member of many ASMFC committees, which most recently include the Striped Bass and Sturgeon Technical Committees, and previously chaired the Striped Bass Tagging Subcommittee. Ms. Corbett received a B.S. in Marine Science from Stockton University.



## LEGISLATIVE COMMISSIONER

### Senator Vin Gopal

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Previously serving as Chair of the Senate Military and Veterans' Affairs Committee, State Senator Gopal currently chairs the Senate Education Committee and serves as Senate Majority Conference Leader. He also is Vice-Chair of the Senate Government, Wagering, Tourism & Historic Preservation Committee, and a member of the Health, Human Services, and Senior Citizens Committee. In his 30s, Senator Gopal is currently the youngest member of the NJ State Senate and the first South-Asian American to be elected to the Senate in New Jersey history.

A dedicated volunteer who works with many nonprofit organizations to assist people in need, Senator Gopal is also the Founder and President of the Vin Gopal Civic Association, a 501c(3) organization dedicated to helping Monmouth County charities

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and individuals in need. His community contributions as a volunteer include serving as a past Board of Trustees Member of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Monmouth County, and he served for many years as a volunteer first responder and EMT. He is also a former Adjunct Professor at Monmouth University and is currently the co-chair of the Monmouth University School of Civil Discourse.

An entrepreneur, Senator Gopal has started and built several businesses and is currently a business consultant and coach. Senator Gopal has served on the Board of Directors for the Northern Monmouth County Chamber of Commerce, and as President of the Hazlet Township Business Owners Association. During the COVID-19 Pandemic, he created a districtwide organization of business, community, church, and nonprofits leaders to address the challenges of the coronavirus to the local economy.

Born in Neptune Township and raised in Monmouth County, Senator Gopal holds a Masters in Public Administration from Rutgers University and a bachelor's degree from Pennsylvania State University.

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## GOVERNOR'S APPOINTEE COMMISSIONER

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After serving in the Coast Guard, in 1972, Jeff began his involvement in the commercial fishing industry in the inshore shrimp and scallop fisheries in Maine, and, for the next nine years fished in the offshore groundfish and lobster fisheries, from Point Judith and Newport, RI and Gloucester, MA.

During this time, he earned three degrees from the University of Rhode Island, including an Associate of Science Degree in Commercial Fisheries and Marine

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*JEFF KAELIN, continued*

Technology and a Master of Marine Affairs, utilizing the GI Bill. He also holds a USCG license to operate motor vessels of up to 100 tons.

In 1981 he relocated to Washington, DC where he worked for three years as Legislative Assistant to U.S. Senator William Cohen, of Maine, with responsibilities in fisheries and veterans affairs, and for two years as a professional staff member for the (then) Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries, in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Beginning in 1986, he spent 14 years employed as the Executive Director of the Maine Sardine Council, representing the sardine packing and herring fishing industry in the regional and interstate fishery management process.

After the dissolution of the Sardine Council, in 2000, he worked from his home in Maine as a commercial fishing industry consultant, representing a salmon farming company, a herring trawler/seiner and bait company and Lund's Fisheries, before the New England Fishery Management Council, Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council and Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission. He also served as a Maine State Representative, from 2002 through 2006, and sat as the Ranking Minority member of the Legislature's Marine Resources Committee.

In 2011, Jeff relocated to Cape May, NJ to work full time for Lund's Fisheries where he has responsibilities in the area of Government Relations for the Cape May facility and the East Coast fisheries utilized by the company.

Lund's Fisheries, Inc. is a family owned, vertically-integrated fishing company, operating a seafood processing plant in Cape May, NJ with freezing capabilities and 12 company-owned vessels. Lund's also works regularly with another dozen independent fishermen and fishing vessels in some 20 east coast fisheries, from Cape Hatteras into the Gulf of Maine. Lund's Fisheries also operates a California squid processing facility, Suncoast Calamari, located in Oxnard, CA, and Shoreline Freezers, a cold-storage facility located in Bridgeton, NJ.

