



## SHORT BIOGRAPHIES

### CHAIR, SPEAKERS AND DISCUSSANTS

**David Agnew** is Fisheries Director at the fisheries consultancy MRAG Ltd. He is also Honorary Senior Research Fellow in Fisheries and Population Biology at Imperial College London and Chair of the Marine Stewardship Council's Technical Advisory Board. He advises the South Georgia Government and the Falkland Islands Government on fisheries assessment and management issues, and is the UK's Scientific Committee Representative to the Commission for the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources (CCAMLR). From 1989 to 1996 he was Data Manager with CCAMLR in Hobart, Australia. He has published widely on Antarctic and marine fisheries assessment and management, is a world authority on Antarctic fisheries, toothfish, the ecosystem approach to fisheries management and on illegal (IUU) fishing. He has published more than 200 papers and reports.

**Antonio Garcia Allut** has a PhD in Social Anthropology and he has been an associate at the University of A Coruña since 1992. He researches small-scale fisheries and takes a systemic and bottom-up approach. In 2000, he was a research fellow at Memorial University of Newfoundland and studied the impact of the collapse of cod fisheries in artisanal fishing communities. Since 2001 he has carried out several projects aimed at promoting the sustainability of artisanal fisheries in Galicia for the LONXANET Foundation for Sustainable Fisheries ([www.fundacionlonxanet.org](http://www.fundacionlonxanet.org)), which he set up in 2002. The projects deal with direct marketing, fishing tourism, the creation of marine fishing reserves, the value of maritime cultural heritage and other awareness initiatives that provide support for the dignity and empowerment of the fishing professions to enable the fisherman himself to become the executor and trustee of marine resources and ecosystems. In 2004 he created the Network of Fishing Communities for Sustainable Development (RECOPADES) made up of fishermen's organizations that have effective answers to different environmental, economic and/or social problems. In 2006 he was elected a Fellow of Ashoka in Spain.

**Lee Crockett** joined the Pew Environmental Group (PEG) as its director of Federal Fisheries Policy in June 2007. As director, Lee oversees two projects: 1) ending overfishing under the authority of Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (MSA); and 2) closing a portion of the Gulf of Mexico to long-line fishing for the protection of spawning bluefin tuna and other ocean wildlife. Prior to joining PEG he was the executive director of the Marine Fish Conservation Network, a position he held since November 1998. The Network is the largest U.S. coalition of fishing and environmental interests solely dedicated to promoting the sustainable management of ocean fish. The

Network completed a successful campaign in December 2006 to renew and strengthen the MSA. Lee was also a fisheries biologist with the U.S. National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) for four years where he led agency efforts to protect essential fish habitats. Before joining NMFS, he was a professional staff member of the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries for eight years. Lee has a BSc in Biology and an MSc in Biological Oceanography from the University of Connecticut. Prior to attending college, he served in the U.S. Coast Guard for nearly four years.

**Laura Cantral** is a Senior Mediator with Meridian Institute. Working in Meridian's Washington D.C. office, Laura devotes much of her time to the Joint Ocean Commission Initiative and other ocean policy related projects. Prior to joining Meridian, Laura was the Associate Director for Governance for the U.S. Commission on Ocean Policy, a presidential commission appointed in 2001 to develop recommendations to the President and Congress on improving the use and management of ocean and coastal resources. From 1998-2000, she also served as staff for the Florida Governor's Ocean Committee, appointed by the late Governor Lawton Chiles to make recommendations about how to improve management of Florida's ocean and coastal resources. With a background in marine law, Laura has extensive experience working on ocean and coastal policy issues at the state, regional, and national levels.

**Ramon Franquesa** is a professor at Barcelona University and the Director of the International Masters in Fisheries Economics and Management. He is co-author of the *Economy of the European Union* (Thompson, Navarra, 2005), co-developer of the bio-economic model MEFISTO (sponsored by EU Research Program), and from 1998 to 2007 was member of the Scientific, Technical and Economic Fisheries Committee (STEFEC). At present, he is the coordinator of the Sub-Committee on Economy and Social Sciences of the General Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean.

**Katarzyna Kamińska** is a Chief expert in the Fisheries Department at the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development in Poland. She got an MSc degree in Interdisciplinary Environmental Protection Studies at Warsaw University, specializing in animal ecology. After graduation in 2003, she used to work in the Polish Secretariat for the Baltic Sea Environment Protection Commission (HELCOM) for more than three years. Since 2007 she has been the chairman of the Biodiversity and Nature Protection Group under the Helsinki Commission (HELCOM HABITAT) and since 2008, co-chair of the Fisheries/Environmental Forum for the implementation of the HELCOM Baltic Sea Action Plan fisheries related initiatives (HELCOM FISH/ENV Forum).

