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Summary

A Senior Mediator and Program Manager at Meridian Institute with over 15 years of experience in environmental and natural resources policy issues at the international, national, regional, and state levels. Expertise and experience in the areas of ocean and coastal policy and management, fisheries policy, seafood markets, ecosystems, and land use policy. Previous work experience includes positions at the U.S. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and at SeaWeb, a nonprofit trade association for ocean-friendly seafood. Holds a B.S. in Environmental Studies from the University of New Hampshire and an M.E.M. (Masters of Environmental Management) from Duke University with a focus on ocean and coastal management.

Meridian Experience

Meridian Institute

2005–Present

Meridian Institute designs and facilitates collaborative processes that help diverse parties identify critical issues, build relationships and trust, construct innovative solutions, and implement durable decisions. These collaborative processes address challenges at the local, state, national, and international levels, and involve leaders from government agencies, industry, nongovernmental organizations, and international institutions. Meridian also assists organizations in conducting strategy development and planning.

Senior Mediator and Program Manager

Manages and facilitates policy dialogues, negotiations, and strategy development projects involving teams of facilitators. Conducts convening assessments, designs collaborative processes, plans and facilitates meetings, helps participants develop consensus documents, and conducts implementation activities. Selected highlights are summarized below:

- Facilitates and manages Meridian projects related to collaboration around ocean policy, fisheries, and seafood markets in Mexico.
- Facilitates and manages projects focused on ocean management, including fisheries management and policy, in the United States.
- Member of a team serving as a secretariat to the Joint Ocean Commission Initiative, a collaborative effort of the U.S. Commission on Ocean Policy and the Pew Oceans Commission.

- Facilitated and managed Meridian’s support to the Mid-Atlantic and Northeast Regional Planning Bodies from 2012 through 2017. These groups are composed of federal, state, and tribal authorities and are charged with enhancing inter-jurisdictional collaboration on ocean issues through regional ocean planning.
- Former member of the Meridian team working on the National Ocean Policy Implementation Initiative aimed at facilitating effective implementation of the United States’ National Ocean Policy.
- Provides leadership, facilitation, writing, research, and analysis for additional projects related to ocean and coastal policy, including those focusing on fisheries, coastal management, and international ocean issues. Duties on these projects include facilitation, strategy development, communication, project management, managing relationships with clients and partners, and overseeing the drafting of reports, talking points, meeting summaries, and memoranda, and meeting with a variety of project leaders and participants to understand their perspectives on a range of complex ocean and coastal issues as they relate to project design and execution.
- Please see <http://merid.org/staff/irigoyen> for a full list of projects completed.

Previous Experience

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Silver Spring, Maryland 2007

Knauss Fellow, Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management

Supported every aspect of a major policy analysis exercise entitled *Envisioning the Future of Coastal Management*—a three-phase effort to design reauthorizing legislation for the Coastal Zone Management Act—for the federal agency that implements the National Coastal Management Program.

SeaWeb

Silver Spring, Maryland 2006–2007

Consultant, Seafood Choices Alliance

Designed and implemented outreach to the salmon industry on the results of cutting-edge market research that indicates a shift in consumer preference toward ocean-friendly salmon products. Planned and convened a mediated workshop among environmental groups

regarding standards for the farmed salmon industry.

Duke Law School

Durham, North Carolina 2004–2005

Special Projects Editor, Duke Environmental Law and Policy Forum

Organized and directed *Ocean Ecosystem Management: Challenges and Opportunities for Regional Ocean Governance*, the 2005 symposium of Duke Law School’s environmental law journal.

MRAG Americas, Inc.

Essex, Massachusetts 2004–2005

Research Assistant

Collected and analyzed data on U.S. fisheries for this national fisheries and aquatic resources consulting firm. Contributed to the development of “Wasted Resources: Bycatch and Discards in U.S. Fisheries,” a report that was published in *Fish and Fisheries* (v6: 2006).

**New Hampshire Department of
Environmental Services**

Concord, New Hampshire 2004

Intern, Watershed Management Division

For this state-level environmental agency, developed a series of published fact sheets on land development strategies that minimize environmental impacts.

MG Planning, LLC

Newmarket, New Hampshire 2002–2003

Land Use Planning Assistant

For this small land use planning consultancy, reviewed development plans submitted to local planning boards for compliance with local and state laws.

Drafted the Future Land Use Chapter of the Town Master Plan and the Priority Conservation Chapter of the Open Space Plan.

U.S. Commission on Ocean Policy

Washington, DC 2002

Staff Assistant, Northeast Regional Meeting

Attended site visits with Commissioners and produced a written report outlining the policy issues discussed. Managed the coordination of witnesses and the public.

Education**Duke University, Nicholas School of the Environment and Earth Sciences**

M.E.M., Coastal Environmental Management

2006

University of New HampshireB.S., Environmental Studies, *magna cum laude*

2003