Jeff is currently the chair of the Industry Advisory Board (IAB) for the Science Center for Marine Fisheries (SCMFIS) [www.scemfis.org](http://www.scemfis.org), a National Science Foundation Industry/University Cooperative Research Center that uses academic, recreational, and commercial fisheries resources to address urgent scientific problems limiting sustainable fisheries. The IAB advises the Center's management on all aspects, from research project selection, and evaluation, to strategic planning. NMFS' NEFSC sits as an IAB member.



## ADMINISTRATIVE COMMISSIONER

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## LEGISLATIVE COMMISSIONER



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Anita Astorino Kulik serves as the state representative for the 45th Legislative District and is majority chairwoman of the House Game & Fisheries Committee, where she will continue to focus on representing the interests of PA sportsmen and women as she has since she began serving on the committee in 2019.

She was born in Carnegie, Pennsylvania. Her late mother was a grade school teacher and her late father, Dr. Samuel Astorino, was a professor of history and law at Duquesne University in Pittsburgh. Anita graduated from Bishop Canevin High School and received her bachelor of arts and juris doctor degrees from Duquesne University.

Anita began her legal career as a law clerk in the Allegheny County Court of Common Pleas. She has served as an adjunct professor teaching paralegal courses, and has served as a clerk in the Pennsylvania Superior Court. Anita's political career started in Kennedy Township, where she served as a township commissioner from 2003 through 2016. She served as the township representative to the Char-West Council of Governments. Anita also served as a legislative assistant to her predecessor, state Rep. Nick Kotik.

She has been active with many community organizations, including conducting various fundraising activities for her local fire department and various youth organizations. Anita continues to be an active member of St. Malachy Parish and the Parkway West Rotary Club. Anita and her husband, Joseph, are the proud parents of Sarah Wrona, who is married to Joshua, and Joseph E. Kulik, who is married to her daughter-in-law Kirby. Anita has two grandchildren, Kennedy and Keaton.

## ON-GOING PROXY



### Rep. David M. Delloso

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State Representative David Delloso was elected as the state representative for the 162nd Legislative District in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in November 2018.

A lifelong resident of Delaware County, David has served as the president and principal officer for Teamsters 312 for the past 10 years. He lives with his wife and children in the 162nd district.



## GOVERNOR'S APPOINTEE COMMISSIONER

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Mr. Lustig has worked full time as a wildlife biologist, resource manager and environmental educator in Maryland since 1971. He has also served leadership positions in the conservation field, including Commissioner with the PA State Conservation Commission, Past President of the Association of Nature Center Administrators, and Chairman of the Boating Advisory Board, PA Fish and Boat Commission. He has taught college courses in conservation for 10 years as an adjunct instructor at Frederick Community College in Maryland.

Mr. Lustig received his B.S. in Biology and History from Wheaton College in PA; his M.S. in Nature Interpretation from the University of Maryland and has an Advanced Graduate Specialist Certificate in Environmental Education from the University of Maryland.

Mr. Lustig lives with his wife on a 100 acre farm near Gettysburg, PA. He has a lifelong interest in nature, conservation and wildlife, and enjoys fishing, hunting, hiking, boating and camping. He also served 34 years in the U.S. Coast Guard Reserve.

## ADMINISTRATIVE COMMISSIONER



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Mr. Clark is the Fisheries Administrator for the Delaware Division of Fish and Wildlife. He has been employed with the Delaware Division of Fish and Wildlife since 1989. Before becoming the Fisheries Administrator, Mr. Clark conducted many surveys and studies for the Division and oversaw Delaware’s compliance monitoring for American eel and striped bass. He also served on several ASMFC Technical Committees.

Mr. Clark received a B.S. in Biology from SUNY Stony Brook in 1979 and a Masters in Fisheries Science from Texas A&M University in 1986.

## LEGISLATIVE COMMISSIONER



### Rep. William J. Carson

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Rep. William J. Carson Jr. is a member of the Delaware House of Representatives for the 28th District, which includes portions of Smyrna, Leipsic, Little Creek and Dover. He is a lifelong resident of Smyrna and was elected to represent the 28th district in 2007. He is chair of the Transportation, Land Use & Infrastructure Committee and vice-chair of the Manufactured Housing Committee. He also is a member of the Agriculture, Corrections, Judiciary, Natural Resources, Public Safety & Homeland Security, and Veterans Affairs committees. Rep. Carson works for the Town of Middletown and is retired from the Department of Transportation. He graduated from Smyrna High School.

