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EDUCATION

2016 - present **Ph.D, University of Washington, School of Aquatic and Fishery Sciences, Seattle, WA**

- Major: Aquatic and Fishery Sciences
- Committee Chair: Gordon Holtgrieve
- Committee Members: Eric J. Ward, Sarah Converse, Tim Essington, Cecilia Bitz
- Dissertation "Applied ecosystem chemistry: linking biogeochemical and physiological processes to ecological interactions and management practices"

2011 - 2015 **B.A., Boston University, Boston, MA**

- Major: Biology, specialization in ecology and conservation biology (*summa cum laude*)
 - Minor: Marine Science
 - Honors thesis: "Identifying high energy prey species in the Gulf of Maine ecosystem"
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PUBLICATIONS & REPORTS

Feddern, M.L., G.H. Holtgrieve, E.J. Ward. 2020. Climate condition alters Washington harbor seal foraging ecology over the past century. *In Prep.*

Feddern, M.L., G.H. Holtgrieve, E.J. Ward. 2020. Stable isotope signatures in archival pinniped bone link food web-assimilated carbon and nitrogen to a century of environmental change. *In Review.*

Feddern, M.L., G.H. Holtgrieve, S. Perakis, J. Hart, H. Ro, T.P. Quinn . 2019. Riparian soil nitrogen cycling and isotopic enrichment in response to a long-term salmon carcass manipulation experiment. *Ecosphere*. doi.org/10.1002/ecs2.2958

Feddern, M.L., H.R. Bassett, K.N. McElroy, M. Ree, M. Gho, and R. Hilborn. 2018. A novel method for modeling age and length selectivity of sockeye salmon as applied to the Bristol Bay Port Moller test fishery. *Canadian Journal of Fisheries and Aquatic Sciences*. doi.org/10.1139/cjfas-2018-0018

Anderson, C., M. Krigbaum, M. Arostegui, **M.L. Feddern,** J.Z. Koehn, P. Kuriyama, C. Morrisett, C. Allen Akselrud, M. Davis, C. Fiamengo, A. Fuller, Q. Lee, K. McElroy, M. Pons, and J. Sanders. 2018. How commercial fishing is managed. *Fish and Fisheries* doi.org/10.1111/faf.12339

Feddern, M.L. and A. Spevacek. 2017. Community Solar Legislation Considerations. [White Paper]. On behalf of Washington Department of Commerce. doi.org/10.13140/RG.2.2.28538.03520/2

Feddern, M.L. 2015. Monitoring changes in water temperature after mixed pipeline replacement in Hanalei National Wildlife Refuge (NWR), Hanalei, Hawai'i. US Fish and Wildlife Service Inventory and Monitoring, Water Resources Branch. *Technical Report*.

PRESENTATIONS

Feddern, M. 2020. Food web-assimilated resources and a century of environmental change. University of Washington School of Aquatic and Fishery Sciences Graduate Student Symposium. Remote Conference.

Feddern, M. 2020. Reconstructing a century of predator trophic position in WA with archival harbor seal bone. Salish Sea Ecosystem Conference. Remote Conference.

Feddern, M. 2019. "Climate Change in the Pacific Northwest". Cascadia Climate Action Climate Science on Tap. Seattle, WA.

Feddern, M. 2019. "Reconstructing a century of coastal productivity and predator trophic position indicators in coastal WA and the Salish Sea with archival bone." University of Washington School of Aquatic and Fishery Sciences Graduate Student Symposim. Seattle, WA.

Feddern, M. 2019. "Reconstructing a century of coastal productivity and predator trophic position indicators in coastal WA and the Salish Sea with archival bone." NOAA California Current Integrated Ecosystem Assessment Meeting. Seattle, WA. *Invited Speaker*

Feddern, M. 2019. "Reconstructing a century of coastal productivity and predator trophic position indicators in coastal WA and the Salish Sea with archival bone." American Fisheries Society WA/BC Chapter Annual meeting. Bremerton, WA.

Ng, E., **Feddern, M.**, Sorel, M., and Thomas, R. 2019. "Translation of Uncertainty in Environmental Science in Popular Press." University of Washington, College of the Environment Research Derby. Seattle, WA

Feddern, M. 2017. "Reconstructing historic changes in marine mammal trophic position in response prey availability and primary productivity." University of Washington School of Aquatic and Fishery Sciences Graduate Student Symposim. Seattle, WA.

Feddern, M. 2017. "Recommendations for Washington's Community Solar Program: Case Studies from Minnesota and Colorado". UW Graduate Student and Professional Student Senate Academic conference. Seattle, WA.

Uyehara, K., M. Reynolds, K. Courtot, C. Malachowski, T. Mayer, M. DuhrShulz, **M. Feddern**, and B. Wolfe. 2016. "Avian botulism jeopardizes island water birds: Case studies from to of Hawaii's National Wildlife Refuges." Hawaii Wetlands and Waterbird Workshop. Kaneohe, HI.

Feddern, M. 2015. "Identifying high-energy prey sources in the Gulf of Maine Ecosystem: Implications for Marine Management." Kilachand Honors College Senior Research Symposium, Spring 2015. Boston, MA.

Altman, I., R. Boumans, J. Roman, **M. Feddern**, L. Smith, D. Wiley, and L. Kaufman. 2014. "Do Key Prey Species (KPS) drive ecosystem services in the Gulf of Maine?" Regional Association for Research on the Gulf of Maine, Boston MA.

POSTER PRESENTATIONS

M. Feddern. 2019. Reconstructing a century of coastal productivity and predator trophic position in coastal Washington and the Salish Sea using archival bone. SeaGrant National Review Symposium. Seattle, WA.

