

Roundtable Discussion: Environmental Policy in the Kean Administration

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Participants

Candace McKee Ashmun, is a private consultant working with the nonprofit sector on environmental and management matters. She is the coordinator for the 35-member Environmental Summit. She has been a member of the New Jersey Pinelands Commission since its founding in 1979 and served six years as a member of the State Planning Commission. Ashmun is vice president of the Fund for New Jersey and co-chair of Citizens for the Public Good. She is also a board member of the Crossroads of the American Revolution Association. Ashmun is the former executive director and president of the Association of New Jersey Environmental Commissions. She served as chairman of the Great Swamp Advisory Committee established by NJDEP. She has served in both elected and appointed positions in local and state government and has received the Governor's Pride in New Jersey award. A graduate of Smith College, she has served as an adjunct professor of environmental management at Cook College.

Nancy Becker is program development associate for the Center on the American Governor. A resident of Princeton, she was the founder and guiding force behind the independent public affairs consulting firm Nancy Becker Associates for 30 years. Becker oversaw the firm's government affairs and public relations divisions. She retired from the firm in July of 2006. She currently serves on the boards of Rider University and Capital Health System, where she holds the office of vice-chair. Previously, she served on the boards of the Mental Health Association of New Jersey, Greenwood House, the New Jersey Conservation Foundation, and the Christine Todd Whitman Excellence in Public Service Series. For eight years she served as the vice-chair of the New Jersey Turnpike Authority; she was also a long-time member of the board of the American Repertory Ballet, where she served as chair from 2002-2004. Her other affiliations included the New Jersey Economic Development Authority, the Center for Non-Profit Corporations, Women in Philanthropy and the Trust Company of Princeton. In 2004 she received the Barbara Boggs Sigmund Award from the New Jersey Women's Political Caucus and an award from the New Jersey Association of Women Business Owners. She was also recognized by the legislature in 2003 as an outstanding woman in New Jersey. In 1998, Becker received a TWIN award from the YWCA. She also authored a handbook on lobbying for Eagleton's Center for American Women and Politics. She is a graduate of the University of Michigan and received an M.A. from Manhattan College.

Thomas A. Burke is associate dean for public health practice and training and professor in The Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, Department of Health Policy and Management, with joint appointments in the Department of Environmental Health Sciences and the School of Medicine Department of Oncology. He is also director of the Johns Hopkins Risk Sciences and Public Policy Institute. Burke chairs the National Academy of Sciences Committee on Improving Risk Analysis, and in 2006 he was named a fellow of the Society for Risk Analysis. His research interests include environmental epidemiology and surveillance, evaluation of population exposures to environmental pollutants, assessment and communication of environmental risks, and application of epidemiology and health risk assessment to public policy. He was principal investigator for the Pew Environmental Health Commission, which established the framework for a national approach to environmental public health tracking. He has been awarded the Johns Hopkins Golden Apple Award for excellence in teaching four times. Earlier Burke was New Jersey's deputy commissioner of health and director of science and research for the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection. Burke has served on several boards and committees for the National Academy of Sciences. In 2003 he was named a lifetime National Associate of the National Academies. He was Inaugural chair of the advisory committee to the director of the CDC National Center for Environmental Health and a member of the executive committee of the EPA Board of Scientific Counselors. Burke received his BS from St. Peter's College, his MPH from the University of Texas, and his PhD in epidemiology from the University of Pennsylvania.

Michele Byers joined the staff of the New Jersey Conservation Foundation in 1982 as coordinator of advocacy efforts in the Pine Barrens. She later assumed responsibility for coordinating the farmland preservation program and the Camden City greenway. She became assistant director in 1988 and helped found the Pinelands Preservation Alliance, Whitesbog Preservation Trust, Hunterdon Land Trust and New Jersey Highlands Coalition. She served on the Burlington County Agriculture Development Board for eleven years. In 1995 Byers was appointed by Governor Whitman to the State Planning Commission, where she was named vice chair in 1998. In 1999 she became executive director of NJCF. She chaired the New Jersey State Committee of the Highlands Coalition as well as New Jersey's Freshwater Wetlands Mitigation Council, and she was a member of the New Jersey State Trail Council. In 2003, Byers was appointed by Governor McGreevey to the Highlands Task Force. More recently, she served as a board member of the Center for Non-Profit Corporations, a member of The Hopewell Township, Mercer County Open Space Committee, and vice chair of the New Jersey Highlands Coalition. Currently, she serves as advisor to the Hunterdon Land Trust and vice chair of the newly-formed New Jersey League of Conservation Voters. She has a BA in Biology from Western State College, Gunnison, Colorado.