Rep. Carson is a veteran of the Delaware Air National Guard and an Honorary Commander of the Dover Air Force Base. He is a member of the American Legion Post No. 14, where he previously served on the Board of Directors; a member of the

American Legion 40/8, the Delaware Veterans Post No. 2 and the Delaware Veterans Coalition; a charter member of the Smyrna-Clayton Moose Lodge; past master of the Harmony Lodge No. 13 AF&AM; a life member, past president and past chief of the Smyrna Fire Company, where he also previously served on the Board of Directors and the Board of Trustees; a life member emeritus of the Smyrna-Clayton Little League, for which he previously served as a coach for 22 years and on the Board of Directors; a member of the Board of Directors of the Mamie A. Warren Senior Center, the Modern Maturity Center and Friends of Belmont Hall; a member of the Smyrna Downtown Renaissance Committee; and a member of the NRA. Rep. Carson resides in Smyrna with his wife, Betty.



## ON-GOING PROXY

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Born and raised in the tiny riverfront town of Leipsic, Delaware, Craig Pugh has served as mayor for more than a decade as well as being a commercial crabber. Conditions permitting, Pugh works the water every day of the season, maintaining a balance between harvesting enough crabs to meet demand and taking no more than the market can handle.





## GOVERNOR'S APPOINTEE COMMISSIONER

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Mr. Miller retired as the Administrator of the Fisheries Section of the Delaware Division of Fish and Wildlife in 2009. Prior to that, he was a fishery biologist for five years with the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission before joining the Delaware Division of Fish and Wildlife in 1975 where he served for 34 years as Biologist Supervisor, Program Manager and Administrator. He presently works as Policy Coordinator for the DE Center for the Inland Bays.

Mr. Miller graduated with honors in biology from Lafayette College and has a Master of Science in Fishery Biology from Cornell University. He is an American Fisheries Society-Certified Fisheries Scientist. Mr. Miller was a charter member of the ASMFC Striped Bass, Shad and River Herring, and American Eel Technical Committees. He is a past chairman of the Shad and River Herring, Horseshoe Crab, and Weakfish Boards. In 2009, Roy received the Commission's Annual Award of Excellence in the area of management and policy for his longstanding commitment to the Commission and its management process. He is an avid sport fisherman, fly caster and fly tier.

## ADMINISTRATIVE COMMISSIONER



### Lynn Fegley, Director

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Lynn has been employed with the Maryland Department of Natural Resources since 1996. Over the years she has enjoyed working with a team of immensely talented individuals on a diverse array of species and an ever-challenging suite of fisheries issues. Lynn graduated from the University of New Hampshire in 1990 with a Bachelors of Arts in Zoology. After graduation from college she worked as a cook, a musician and a collegiate sailing coach, and finally as a seasonal biologist for New Hampshire Fish and Game. In 1993 Lynn headed south to graduate school at North Carolina State University where she earned a Masters of Science in Zoology with a focus in fisheries stock assessment and statistics. Lynn’s first job at Maryland DNR was as a field biologist and statistician with the striped bass stock assessment program, and she still enjoys getting out and tagging stripers. Lynn lives with her husband Don, son Zach and dog Kona in an old farm house on the shores of the West River, Maryland.



## ON-GOING PROXY

### Michael Luisi

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Michael Luisi graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree from Mary Washington College in Fredericksburg Virginia in 1997. His career in fisheries began at the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries while working as a technician on the Statewide Stream Survey Project. After a little more than a year, he entered

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the graduate program at Tennessee Technological University and earned a Master of Science degree in 2000 while studying the growth and survival characteristics brown and rainbow trout. Mike went to work with the Maryland Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) in the summer of 2000 and is currently still with the Department. Over the past 11 years, he has experienced a wide variety of positions within MDNR, including the management of the State's Commercial Striped Bass Fishery and Manager of the Coastal Fisheries Program. Currently, Mike oversees all finfish and blue crab related activities in the tidal/coastal waters of the State as MDNR Fisheries Service's Director of the Estuarine and Marine Fisheries Division, and MAFMC as Maryland's State Official Designee in June 2010.

