Curriculum Vitae – Short Version

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**CURRENT POSITION**

**Avian Ecologist/Senior Faculty Research Assistant**. Department of Fisheries and Wildlife, Oregon State University, Corvallis, OR. 7/1/97-present.

The focus of my research has been on the distribution, abundance, nest-site characteristics, landscape associations, and nesting and foraging behavior of seabirds of the Pacific, including Marbled Murrelets, Long-billed Murrelets, Kittlitz’s Murrelets, Caspian Terns, and a variety of species at mixed seabird colonies in the Bering Sea. I have also studied seabird diet and productivity, contaminants in predators and prey, genetics/gene flow, and bird and mammal distribution, abundance and habitat use in forests, deserts, and prairies. Much of this work was conducted in coastal Oregon, but also in the Willamette Valley, Cascade Mountains and eastern Oregon, and coastal California, Washington, Alaska, and Japan.

Relevant experience applicable to a Marbled Murrelet Recovery Permit includes: (1) project development, logistics, coordination, and cooperation; (2) supervising research assistants, field techs, and students; (3) working with agencies, NGOs, Indian tribes, students, volunteers, and the public; (4) capturing, banding, measuring, and marking murrelets; (5) applying the latest research technology (e.g., telemetry, GPS) and handling techniques; (6) operating boats and flying in aircraft to track murrelets; (7) finding murrelet nests and supervising climbers in finding nests; (8) knowledge of ESA issues, migratory bird management and conservation, and laws and statutes related to migratory birds; (9) participating on scientific teams and as a technical advisor to develop management and policy guidelines; (10) describing, mapping, and modeling habitat characteristics; and (11) field work in remote environments.

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**EDUCATION**

MSc Wildlife Ecology, Oregon State University, Corvallis, OR, June 1989.

Post-Baccalaureate classes, Fisheries and Wildlife, Oregon State University, Corvallis, OR

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BA Business Administration and Art History, Lewis and Clark College, Portland, OR, August 1980.

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