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I am a PNW native, grew up in Seattle, and started my career as a teacher and marine scientist at age 12 as a volunteer at the Seattle Aquarium. I was also a volunteer at the National Marine Mammal Lab while I was in high school, prepping and evaluating samples of Dall's porpoise testes from animals killed in North Pacific driftnet fisheries. I was too embarrassed to tell any of my classmates what I actually did there...



RESEARCHER

I am the Department Head of Fisheries and Wildlife and also a professor of fisheries at Oregon State University. I devote most of my research time to some of the oldest and slowest-growing animals in the sea: sea turtles, sharks, sturgeon, and U.S. west coast rockfish (scientifically known as *Sebastes*, which means "magnificent"), though I also dabble in the ecology of fast growing forage fishes. I am particularly interested in finding ways to protect marine species and habitats while supporting local fisheries. My work with biologists and management agencies takes me all over the globe, and I often work with my husband, Scott, on fisheries research and teaching.

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ADVISOR

I love to help students figure out what they are best at and how they want to apply their skills and knowledge in their future careers. I also remind students to be flexible, because the natural resource job market is pretty unstable. Taking advantage of opportunities at OSU to learn specific skills and gain hands-on experience is critical, whether you are aiming for an agency position, an outreach position, or graduate school.