Mike resides in Annapolis, Maryland with his wife Sarah and children Elizabeth and Andrew.

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## **LEGISLATIVE COMMISSIONER**

### **Delegate Dana Stein**

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Dana Stein grew up in northwest Baltimore County and attended public schools, graduating from Milford Mill High School. He has a B.A. in government from Harvard College, a law degree from Columbia Law School, and a Masters in Public Affairs from the Woodrow Wilson School at Princeton University.

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*DANA STEIN, continued*

Dana practiced law for several years at Squire, Sanders & Dempsey in Washington, D.C., working on antitrust, banking, international trade and pro-bono matters. In 1991, he returned to Baltimore to found Civic Works, a nationally-recognized “urban Peace Corps” that transforms the lives of young adults through community service. Participants work to rehab homes, build parks and gardens, tutor and mentor students, and teach disaster preparedness. Dana serves as president and executive director of Civic Works.

Dana has been a leader in community and Democratic activities for many years. He has been chairman of the Baltimore County Democratic Central Committee, and in 2002 he was appointed to the House of Delegates to fill a vacancy in District 11. He has served as president of the Liberty Road Community Council and GrassRoots Recycling, chairman of the social action committee of Temple Oheb Shalom, and vice president of Sudbrook Park, Inc. Currently, Dana is a board member of the American Jewish Congress—Maryland Chapter. He was elected to the Maryland House of Delegates in the year 2006 and serves on the Environmental Matters Committee.

Dana lives in Pikesville with his wife Margaret and their three children.

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Dr. Colden is the Maryland Fisheries Scientist for the Chesapeake Bay Foundation where she provides scientific expertise and technical support for the organization’s fisheries policy and restoration programs. Dr. Colden holds a Bachelor’s degree in Biology with a concentration in Ecological and Biological Conservation from the University of Virginia and a Ph.D. in Fisheries Science from the Virginia Institute of Marine Science.





## GOVERNOR'S APPOINTEE COMMISSIONER

### H. Russell Dize

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Russ Dize began working the waters of Talbot County and the Chesapeake Bay in June of 1959 at the age of 18. In 1962, he became a partner in Tidewater Clam Company, employing 75-100 workers who packed shucked clams. He formed R.D.S. Seafood in 1972 and bought and sold seafood, and owned William F. Howeth Hardware and Lumber for 18 years. Russ was also the owner and captain of the skipjack *Kathryn*, harvesting oysters for many years. Now a certified Coast Guard Captain with a 100 ton license, Russ owns and operate the charter boat "Riley Kat". Russ is active in several organizations and is a founding member of the Maryland Waterman's Association.

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## ADMINISTRATIVE COMMISSIONER



### **Jamie Green**

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#### **Commissioner**

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Jamie Green joined the Virginia Marine Resources Commission in 2005 as a law enforcement officer. Within a few years he became a 1st Sergeant and two years later became Captain of the Middle Area. During his tenure as Captain he graduated from the Southern Police Institute at University of Louisville, as well as Saint Leo University. Jamie was instrumental in securing and executing several federal grants and managed the Joint Enforcement Agreement with National Marine Fisheries Service, a Division of National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). Jamie serves on numerous marine conservation and maritime committees. As Lieutenant Colonel of VMRC's Law Enforcement Division he became a certified homeland protection professional.

In his free time he enjoys fishing, hunting, golfing, and spending time with his family, Dr. Jennifer Green and three children Amber, Mackenzie, & Tyler. Jamie also dedicates time in the community coaching youth football, baseball and basketball.



