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Pillar: Research and Monitoring

Spenser Jaimes, Tomol Paddler/Caretaker, Sacred Places Institute for Indigenous Peoples

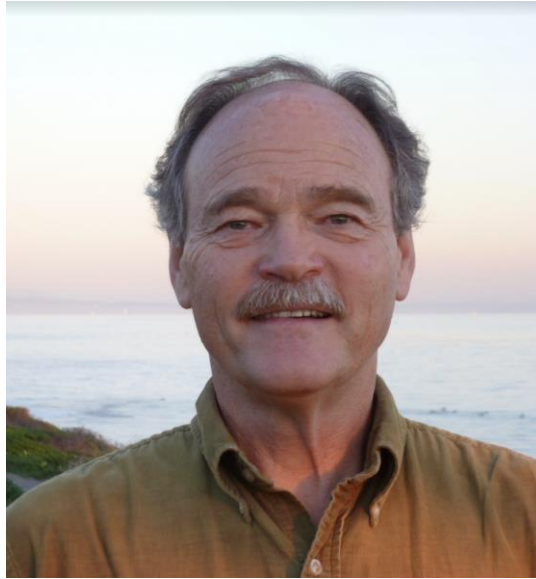


Spenser Jaimes is a Šmuwič and Island Chumash tomol paddler and caretaker of the Xax' 'Aloik'oy and 'Eleye'wun, two traditional tomols. His family comes from the villages of Syxutun (Santa Barbara) and Swaxil on Limuw (Santa Cruz Island.) As a paddler and caretaker, his focus centers on the continued natural relationships with his homelands, the revitalization of cultural practices such as traditional fishing, and advocating for fishing rights for his tribe. His documentary short "Connected by Water" premiered at the Santa Barbara International Film Festival in 2021 and highlighted the traditional connection in paddling between coastal tribes in the Southern California area. He is currently a Production Assistant for Sacred Places Institute for Indigenous Peoples' media team and also works as a Program Associate for Indigenous Youth Environmental Justice (IYEJ).

Severino Gomes, Cultural Keeper, Kashia Band of Pomo Indians

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Mark Carr, Principal Investigator, Partnership for Interdisciplinary Studies of Coastal Oceans



Mark Carr is a coastal marine ecologist and professor of marine ecology in the Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology at the University of Santa Cruz. He participated in the MLPA planning process as a member of the science advisory team, and in the monitoring and evaluation of kelp forest ecosystems since the establishment of the network.

Lisa Gilfillan, California Conservation Manager, WILDCOAST



Lisa Gilfillan is WILDCOAST's Ocean Conservation Manager. WILDCOAST is an international non-profit that conserves coastal and marine ecosystems and addresses climate change through natural solutions. Based in San Diego, Lisa is working to conserve Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) in California through monitoring, compliance, and education initiatives. Lisa is a co-chair of the San Diego County MPA Collaborative and coordinates the MPA Watch community science program, which collects human use data in and around protected areas.

David Rudie, President, Catalina Offshore Products



Dave Rudie is the founder and president of Catalina Offshore Products (founded in 1977), one of Southern California's premier seafood purveyors and a recognized industry leader. In addition to overseeing his business, Dave contributes his expertise to numerous organizations, including the California Sea Urchin Commission (Chairman) California Fisheries & Seafood Institute (CEO); the California Pelagic Fisheries Association (President); and the Pacific Fishery Management Council's Highly Migratory Species Advisory Subpanel (Chairman). His commitment to promoting sustainable, science-based ocean industries has influenced policy to benefit fishermen, fisheries research, and conservation. He has also been involved in ongoing collaborative efforts with science, fishing, processing, and culinary partners toward a zero-waste seafood supply chain. In his spare time, Dave enjoys diving, underwater photography, gardening, and introducing his young granddaughter to the ocean and its bounty.

Pillar: Enforcement and Compliance

Tina Calderon, Culture Bearer, Director Ocean Protector Program and IYEJ Associate, Sacred Places Institute for Indigenous Peoples



Tina Orduno Calderon is a Culture Bearer of Gabrielino Tongva, Chumash, and Yoeme descent. She is wife, mother, grandmother, sister, and auntie to many. Tina is a singer who also enjoys creative writing and composing poems and songs. To date, she has composed over a dozen songs in her ancestral languages of Tongvé and Chumash. Additionally, Tina is a traditional dancer and storyteller who strongly believes in honoring her ancestors by sharing their history and educating others about Indigenous truths. Tina works with many youth groups, environmental organizations, and schools, and she serves on several Boards and holds a few Advisory positions, all in the educational and environmental fields, in order to give voice to the lands, waters, and sacred elements and to encourage others to be good relatives.