M. Feddern, Fisher, M., J. Twedt and S Rinnan. 2017. The Public Comment Project. UW Program on Climate Change Summery Symposium, September 2017. Friday Harbor, WA.

Feddern, M., T. Mayer, B. Wishnek, and K. Uyehara. 2016. Water quality monitoring tools assist with avian botulism mitigation on Hanalei National Wildlife Refuge (NWR), Kauai, Hawaii. Hawaiian Wetlands and Water Bird Workshop, January 2016. Kaneohe, HI.

Feddern, M. 2015. Identifying high-energy prey sources in the Gulf of Maine Ecosystem: Implications for Marine Management. Kilachand Honors College Research Symposium, May 2015. Boston, MA.

Feddern, M. 2014. Identifying high-energy prey sources in the Gulf of Maine Ecosystem: Implications for Marine Management. Undergraduate Research Opportunities Symposium, Fall 2014. Boston, MA.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Bio-geochemical cycling in riparian soils and compensatory management 2017 - present

University of Washington: Graduate Research

Seattle, WA

Used stable isotopes of inorganic nitrogen sources to assess the contributions of salmon carcasses to soil productivity, and the effect of nitrogen transformations on isotopic signatures.

Historical coastal productivity and predator trophic dynamics 2016 - present

University of Washington: Graduate Research

Seattle, WA

Using compound specific stable isotope analysis to address changes in harbor seal trophic position in coastal WA and Puget sound over the past 100 years in response to productivity and prey availability to generate indicators for integrated assessments for management.

Spatio-temporal variability in predator trophic dynamics 2016 - present

University of Washington: Graduate Research

Seattle, WA

Applying compound specific stable isotope analysis to address spatial variability in harbor seal trophic position response to climatic regime shifts in 2 regions in WA, and 3 regions in AK.

Methodological assumptions of trophic position estimates 2017 - present

University of Washington: Graduate Research

Seattle, WA

Using a first order kinetics model applied to stable isotope data to quantify the effects of tissue turnover rates and variability in isotope signature of primary producers on trophic position calculations using theoretical and observed data.

Translation of uncertainty in environmental science in popular press 2019– present

University of Washington: Research Derby

Seattle, WA

Using text mining strategies, we analyzed the way uncertainty is expressed in scientific articles compared to popular press reports on those articles. Popular press expresses more uncertainty when the article ‘hedges’ its results but this varies based on outlet.

Test Fishery Age and Length Selectivity of Sockeye Salmon 2018– 2019

University of Washington: Graduate Research

Aleknagik, AK

Testing age and length selectivity of Bristol Bay sockeye salmon in the Port Moller test fishery using an age-structured population model.

Monitoring and assessing salmonid escapement May 1, 2016- September 1, 2016

US Forest Service: Fishery Technician

Sitka, AK

Collected and analyzed limnological data and conducted mark-recapture escapement counts for a subsistence sockeye salmon fishery.

Disease transmission and threats to endangered species June 1, 2015 - February 1, 2016

US Fish and Wildlife Service: Hydrology and Wildlife Technician

Hanalei, HI

Collected and analyzed water quality and hydrologic data to assess the transmission of avian botulism in five species of endangered water birds.

Investigations in tropical ecosystems January 15, 2015 - June 1, 2015

Boston University: Undergraduate Research

Tiputini, Ecuador

Research projects for the tropical ecology program included project planning, data collection and reports.

Example Projects: plant distribution in terra firme verse varzea environments, and assimilation of foreign individuals into colonies of social spiders.

HONORS

Best Conference Talk, Graduate Student Symposium, 2020
Washington SeaGrant and National Marine Fisheries Service Population Dynamics Fellowship 2019-Present
University of Washington College of the Environment Research Derby, First Place, 2019
Jeff Cederholm Scholarship, American Fisheries Society WA/BC Chapter, 2018
Clairmont L. and Evelyn S. Egvedt Fellowship, University of Washington, 2016-2017
Pamela Posen Endowed Memorial Scholarship, Boston University, 2015
Undergraduate Research Opportunity Grant Recipient, Boston University, 2014
Laura Vincent Prize for Original Research, Boston University, 2013

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Conservation and Management of Aquatic Resources (FSH 323): TA Autumn 2017

University of Washington: Graduate Student

Seattle, WA

Conducted weekly lab sessions on fisheries management, conservation, and writing skills. Contributed to examine questions and graded writing assignments. Delivered three guest lectures.

Tropical Ecology Program (BI 438, BI 439, BI 440, BI 441): TA February 1, 2016 - May 1, 2016

Boston University

Quito, Ecuador

Coordinated and led field excursions and assisted students in developing research projects, including 8 days in the Galapagos, 10 days on the Ecuadorian coast, and 28 days at in Amazonian Ecuador (Tiputini Biodiversity Station), prepared and delivered guest lectures.

Organic Chemistry and Basic Statistics and Probability October 1, 2013- December 15, 2015

Boston University Educational Resource Center: Undergraduate

Boston, MA

Career Development and Community Service

USGS Washington Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit 2020-present

Assistant Unit Lead Search Committee, Graduate Student Representative

Fisheries Interdisciplinary Network of Students 2016-2018

Graduate Student Symposium Chair

Students Explore Aquatic Sciences 2017-2019

Outreach Volunteer

University of Washington Program on Climate Change 2017-2019

Graduate Student Steering Committee Representative

Public Comment Project 2017-2019

Content Contributor

American Fisheries Society 2018-2019

UW Student Chapter elected Secretary

Puget Sound Institute 2018

Science Communication Fellow

Burke Museum: Girls in Science Program 2018

Outreach Volunteer