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## LEGISLATIVE COMMISSIONER



### **Senator William R. DeSteph, Jr.**

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Bill DeSteph, Jr. was elected to the Senate of Virginia in November 2015 and 2019, having previously served in the Virginia House of Delegates (2014-2016) and on Virginia Beach City Council (2006-2014).

A Desert Storm veteran, Senator DeSteph proudly served in the United States Navy, both as a chief petty officer and as a naval special-warfare intelligence officer. He later joined the defense technology firm AMTI as a senior vice president and co-owner, where he assisted in the growth and eventual sale of the company. DeSteph has given his time and resources to the city of Virginia Beach for years, coaching youth sports as well as volunteering for the Children’s Hospital of the King’s Daughters, Prevent Child Abuse Hampton Roads, the Noblemen, Hampton Roads Community Care and the Naval Special Warfare Foundation. He also serves on the Boy Scouts of America Tidewater Council Board of Directors, Cape Henry Rotary Club and is an active member of Law Enforcement United, participating in the annual “Road to Hope” charity bicycle event. Each Thanksgiving and Christmas Eve, he and a dedicated group of volunteers can be found serving dinner at the Judeo Christian Outreach Center.

Bill and his wife Helen are parents to five adult children and two grandchildren. In his free time, Bill can be found cooking, cheering on the Superbowl Champion Kansas City Chiefs, and spending time on his farm on the Eastern Shore.

## ON-GOING PROXY



### **John Cosgrove**

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Hailing from Montgomery, Alabama, John Cosgrove holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Electrical Engineering from Old Dominion University. After college, John worked on several Department of Defense systems at Texas Instruments and then

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*JOHN COSGROVE, continued*

worked as a program manager for the F-14D “Tomcat” fighter aircraft at Naval Air Systems Command in Arlington, Virginia, and Patuxent River Naval Facility in Maryland. John was commissioned as an Aerospace Engineering Officer in the United States Navy. John was elected to the Chesapeake City Council in May of 1998 and served as Vice Mayor of the City. In a special election in 2001, John was elected to the Virginia House of Delegates and then in 2013 was elected to the Senate of Virginia where he served until September of 2023. As a former partner in a marine construction company, John regularly interacted with various permitting processes at the state, federal, and local levels.

In his free time, his interests include golf, travel, music, and spending quality time with his wife Sue and close friends. John is also frequently requested to sing at various events and weddings throughout the year.

## GOVERNOR'S APPOINTEE COMMISSIONER



### **J. Bryan Plumlee**

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Bryan Plumlee lives with his wife Anne in Virginia Beach, Virginia. Born in Joplin, Missouri and raised in Kansas, he married Anne Standing of Virginia Beach, Virginia in 1991. Plumlee received a B.A. in Political Science from North Carolina State University in 1991 and his law degree from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill in 1996. In 1999, Plumlee moved with his wife to Virginia Beach where they raised their two children.

Mr. Plumlee began working for the law firm of Huff, Poole & Mahoney in 1999. Today, after Glen Huff was appointed to the Virginia Court of Appeals and the departure of Reeves Mahoney, the firm is named Poole Brooke Plumlee PC.

Mr. Plumlee was appointed to the Virginia Beach Wetlands Board where he served for six years. He then received a governor’s appointment to the Virginia Marine Resource Commission where he served from 2009 until 2013.

Mr. Plumlee is active in his community and currently serves as President of the Virginia Beach Forum.

## ADMINISTRATIVE COMMISSIONER



### **Kathy Rawls**

*Appointed 2021*

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Ms. Rawls, a 25-year division member, was appointed Director of the NC Division of Marine Fisheries in May, 2021. Ms. Rawls began her career at the division in 1990 as a river herring technician and worked her way up to biologist supervisor, a position she held for eight years until May 2011, when she was promoted to manager of the division's northern district, based in Elizabeth City. She became fisheries management section chief in April 2014.

Ms. Rawls earned a bachelor's degree in marine biology from the University of North Carolina at Wilmington in 1989.

Ms. Rawls enjoys spending time with her family and friends fishing, going to the beach, camping and riding 4-wheelers on the family farm.