**Stephan Lutter** is International Marine Policy Officer with WWF Germany, supporting WWF's European Policy Office and fisheries team on ocean governance and marine conservation issues, with a focus on the interface between CFP and other pieces of pertinent EC legislation (HD, MSFD) and policy. He was involved in advocacy work around the North Sea Ministerial

Conferences from 1987 to 2006 and has been representing WWF to the OSPAR Commission since observer status was granted in 1992. He also serves as the organisation's gatekeeper to NEAFC and ICES. His actual projects concentrate on the designation and management of offshore and deepwater marine protected areas (MPAs) including in Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction (ABNJ). He was trained in biological oceanography, zoology and biochemistry at the universities of Kiel, Germany and Tromsø, Norway and holds an MSc.

**Mike Neilson** is Director of Marine Scotland, the Directorate of the Scottish Government that leads and co-ordinates the management of Scotland's marine and coastal environment and freshwater fisheries policy. In Scotland, he has worked on public service reform, housing and regeneration and sponsorship of the water industry. Mike has previously worked at the UK Treasury, the UK Permanent Representation to the EU and the European Commission on a wide range of issues including financial markets, the EU budget and European Transport policy.

**Henrik Österblom** is a researcher and science-policy coordinator at the Stockholm Resilience Centre. He is leader for Coastal and marine research at the centre and is working on understanding the dynamics of marine social-ecological systems, in particular those related to fisheries management and marine ecosystem governance. As a science-policy co-ordinator at the Resilience Centre, Henrik contributes to improving the dialogue between researchers and scientists. He is a member of the Swedish Council for Biological Diversity that acts as a link between the scientific community and policy makers, particularly when it concerns the Convention on Biological Diversity. He is also an advisor to the Swedish Society for Nature Conservation. Previously, Henrik worked as a civil servant as a special advisor on marine and fisheries policy. Before this, he was part of a Commission on the Marine Environment, tasked by the Swedish government to provide advice on how to break the negative trends observed in the seas around the country. His background is in marine ecology; he was awarded his PhD in 2006, which focused on the long-term impact of human activities in the Baltic Sea.

**Paul Parker** is a conservationist and a fisherman committed to rebuilding healthy fish populations that support local fishing businesses and robust fishing communities. He works with Cape Cod fishermen to develop new ways of protecting ocean resources, local traditions and a way of life. Paul has held numerous fishing jobs aboard Cape Cod commercial fishing vessels, using all manner of fishing gear. Paul earned a BA in Biology from Cornell University and a Master's of Environmental Management from Duke University. In 2006, Paul was honoured with the Duke Nicholas School Rising Star Award and was recently appointed to the Duke Nicholas School Alumni Council.

**David Symes** is Reader Emeritus at the University of Hull. A geographer by training – he has degrees in the subject from Oxford University - and a social scientist by inclination, his early research focused on comparative analyses of

rural social structures in Europe. He served as Scientific Secretary and Vice-President of the European Society for Rural Sociology from 1990-95. Over the past twenty years he has developed an interest in fisheries governance and advocates for the regionalisation of the Common Fisheries Policy, publishing widely in these fields. Having acted as adviser on fisheries management to statutory conservation agencies in the UK and to the European Commission, he is currently a member of the Scottish Government's inquiry into the future of fisheries management.

**Simon Woodsworth** is Project Officer at the Environment Department of the Languedoc-Roussillon Regional Council, based in Montpellier. In this capacity Simon works on sustainable development policies, focusing on biodiversity conservation in policy-planning. He works on governance processes for the management of natural sites and species, and particularly on integrated coastal zone management. Having worked on the economic development of protected areas for the Languedoc-Roussillon Conservatory of Natural Sites, Simon joined the Regional Committee for Marine Fisheries and Aquaculture of the Languedoc-Roussillon (CRPMEM LR) at the beginning of 2007 with the aim of implementing European legislation. He was Policy Coordinator of the CRPMEM LR until May 2009 before he joined the Regional Council.

**Jerzy Zająk** is a lawyer and economist by profession, with degrees in law from the Nicholas Copernicus University in Torun and an MBA from Le Moyne College in Syracuse, USA. For 19 years Jerzy has been the Mayor of the Lubianka Community in the Kujawsko-Pomorskie region in Poland. In 1992 Jerzy was one of the co-founders of the Union of the Rural Communes of the Republic of Poland and he became a member of the first Board of Directors of the Union. In 2003 he came back to the Board, and was responsible for European issues. Since 2004 he has represented Polish local and regional governments at the Committee of the Regions of the EU. In the years 2006 – 2008 he was the Vice-President of the UEN-EA Political Group and the Vice-President of the DEVE Commission and since 2008 he has been the President of the DEVE Commission of the Committee of the Regions. Jerzy has been the Member of the Presidential Council for Rural Areas and Agriculture in Poland since 2009.