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Teaching Experience

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Ecological Society of America (ESA)

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- **2016** E.J. Ward *Improving bycatch estimation through spatial statistics* \$100K.
- **2015** E.J. Ward, A.O. Shelton and M.J. Ford. *Portfolio Effects in Historic Chinook Hatchery Practices on Prey Availability for Southern Resident Killer Whales* National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, \$110K.
- **2014 2016** Applying portfolio effects to the Gulf of Alaska ecosystem: Did multi-scale diversity buffer against the Exxon Valdez oil spill? NCEAS working group, \$150K
- **2014-2015** I. Kaplan, E.J. Ward, et al. *A spatially explicit ecosystem model for quantifying marine mammal impacts on Chinook salmon* Pacific Salmon Commission Southern Fund, \$206K.
- **2013-2014** T. Eguchi, E.J. Ward, and E.E. Holmes. *Developing risk assessment tools for marine sea turtles* \$100K.
- **2013-2014** Holmes, E.E. and E.J. Ward. *Developing web based computing tools for protected species*. \$200K.
- **2013** M.B. Hanson, E.J. Ward. et al. *Modeling the distribution of endangered killer whales in Pacific Northwest Navy ranges using acoustic recorder detections and satellite tagged whales*, US Navy.
- **2013** Shelton, A.O., E.J. Ward, J.T. Thorson, M. Bellman, B. Feist. *Integrating spatial habitat and fisheries effort data to improve abundance estimates of west coast groundfish.* \$56K.
- **2011** E.J. Ward et al., *Incorporating multiple data sources into a unified framework to improve estimates of adult salmon returns and population productivity.* \$33K.
- **2009** *NSF Comparative Analysis of Marine Ecosystem Organization: New statistical tools for analyzing community dynamics with applications to marine zooplankton,* \$347K (141K from NCEAS). Associate Investigator (Principal Investigator E.E. Holmes)

Fellowships and Awards

2022 NOAA Bronze Medal Award, Pacific Fisheries Management Council working group: "For leadership and problem-solving to develop innovative protections for Southern Resident killer whales and provide important fishing opportunities."

2006 Cumulative Risk Assessment for Endangered Species 2 year NRC post-doc awarded \$92K.

2003 National Marine Fisheries Service / Washington Sea Grant Fellowship in Population Dynamics: Incorporating model selection and decision analysis into population dynamics modeling. Grant awarded for \$120K.

Post-docs

2023– Megan Feddern (UAF) Co-supervised with Curry Cunningham, Mary Hunsicker, Will Satterthwaite

2021-2023 Alex Jensen (UW) Co-supervised with Ryan Kelly, Ole Shelton, Will Satterthwaite

2019-2021 Christian Commander (NWFSC) Co-supervised with Lewis Barnett and Tim Essington

2017-2021 Ben Nelson (NWFSC) Co-supervised with Ole Shelton

2017-2019 Lewis Barnett (NWFSC)

2015-2017 Sean Anderson (Smith Fellow). Co-supervised with Trevor Branch

2012-2013 Guillaume Bal (NRC Research Post-doc). Co-supervised with Eli Holmes and Mark Scheuerell

2012 Jim Thorson (NRC Research Post-doc). With Michelle McClure, Eli Holmes, and Mark Scheuerell

Supervised Graduate Students or Committees

2021 – Sierra Gilman (B. Gardner), SEFS, University of Washington

2019–2022 Sam May (K. Naish), SAFS, University of Washington

2017-2021 Natalie Lowell (L. Hauser), SAFS, University of Washington (NMFS Population Dynamics Fellowship)

2017-2021 Megan Feddern (G. Holtgrieve), SAFS, University of Washington

2017-2020 Elizabeth Ng (T. Essington), SAFS, University of Washington (NMFS Population Dynamics Fellowship)

2012-2018 Pam Moriarty (T. Essington), SAFS, University of Washington

2013-2016 Brandon Chasco (S. Heppell) Oregon State University (NMFS Population Dynamics Fellowship)

2014-2015 Brian Stock (B. Semmens) SIO, with Tomo Eguchi

2015-2016 Hannah Linder (J. Horne) UW

Service and Outreach

Subject Editor, Ecological Applications2013 - presentSubject Editor, PeerJ2020 - presentSubject Editor, Methods in Ecology and Evolution2022 - presentDFO - NOAA climate change working group2021 - presentNOAA Fisheries Integrated Toolbox co-lead2021 - present

Puget Sound Seabird Survey

2005-2021

Developed survey methodology for Puget Sound's first land-based citizen science seabird survey and oversaw data analysis

Orca Bowl Washington State Sea Grant / University of Washington

Secretary & Treasurer, Statistical Ecology Section, Ecological Society of America 2010-2012