## BOARD-SPECIFIC PROXY



### **Chris Batsavage**

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Mr. Batsavage serves as the Special Assistant for Councils and the Protected Resources Section Chief for the North Carolina Division of Marine Fisheries and has held several positions for NCDMF since 1998. He received his B.S. in Forestry and Wildlife from Virginia Tech, and his M.S. in Biology from East Carolina University.

## LEGISLATIVE COMMISSIONER



### Rep. Michael Wray

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Mr. Wray is a member of the Democratic leadership team in the NC House of Representatives. He serves a Chair of the House Ethics and Finance Committees, as well as Vice-Chair of the Agricultural Committee. Michael also serves as a member of the Health Insurance and Rules, Calendar and Operations of the House Committees.

Michael is a small business owner and native of Northampton County. He lives in Gaston with his wife Kay and his twin sons, Matthew and Phillip.

## ON-GOING PROXY



### Chad Thomas

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Chad Thomas is the Executive Director of the NC Marine and Estuary Foundation, a non-profit organization pursuing world-class fisheries and thriving coastal economies. Chad retired from the NC Wildlife Resources Commission with 30 years of service in October 2021. As an employee within the Commission's Division of Inland Fisheries, Chad held positions as Coastal Fisheries Supervisor, Coastal Research Coordinator, and District Fisheries Biologist.

Chad has a Master of Science degree in Fisheries Biology from Tennessee Technological University, and a Bachelor of Science degree in Fisheries and Wildlife Sciences from North Carolina State University. He currently resides in Elizabeth City.



## GOVERNOR'S APPOINTEE COMMISSIONER

### **Jerry A. Mannen**

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## ADMINISTRATIVE COMMISSIONER



### **Blaik Keppler**

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Blaik Keppler has been with the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources since 2007. Prior to becoming the Marine Resources Deputy Director in 2022, she served as the director of the Coastal Reserves and Outreach section and the ACE Basin National Estuarine Research Reserve Manager.

Keppler received her Master's in Environmental Studies from the College of Charleston and a B.S. in Coastal and Marine Resources from North Carolina State University.

## ON-GOING PROXY

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## BOARD-SPECIFIC PROXY

### Ross L. Self

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Mr. Self supervises the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources' (SCDNR) Freshwater Fisheries Section. The Section is responsible for the survey and management of South Carolina's freshwater aquatic resources, including diadromous species, and the operation of the State's freshwater fish hatchery program.

Mr. Self received his B.S. and M.S. in Fisheries Management from Auburn University. He started his career with SCDNR as an assistant district biologist in 1985.

## LEGISLATIVE COMMISSIONER



### Senator Ronnie W. Cromer

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Senator Ronnie Cromer serves South Carolina as State Senator for Senate District 18. He was first elected to the seat in a special election on April 15, 2003, and has risen through the ranks of the Senate Republican Caucus and is currently the chairman of the Senate Rules Committee. He also serves on five other Senate committees: Banking and Insurance, Fish, Game and Forestry (former chairman), Finance, General, and Invitations.

A life-long resident of Newberry County, Ronnie has given more than 30 years of his life to public service in the professional and political service arenas. Cromer is fully engaged in the Newberry Community as a business owner (Lorex Drugs), a member of many civic organizations, past president of the Newberry Civitan Club and the Newberry Pilots' Association, and is also a member of several conservation organizations including: Ducks Unlimited, Quail Unlimited, the National Wild Turkey

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Federation and the Prosperity Wildlife Association. A thirty year member of the South Carolina Army Reserve National Guard, Ronnie served in the first Persian Gulf War and in Operation Desert Shield/Storm receiving several distinguished service honors and retiring as a Lieutenant Colonel. Cromer is proud to be counted among the men and women who volunteer to defend our country and protect the freedoms and liberties that have been gained through the sacrifice of so many.

Ronnie lives in Prosperity with his wife of 43 years, Linda (Epting) Cromer. The two were married on August 30, 1969 and have two daughters: Candace and Heather. Ronnie is also blessed to be the grandfather of three wonderful grandchildren: Zachary, Zoe and Ella Kate.