Below are some of Tina's current partnerships:

- Special Advisor to AltaSea
- Treasurer, Acjachemen Tongva Land Conservancy
- Chair, LA RiverX
- Board, El Sereno Community Land Trust
- Cultural Advisor LA River Public Art Project
- Member, United Descendants of Puvungna Council
- Parent Advisory Council, ECLD / FTBMI
- Board, Pasadena Native Plant Project
- Tongva Language Committee
- Šmuwič Language, Core Learners Group
- Director, Ocean Protectors Program & IYEJ Associate, Sacred Places Institute for Indigenous Peoples
- Homeboy Art Academy, Healing Circle / Culture Advocate
- Cultural Mentor, International Indigenous Youth Council – LA
- OCMFAC – Racial, Indigenous & Social Justice Committee Co-Chair

Ruthie Maloney, Founder and CEO of North Coast Native Protectors Tribal Marine Collaborative



Ruthie A. Maloney, MA (Yurok ~ Navajo)
Humboldt State University – Arcata, CA

B.A. Communication, Minor Native American Studies, 2007

M.A. Social Sciences Environment and Community, 2014

Master Thesis – Visionary Policy: The Tribal Water Stories Project

I am from the Villages of Tue-rep & Weych-pues on the Yurok reservation. I am proud to be a Yurok tribal citizen as well as Deni' (Navajo from the edge of water and bitter water clan from Moneave, AZ). I was born and raised on the Hoopa Valley Indian Reservation along the Klamath & Trinity Rivers. I am a traditional gatherer, basket weaver, fisher, and holder of sacred knowledge. I have learned from my elders, and it is my duty to pass on this knowledge and protect our traditional way of life for future generations. My life's work has been an honor and a privilege, leading me to future opportunities in which my work experience and tribal voice can be heard at the State and Federal level for water protection, that includes ocean waters and marine resources. I have been active in dealing with the State of California on water and coastal matters for over a decade. I have worked in various employed positions at the Yurok Tribe. I currently serve on the Yurok Tribe Natural Resources Committee. I am the founder and CEO of North Coast Native Protectors Tribal Marine Collaborative.

Calla Allison, Founder and Executive Director, MPA Collaborative Network



Calla Allison has been working and playing along the coast of California her entire life, from a 16-year career as an Ocean Lifeguard to seven years as the Marine Protection Officer for the City of Laguna Beach. Combining this on-the-ground expertise with knowledge acquired from her master's degree in Pacific International Affairs, Calla led a county-based, multi-organization group who collaborated to manage the local marine protected areas (MPAs) of Orange County more effectively. In 2013, she expanded this model statewide, founding the MPA Collaborative Network to assist the state of California in stewarding their network of 124 marine protected areas.

Jess Morten, Marine Resource Protection Program Director, California Marine Sanctuary Foundation and NOAA Resource Protection Specialist Affiliate with NOAA's Channel Islands, Cordell Bank, and Greater Farallones National Marine Sanctuaries



Jessica (Jess) Morten is the Marine Resource Protection Program Director at the California Marine Sanctuary Foundation and a National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Resource Protection Specialist Affiliate with NOAA's Channel Islands, Cordell Bank, and Greater Farallones National Marine Sanctuaries. For the past seven years, Jess has supported national marine sanctuaries on resource protection projects in California, including on efforts focused on improving enforcement and compliance tracking and allied agency marine domain awareness in Marine Protected Areas through tools like the eFINS data collection app and M2 shore-based radar monitoring systems. In her role with sanctuaries, Jess also coordinates and supports West Coast Region efforts to reduce ship strikes on endangered whales.

Dick Ogg, Commercial Fisherman, Bodega Bay



I have had the good fortune of living in Sonoma County for 62 years. I have fished and dove along our coastline for over 50 of those years. I have had a very diverse background, ranging from electrical contracting to operating and teaching martial arts in a school I owned. I started fishing with my grandfather (who was a Ponca Native American) at around the age of 5. Since then, I've never stopped. Water has always been my lifeblood, and the opportunity to provide a sustainable product from a resource that belongs to the public is now more critical than ever. So as commercial fishermen, we are the stewards of the oceans, and my hope is to continue that stewardship and pass it along for generations to come.

Michael Quill, Marine Programs Director, Los Angeles Waterkeeper



Michael Quill, Ph.D., LA Waterkeeper's Marine Programs Director joined their Kelp Restoration Project in 2007 as a volunteer diver. He was soon lured out of the water into the Marine Life Protection Act hearings, and he was hooked. Quill has run their MPA boat-based survey program since 2012.

Pillar: Outreach and Education

Angela Mooney D'Arcy, Executive Director and Founder, Sacred Places Institute for Indigenous Peoples

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Emily Burgueno, Head Seed Keeper, Maat Hetemii

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Jules Jackson, Indigenous Engagement Coordinator, WILDCOAST and Founder, Coastal Defenders



Coach Jules Jackson is the Outreach + Indigenous Engagement Coordinator at Wildcoast and Founder of Coastal Defenders. She is a member of the Nanticoke Nation/Tidewater People and has coached and mentored youth for the last 20 years. Coach Jackson is passionate about creating equitable pathways to help return land and water stewardship to Indigenous nations and people.