Michael Catania is the new executive director of the Duke Farms Foundation, which operates the 2,700+ acre property that served as the principal residence for the late philanthropist Doris Duke. Catania is also founder and president of Conservation Resources Inc., a non-profit conservation group that provides financial and technical assistance to the conservation community in New Jersey. Earlier in his career, he served as deputy commissioner of the NJ Department of Environmental Protection under three commissioners and two governors. Catania began his career with the non-partisan NJ Legislative Services Agency, where he drafted many of New Jersey's landmark environmental laws, including the Pinelands Protection Act, several of the Green Acres Bond Acts, the Conservation and Historic Preservation Restriction Act, and the Spill Compensation and Control Act. He also served as in-house counsel at NJDEP, where he established NJDEP's Division of Regulatory Affairs and oversaw the development and enforcement of all NJDEP rules and regulations. He was executive director of The Nature Conservancy of New Jersey for 12 years. He currently serves as chair of the New Jersey Natural Lands Trust and president of a local land trust, the Schiff Natural Lands Trust, Inc. Catania is also a certified AYO trainer for the Land Trust Alliance and serves as a consultant to help NJ Land Trusts obtain accreditation. He holds a BA in political science from Livingston College, an MA in political science from Rutgers University, and a JD from Rutgers School of Law in Camden.

Anthony S. Cicatiello is co-founder and chairman of CN Communications International Inc., which specializes in marketing and communications programs for highly regulated industries with high-profile products and issues. CN has co-produced a number of documentaries for public television, including *America's Education Revolution* and *Tom Kean: The Politics of Possibility*. Cicatiello is co-executive producer of the Nova project, *Engineering Ground Zero*, for PBS; it aired during the 10th anniversary of the 9/11 tragedy. Cicatiello received a bachelor's degree in biology and a master's degree in public administration from The Ohio State University. He worked as a public affairs specialist with the Grocery Manufacturers of America in Washington, D.C., before moving to New Jersey to work for Merck & Co., Inc. in state government affairs. He served for 14 years on the Rutgers University Board of Governors, overseeing significant advances in the University's physical plant and academic stature. A long-standing advisor to Governor Kean, Cicatiello and his firm guided the selection of New Jersey's tourism and economic development slogan, "New Jersey and You: Perfect Together." He has supported organizations committed to one of the state's rapidly expanding assets – diversity – including service on the board of the American Conference on Diversity. He participated in the Century Foundation's Commission on Homeland Security and serves as president of the Research & Development Council of New Jersey.

Paul Contillo served in the New Jersey State Assembly for six years and in the New Jersey Senate for eight years. He held multiple leadership roles, including assistant majority leader and chair of the Joint Committee on Ethical Standards. Contillo was the sponsor of the New Jersey Recycling bill, which helped New Jersey become the first state to institute mandatory recycling.

Geoffrey Cromarty began his career as an aide to Governor Thomas H. Kean, handling environmental issues and serving as deputy director of the Office of Constituent Relations. He continued his environmental work in the Department of Environmental Protection as executive assistant to the assistant commissioner for natural and historic resources, where he was involved in developing and implementing policies and planning for protecting open space and natural areas. He served as staff and later as a member of the Governor's Council on New Jersey Outdoors, which advocated for successful bond issues to save open space and recreational resources. Cromarty was also the founding administrator of the DEP's Office of Permit Information and Assistance, which was created to streamline and make transparent the regulatory process. He worked for Governor Kean as deputy chief of staff at Drew University and has also worked at the University of Pennsylvania. He currently serves as chief operating officer of Philadelphia University, where he oversees daily operational functions and long-term planning. He chairs the University's sustainability efforts, which have been nationally recognized. Cromarty received a BA in English from Western New England College, an MGA from the University of Pennsylvania, and an Ed.D. from the University of Pennsylvania.