## GOVERNOR'S APPOINTEE COMMISSIONER

### Dr. Malcolm Rhodes

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Dr. Rhodes has been a practicing Pediatrician at Parkwood Pediatric Group since 1988. He and his wife also run The Charleston Angler in Charleston and Mount Pleasant, full service bait, tackle and supply shops catering to the inshore, offshore and fly fisherman.

Dr. Rhodes graduated from Duke University then received an MD from the Medical University of South Carolina. He completed a Pediatric residency at the Medical College of Georgia and is a Fellow of the American Academy of Pediatrics.

Dr. Rhodes serves on the CCA Board of Directors for South Carolina as well as numerous medical, agricultural and hunting associations. When not at work he is often found on the water, in the woods or driving a tractor.



## ADMINISTRATIVE COMMISSIONER

### Doug Haymans

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Mr. Haymans has been with CRD for over 17 years serving most recently as coordinator for policy, outreach and communications and representing Georgia on the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council. Earlier in his career, he supervised boating/fishing access and habitat development, served as commercial fishing liaison, and coordinated special projects such as the Peach State Reds Initiative. Mr. Haymans worked as a fisheries biologist for the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission before employment with CRD. He holds a B.S. in Biology from the University of Georgia and is a graduate of Leadership Glynn and the Institute of Georgia Environmental Leadership.

Based in Brunswick, CRD administers the Coastal Marshlands Protection Act and Shore Protection Act; manages shellfish harvest areas; conducts research, management and development activities associated with recreational and commercial fishery resources; represents Georgia on regional marine fishery boards and commissions; and builds boat ramps, artificial reefs, and fishing piers. CRD has primary responsibility for the Protection of Tidewater/Right of Passage Acts.

Mr. Haymans and his wife of 26 years, Tonia, attend First Baptist Church in Brunswick. He recently served as the vice-chair of the Brunswick High School Parent-Teacher Council and on the Executive Committee of the Brunswick High Band Boosters. He is the proud father of two children, Jacob, a senior at Belmont University in Nashville, and Sarah, a freshman at Georgia Tech.

## BOARD-SPECIFIC PROXY



### M. Kathryn Knowlton

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Kathy Knowlton provides Fisheries Management & Programmatic Support within the Marine Fisheries Section of the Coastal Resources Division. She has been with GADNR



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for over 20 years. For the majority of that time, she led the Fishery Statistics Unit, overseeing the recreational, for-hire and commercial marine fisheries data collection programs. She has served on numerous ACCSP committees, SAFMC stock assessments and workgroups, as well as NMFS MRIP committees and projects. Ms. Knowlton received her bachelor's degree in Biology from the University of Virginia and Masters in Zoology from the University of Georgia.

## LEGISLATIVE COMMISSIONER



### **Rep. Trey Rhodes**

*Appointed 2019*

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Rep. Trey Rhodes is a lifelong citizen of Greene County, Georgia. After graduating from Greene County High School he played baseball for Brevard Community College in Melbourne, Florida before transferring to the University of Georgia. He remains friends today with his UGA roommate, Kirby Smart. As a matter of fact, Coach Smart had a hand in introducing Trey to Summer Moore, who later became his wife.

Trey and Summer Rhodes have three children: Olivia, Hallie Beth, and Lane. Rep. Rhodes is a financial advisor with Piedmont Financial Partners, and Mrs. Rhodes is a media specialist at Putnam County High School. The Rhodes children are very active in sports and Rep. Rhodes often coaches their baseball, basketball, and football teams.

Rep. Rhodes' grandfather, father, and mother all served on his hometown city council. In addition his grandfather and father were both elected mayor. This led Trey to run for city council, a position he held for over nine years before running for the Georgia House of Representatives. He was elected to represent District 120 in 2015 and currently serves as chairman of the House Game, Fish, & Parks Committee.

## ON-GOING PROXY



### **Dr. Carolyn Belcher**

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## GOVERNOR'S APPOINTEE COMMISSIONER



### **Spud Woodward**

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*Appointed 2018*

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Mr. Woodward retired in 2018 after 34 years with Georgia Department of Natural Resources. He is the owner of a fish and wildlife management consulting and communications business.