Karla Garibay Garcia, Senior Conservation Manager, Azul

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Rikki Eriksen, Marine Education and Outreach Director, California Marine Sanctuary Foundation



As Director of Marine Programs for the California Marine Sanctuary Foundation, Dr. Rikki Eriksen works with communities, businesses, non-governmental organizations, foundations, academic institutions and government agencies supporting the Ocean Protected Council and California Department of Fish and Wildlife across a variety of marine issues. Her work helps implement the state's Marine Life Protection Act. Rikki holds a Master's degree from Duke University and a Ph.D. at the University of Florida where she applied landscape ecology principles to the design and management of MPAs in coral reef ecosystems. Her field work has taken her throughout the Caribbean, the wider Indo-Pacific region and Latin America conducting field surveys and working with local communities to examine the effectiveness of MPAs. She has more than 50 publications addressing a range of topics, and her research has focused on the use of science in marine resource policy development and implementation through use of spatial ecological analysis, ecosystem-based management, and education and outreach.

Wayne Kotow, Executive Director, Coastal Conservation Association California



Wayne Kotow is the Executive Director for Coastal Conservation Association of California, an organization that represents the saltwater angler. Wayne is a passionate life-long angler that believes in conserving our resources while maintaining our access to them.

Pillar: Policy and Permitting

Louise Ramirez, Chairwoman, Ohlone Costanoan Esselen Nation

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Erika Zavaleta, Vice President, California Fish and Game Commission

Erika Zavaleta, of Santa Cruz, California, was appointed to the California Fish and Game Commission in March 2021 and reappointed in January 2022; her term expires in January 2028. Erika is a Professor of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology at the University of California, Santa Cruz (UCSC), where she helped found the Coastal Science and Policy graduate program and runs the Doris Duke Conservation Scholars Program and the Center to Advance Mentored, Inquiry-based Opportunities (CAMINO). Erika joined the faculty in 2003 and has since partnered on projects with scientists, farmers, hunters, ranchers, indigenous communities, conservation organizations, state and federal agencies and private foundations. Erika earned a Doctor of Philosophy degree in biological sciences and a Master of Arts degree in anthropology from Stanford University. She won the 2007 Ecological Society of America (ESA) Sustainability Science Award for work on community responses to climate change and wildfire in Alaska's boreal forests. She co-edited the book *Ecosystems of California*, which in 2016-17 won a California Book Award and its partner *Guide for Policymakers* volume, which brought together hundreds of experts across the state in every aspect of ecology and stewardship. Erika has served on boards for the Wildlife Conservation Society and the Society for Conservation Biology and is a Fellow of the California Academy of Sciences and the Ecological Society of America. Her favorite pastime is exploring the outdoors with family, friends, and her students.

Jenn Eckerle, Deputy Secretary for Oceans and Coastal Policy, California Natural Resources Agency and Executive Director, California Ocean Protection Council



Jenn Eckerle is the Deputy Secretary for Oceans and Coastal Policy at the California Natural Resources Agency and Executive Director of the Ocean Protection Council (OPC). Jenn serves as a key advisor to the Governor and the Secretary for Natural Resources and directs policy, scientific research, and critical partnerships to increase protection of California's coast and ocean. Jenn served as OPC's Deputy Director from December 2016 to October 2022. Before joining OPC, Jenn spent eight years as an Ocean Policy Analyst for the Natural Resources Defense Council, where she conducted technical analysis and developed policy recommendations to advance ocean conservation. Prior to that, she was a Coastal Program Analyst for the California Coastal Commission and the San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission. Jenn earned an M.S. in Marine Biology from the Florida Institute of Technology and a B.S. in Biology from the University of Vermont.

Karen Grimmer, Resource Protection Coordinator, Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary



Karen has led the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary (MBNMS) Resource Protection team for the past ten years, which includes marine policy, emergency response, permitting, regulatory changes, and enforcement coordination. Prior, she served as Deputy Superintendent from 2007 to 2012. She has over twenty-five years of experience in marine resource management and oversees the site's marine policy activities including whale conservation (entanglement and vessel speed reduction), fisheries-related actions (essential fish habitat), and offshore wind energy, as well as environmental review for construction activities. Karen led a team to establish Sanctuary Ecologically Significant Areas within the Sanctuary, and served on the California State-led Marine Protected Area Leadership Team for five years. Karen received her Bachelor of Science in Biology from San Francisco State University and her Master of Science in Education from California State University, Hayward.

Anna Neumann, Harbormaster, Noyo Harbor

Harbormaster for the Noyo Harbor District, Fort Bragg. Anna has recently taken the position of Harbormaster for Noyo Harbor, she completed her Master of Science in 2021 in Fisheries Policy and Management from Oregon State University and has worked as a commercial fishermen, fishmonger and research scuba instructor on the North Coast. She is the co-chair for the Mendocino MPA Collaborative Network and the Chair of Mendocino Fish and Game Commission.