Chris Daggett is president and CEO of the Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation. He has been a respected leader in New Jersey's nonprofit world for nearly 20 years, serving on a number of boards, including the Schumann Fund for New Jersey, Regional Plan Association, and The Trust for Public Land. As the independent candidate for governor in 2009, he was the first independent candidate to raise the threshold amount of money to qualify for public matching funds and to participate in public debates with the major party candidates. He was also endorsed by *The Star-Ledger*, the state's leading newspaper. Previously, Daggett served as deputy chief of staff to the Governor of New Jersey (1982-1983), regional administrator of the US Environmental Protection Agency (1984-1988), and commissioner of the NJ Department of Environmental Protection (1988-1989). In addition, he was a managing director of William E. Simon & Sons, a private investment firm and, since 1996, has operated a brownfields development company, acquiring, remediating and redeveloping environmentally impaired real estate. Just prior to coming to the Dodge Foundation, he was a principal with JM Sorge, Inc. (JMS), an environmental consulting and management firm providing assessment, investigation and remediation services to the public and private sectors.

Dan Dalton represented New Jersey's Fourth Legislative District in both the General Assembly (1980 – 1982) and Senate (1982 – 1992). While in the Senate, he chaired the Energy and Environment Committee and was elected majority leader (1990 – 1992). In 1992, Governor Florio appointed Dalton New Jersey's secretary of state.

Brenda S. Davis retired from Johnson & Johnson in February, 2007 as corporate compliance officer, vice president, technical resources and an officer of the Corporation. Davis previously served as vice president, government operations and a board member of Johnson & Johnson Health Care Systems. She joined the corporation in 1992 as vice president, state and environmental relations. Before joining Johnson & Johnson, Davis was a visiting fellow at the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs at Princeton University, served in the cabinet of Governor Thomas H. Kean as chief of policy and planning, was special assistant to the commissioner at the NJ Department of Environmental Protection, and was a senior staff member of the U.S. Senate Committee on the Budget. Davis holds a B.A. in biology from the University of Denver and a Ph.D. in ecology from the University of California at Berkeley, and she was a postdoctoral fellow at the Smithsonian Institution. She serves on the board of The Wilderness Society (former chair) and is a trustee of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. She served for nine years on the board of the World Wildlife Fund, is a member of the WWF National Council and chairs the WWF Northern Great Plains Advisory Committee. She also previously served on the boards of Recreational Equipment Inc. (REI), the Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation, the New Jersey Chapter of The Nature Conservancy (former chair) and The Community Foundation of New Jersey.

Richard T. Dewling spent 20 years with the United States EPA, Region II, which included responsibility for New York and New Jersey, before he joined New Jersey's Department of Environmental Protection in 1983 as first deputy commissioner. When Governor Kean was elected to his second term he appointed Dewling as commissioner of NJDEP. After leaving government service, Dewling became president of Metcalf & Eddy, a world-wide environmental engineering consulting firm. He left M&E to form Dewling Associates, Inc., a specialized environmental engineering firm focusing on compliance, process safety, permitting and advanced treatment technologies for wastewater, hazardous wastes and air pollution.

Joseph Donohue worked for more than 17 years as a science, energy and environment reporter for the *Atlantic City Press* and *Los Angeles Daily News*. After moving to *The Star-Ledger* in 1991, his journalism career shifted to coverage of the New Jersey Statehouse with a key focus on the state budget, campaign finance and politics. As a reporter, he won 13 national and state awards, including the American Association for Advancement of Science award in 1979 for a series on low level radiation and, as part of a *Star-Ledger* team, a Pulitzer Prize for coverage of Gov. Jim McGreevey's resignation in 2005. After leaving the *Star-Ledger*, he became an assistant state treasurer for one year in 2008 before being chosen as deputy director of the NJ Election Law Enforcement Commission in 2009. Donohue earned his BS in environmental science from Stockton State College.

Bob Hughey is a principal with REHughey LLC, a planning firm in Margate, New Jersey. He was previously the associate vice president for strategic initiatives at New Jersey Institute of Technology. Prior to joining NJIT, Hughey was president of Bay Street Partners, Inc and Infrastructure Solutions, Inc. His government experience includes serving as Governor Kean's commissioner of environmental protection and as chief of economic recovery, appointed jointly by Governor James Florio and the New Jersey Legislature. Hughey served as Atlantic County administrator and as acting president of Atlantic Community College. He began his career as an assistant professor of political science and public administration at Stockton State College. Hughey earned his undergraduate degree at Gettysburg College and is a licensed Professional Planner and a member of the American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP).