Woodward is also serving a second three-year term as a member of the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council. Woodward is member of the boards of the Georgia Wildlife Federation and Keep Golden Isles.

During his employment with Georgia DNR, Woodward served in various roles as wildlife technician, marine biologist, chief of marine fisheries and director with the Coastal Resources Division. He was Georgia's administrative commissioner to the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission for sixteen years and agency representative on the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council for three years. He maintained state peace officer certification as a conservation ranger for 20 years. Woodward has been a certified SCUBA diver since 1984, a USCG- licensed vessel operator since 1995 and was a marine industry-sponsored saltwater competitive angler from 1988 through 2000 participating in tournaments throughout the South Atlantic and Gulf of Mexico. He has contributed over 200 articles about fishing, hunting and conservation to various print and digital publications.

Woodward lives in Brunswick, Georgia, with his wife, Chris, who is editor of *Sport Fishing* magazine.



## ADMINISTRATIVE COMMISSIONER

### Jessica R. McCawley

*Appointed 2012*

#### **Director**

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Ms. McCawley is the Director of the Division of Marine Fisheries Management, of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, which protects Florida's marine resources for present and future generations.

Ms. McCawley received her B.S. in Marine Biology from Spring Hill College, and her M.S. in Marine Science from the University of Alabama. Her graduate work investigated the role of artificial reefs in the life history of red snapper.

Ms. McCawley's experience includes ecology of artificial reef communities, reef fish, predator prey relationships in fish populations, and human dimensions of fisheries management.



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## LEGISLATIVE COMMISSIONER

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Rep. Altman began his political career as a Brevard County Commissioner from 1984-1992. He was elected to the Florida House of Representatives in 2003 in a special election and then elected to the Senate in 2008 serving District 24 (Brevard, Orange and Seminole counties). He serves on the following committees: Health Regulation Community Affairs, Transportation, Policy and Steering Committee on Ways and Means, Policy & Steering Committee on Energy Environment and Land Use and serves as Chairman of the Senate Finance & Tax Committee.

Rep. Altman has a B.A. degree in Social Sciences from Rollins College and an Associates of Arts in Social Sciences from Brevard Community College.

Rep. Altman is a strong believer in community service. As a State Representative he received the Distinguished Alumnus Award from Brevard Community College and was President of the American Lung Association.

## GOVERNOR'S APPOINTEE COMMISSIONER



### Gary Jennings

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Gary Jennings is the Director of Keep Florida Fishing, which is an initiative of the American Sportfishing Association (ASA). ASA is the nation's recreational fishing trade association and represents sportfishing manufacturers, retailers, wholesalers, and angler advocacy groups, as well as the interests of America's 55 million recreational anglers. The mission of the Keep Florida Fishing program is to ensure that Floridians and those visiting the state, have clean waters, abundant fisheries and access to both.

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*GARY JENNINGS, continued*

Gary graduated from The Florida State University with B.S. degrees in Human Resource Management and Hospitality Administration. He held positions with The Walt Disney Company and Hilton Hotels Corporation before working in the recreational fishing industry, first as a Regional Director for CCA Florida and then as the publisher of *Fly Fishing in Saltwaters* magazine. He also worked as General Manager of Hell's Bay Boatworks before joining the American Sportfishing Association in 2015. Throughout his industry work experience, Gary has focused on engaging the recreational fishing community to actively participate in fisheries management. He believes a cooperative management approach with industry involvement promotes positive outcomes for sustainable fishing and access.

Jennings actively participates in the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary, Sanctuary Advisory Council as the alternate recreational fishing representative, Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission Aquatic Plant Management Technical Advisory Group and the University of Florida / Florida Department of Environmental Protection Coral Reef Fishing Stakeholder Group.

Gary is an avid angler and has had the opportunity to fish all over the world. He lives with his wife, Lisa on Lake Hancock outside of Orlando, Florida. When he isn't working, fishing or turkey hunting, he enjoys flying his 1945 Piper J3 Cub floatplane.