Jane F. Kelly serves as vice president of corporate governance and operations for the New Jersey Schools Development Authority (SDA). Prior to joining the SDA in 2008, Kelly served as vice president, associate general counsel and assistant secretary for South Jersey Industries Inc., an energy services holding company. Among her responsibilities there was oversight of state and local government relations, communications and advising company management on legal and corporate compliance matters. Kelly has served as an assistant commissioner in the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), as assistant counsel to former Governor Thomas H. Kean, and as a legal assistant to former Governor and Chief Justice Richard J. Hughes. In addition, she represented the state's investor-owned public utilities in the legislative and regulatory arenas while serving as executive director of the New Jersey Utilities Association. Kelly was named by NJBIZ Magazine as one of the "Best 50 Women in Business" in 2007, and was honored by the Princeton YWCA at its "Tribute to Women" in 2008.

John A. Lynch, Jr., after his initial election in 1981, represented Middlesex County for some twenty years in the New Jersey State Senate, including service as Senate president from 1990 to 1992 and subsequently as Democratic minority leader until 1997. Lynch was mayor of New Brunswick from 1979 to 1991, overseeing the city's redevelopment efforts. His father also served as both mayor of New Brunswick and state senator from Middlesex County. He is a graduate of Georgetown Law School and the College of the Holy Cross.

Ruth B. Mandel is director of the Eagleton Institute of Politics, and Rutgers Board of Governors Professor of Politics. She has led Eagleton's expansion of graduate and undergraduate offerings and launched new program areas in youth political engagement, immigrant political behavior, and the study of governors. In 1971, Professor Mandel co-founded Eagleton's Center for American Women and Politics (CAWP). As CAWP'S director for over two decades, she developed the nation's premier research and education center for the study of women's changing political roles. Her *In the Running: The New Woman Candidate* was the first book about women campaigning for office. During three administrations (1991 to 2006), Mandel held a presidential appointment on the governing council of the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum. Named Council Vice Chairperson by President Clinton in 1993, she led the process to create the Committee on Conscience and became its founding chair. Her board service also includes the Charles H.

Revson Foundation and the National Council for Research on Women. Recently she joined the board of the New Jersey Council on the Humanities.

David F. Moore became superintendent of Allaire State Park in 1962, and the state's chief of natural areas in 1964. He developed the state's first comprehensive strategies for identifying, acquiring and interpreting natural areas. In 1969, Moore moved to the private sector as director of the New Jersey Conservation Foundation, which he led until his retirement in 1999. The organization was a major force behind the Pinelands Protection Act, the Freshwater Wetlands Protection Act, the Coastal Area Facility Review Act, the Agriculture Retention and Development Act, the State Planning Act, and the Highlands Water Protection and Planning Act. Moore also helped found such organizations as New Jersey Future, Association of New Jersey Environmental Commissions, the Pinelands Preservation Alliance, the Highlands Coalition, and more than a score of other advocacy groups. He continues his service advising the New Jersey Conservation Foundation and on the boards of trustees of the Pinelands Preservation Alliance, The Delaware River Mill Society and New Jersey Future.

Terrence D. Moore served as the first executive director of the State of New Jersey Pinelands Commission between 1979 and 1999 and was responsible for managing the development and implementation of the New Jersey Pinelands Comprehensive Management Plan. In 1999, he joined the National Park Service as chief of planning and compliance for the Service's Northeast Region. In that capacity, he was responsible for the conduct of general management plans for units of the National Park System, studies of areas that may qualify as new units, and the Northeast Region's congressional and legislative affairs. Since 2011, he has been a private consultant specializing in natural and cultural resource planning and management. Moore holds a B.A. in government and an M.A. in public administration from the University of Oklahoma. He is a former Loeb Fellow in Advanced Environmental Studies at the Harvard University Graduate School of Design.

Ingrid W. Reed is a policy analyst focusing on New Jersey civic affairs. She directed the New Jersey Project of Rutgers' Eagleton Institute of Politics until she retired in June, 2010. Currently Reed is a founding board member of New Jersey Future and its first senior fellow. She also chairs the board of www.NJSpotlight.com. Reed serves on the leadership group Facing our Future, which produced a report on the state's five-year fiscal picture and most recently on its infrastructure needs. She chaired the Governor's Task Force on Local Government Ethics (2009-2011) and the Capital City Redevelopment Corporation from its inception under Governor Kean until 2010. Before joining the Eagleton Institute in 1996, Reed was vice president for public affairs and corporate secretary of The Rockefeller University in New York City and served and assistant dean of Princeton University's Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs, where she also directed the Rockefeller Public Service Awards Program. Her volunteer activities include the boards of Womanspace, a regional organization serving victims of domestic abuse and sexual assault, the Princeton Symphony Orchestra and the Princeton Adult School.

Martin E. Robins has almost 40 years of experience in the field of transportation planning and policy. He was director of the Alan M. Voorhees Transportation Center at Rutgers, where he served as a senior fellow and is now director emeritus. He founded the Center's predecessor organization, the Transportation Policy Institute. Before coming to Rutgers, he was project director of Access to the Region's Core, a joint planning venture of the Port Authority of New York & New Jersey, the Metropolitan Transportation Authority and NJ TRANSIT that examined the need for a new trans-Hudson passenger rail tunnel. Earlier, Robins served as director of NJ TRANSIT's Waterfront Transportation Office, where he oversaw the planning of the Hudson-Bergen Light Rail Line, a successful project that now carries more than 20,000 people a day and is shaping the development along the Hudson County waterfront. He served as director of planning and development for the Port Authority of NY & NJ, where he conducted studies of trans-Hudson transportation and freight movement. Robins assisted NJ Commissioner of Transportation Louis J. Gambaccini in the founding of NJ Transit and served as deputy executive director of the new statewide transit agency.

Robert Shinn served as freeholder director and freeholder in Burlington County and vice president of the New Jersey Pinelands Commission, where he was instrumental in Pinelands Development Credit Concept and application. As a freeholder, he drafted the resolution creating the Pinelands Conservation Easement and the Pinelands Development Credit Exchange; the purchase of the first Pinelands Development Credit ultimately preserved over 3,000 acres. Shinn placed two \$1 million questions on the ballot: for Pinelands preservation in 1922 and for farmland preservation in 1978. He purchased the first New Jersey conservation easement in the Pinelands in 1978; the first New Jersey Farmland Development rights on four farms, totaling over 600 acres, located in Chesterfield Township; and the first purchase under New Jersey's Farmland Preservation bond issue and farmland program. He also served as manager of research and special projects for Burlington County. Shinn served in the New Jersey Assembly and chaired the Solid Waste Committee. He served as NJ Department of Environmental Protection commissioner from 1994 – 2002. Shinn has served as mayor and township committeeman in Hainesport Township. He currently serves as member of the New Jersey's Pinelands Development Credit Bank board and is president of Sustainability and Stewardship Concepts (S2 Concepts) in Hainesport.

Gary S. Stein served for more than 17 years on the New Jersey State Supreme Court. As a Justice, he wrote more than 365 published opinions during his tenure, the sixth longest in the State Supreme Court's history. Prior to that, he served as director of the Governor's Office of Policy and Planning during the Kean Administration. In addition, Stein acted as Paramus borough attorney and counsel to the New Jersey Election Law Revision Commission. He also is a former counsel to the Teaneck Board of Adjustment, former chairperson of the Bergen County District Ethics Committee, and former chairperson of the Supreme Court Committee on Complementary Dispute Resolution. Stein is a fellow of the American Bar Foundation and formerly chaired the New Jersey State Bar Association's Committee on State Legislation. He is

currently special counsel to the law firm of Pashman Stein and teaches election law and health care law as an adjunct professor of Rutgers Law School. Stein is a member of the boards of trustees of Valley Hospital and Drew University.

Robert K. Tucker joined the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection in 1977; during his tenure there, Department scientists carried out a number of innovative programs and were involved in many of the more notorious toxics investigations. In 1988, NJDEP's Division of Science and Research was cited, by the National Governors' Association for having the best comprehensive state environmental science and research program in the nation. Tucker directed a statewide survey of toxics in groundwater, and, he and the unit he managed discovered dioxin in the Passaic River and Newark Bay, through the testing of fish. Tucker was appointed director of the Division of Science and Research in 1986. After he retired from the Department, he served four years as a research professor at Cook College, Rutgers University, directing the EcoPolicy Center and teaching environmental policy. This was followed, in 2000-2004, by a stint at the Stony Brook-Millstone Watershed Association, directing a National Science Foundation/USEPA funded wetlands research project. Tucker has served for more than ten years on the New Jersey Wetlands Mitigation Council as well as on the board of the Pinelands Preservation Alliance. He received a BA in biochemistry from the University of California, Berkeley, and a Ph.D. in zoology, specializing in marine ecology, from Duke University.

Anthony "Doc" Villane, Jr. attended Rutgers University in Newark and earned his dental degree at Temple University. Upon graduation from Temple in 1955, Villane enlisted in the United States Air Force, where he served three years as a captain. He maintained a private dental practice in Eatontown, New Jersey from 1958 until his retirement in 2012. Villane was elected to the NJ State Assembly from the 11th Legislative District in 1975 and was reelected 6 times. His legislative initiatives included The Shore Protection Bond Act and a myriad of environmental protection initiatives aimed at preserving and protecting the New Jersey shore area. He also chaired the Assembly Appropriations committee from 1986 through 1987. In 1988 he was selected to serve as commissioner of the Department of Community Affairs under Governor Thomas H. Kean; later he was appointed regional administrator of the Department of Housing and Urban Development by President George H.W. Bush.

John Weingart is associate director of the Eagleton Institute of Politics. He also chaired New Jersey's Highlands Water Protection and Planning Council from its establishment in 2004 through 2009. Before coming to Eagleton, Weingart worked in New Jersey state government, focusing on environmental and land use issues, during the administrations of two Democratic and two Republican governors, including that of Governor Florio. His posts included director of the Division of Coastal Resources and assistant commissioner of the Department of Environmental Protection; and executive director of the state's Low-Level Radioactive Waste Disposal Facility Siting Board. He chaired the Delaware and Raritan Canal Commission from 2002-2004.

Larry Weitzner is Chairman of Jamestown Associates, a firm working as a political, strategic and public policy consultant to campaigns, businesses, political and civic organizations. He currently is an advisor to Governor Christie's campaign. Before founding Jamestown Associates in 1990, he served as Deputy Commissioner of Community Affairs for Governor Kean; Director of his office of Hudson River Waterfront Development; and as deputy director of the Office of Policy and Planning. He previously was a legislative aide in the State Assembly. Since 1995, Larry has provided support to Richard and Maureen Kanka, helping them successfully lobby for the adoption of a national Megan's Law and raise money for the Megan Nicole Kanka Foundation. He is a frequent political commentator on television and has been quoted in such newspapers as the *New York Times*, the *Star-Ledger*, the *Philadelphia Inquirer*, *Roll Call* and the *Washington Post*. He has a Bachelor's degree from Lehigh University and a law degree from Seton Hall University.

Thomas Wells is the director of government relations for The Nature Conservancy in New Jersey. Prior to his tenure with the Conservancy, Wells served in the administrations of New Jersey Governors Tom Kean, Jim Florio and Christie Whitman ; for ten years, he was administrator of the nationally recognized Green Acres Program, which has provided over \$3 billion for open space preservation and park improvement projects in New Jersey. Wells also served for nine years as assistant director of the New Jersey Conservation Foundation, a statewide land conservation organization. He began his professional career working for several New York metropolitan area firms as a landscape architect and urban designer. Wells holds a bachelor of science degree from Rutgers University and a master of landscape architecture degree from the University of Michigan.

Cynthia Zipf is the founder and executive director of Clean Ocean Action, established by 20 founding organizations in 1984 when the waters off the NY/NJ coasts were known as the "Ocean Dumping Capitol of the World". Today, the coalition, is the only full-time ocean advocacy organization dedicated exclusively to the NY and NJ region. Zipf serves on several boards including the American Littoral Society (Sandy Hook, NJ), Environmental Endowment of New Jersey, and Blue Frontier Campaign. She has received numerous awards on behalf of Clean Ocean Action from national, regional, and local government and non-governmental organizations, foundations, and news media, Zipf is a graduate of the University of Rhode Island with a B.A. in geography and marine affairs with a special emphasis in marine science.