

LAURA ENGLEBY

Senior Advisor



Laura Engleby is a Senior Advisor at The Water Institute, specializing in marine mammal science and policy. Her work encompasses program management, project coordination, and policy assessment, supporting the integration of scientific research into effective management and decision-making frameworks. At The Water Institute, Laura provides technical expertise on projects involving marine mammals and contributes to drafting scientific and policy documents related to marine mammal considerations.

COMPANY ROLE

Senior Advisor

EDUCATION

MS, Marine Mammal Science, New College of Florida, *Expected 2026*

BS, Geology, Radford University, 1986

BBA, Marketing, Texas Tech University, 1990

HONORS

NOAA Administrator's Award, 2020

NOAA Silver Sherman Award, 2016

Society for Marine Mammalogy Conference Co-Chair to the 19th Biennial Conference on the Biology of Marine Mammals, 2012

NOAA Bronze Medal Award, 2007, 2005, 2003

National Sea Grant "Blue Ribbon Award" for best newsletter, 2001

Laura earned her B.S. in Geology from Radford University and completed the Environmental Studies Graduate Program at Florida International University. She is currently pursuing an M.S. in Marine Mammal Science at New College of Florida. Over the course of her career with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Laura has received numerous accolades, including the NOAA Administrator Award in 2020 for developing an innovative plan to restore trust resources for marine mammals injured by the Deepwater Horizon oil spill and for her contributions to advancing restoration science.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2025-Present: Senior Advisor, The Water Institute

2006-Present: Marine Mammal Branch Chief, NOAA Fisheries Service Southeast Region

2004-2006: Marine Mammal Health and Stranding Response Administrator / Pelagic Longline Take Reduction Team Coordinator, NOAA Fisheries Southeast Region

2003-2004: Fishery Biologist, NOAA Fisheries Southeast Science Center

2002-2003: Project Management and Development Specialist, NOAA-NOS Coastal Services Center

1999-2002: Florida Bay Project Coordinator, Florida Sea Grant at the University of Florida

1997-1999: Field Biologist, Ocean Alliance

1994-1997: Education Director, Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary

1986-1993: Director of Education, Dolphin Research Center

1988-1998: Whale Naturalist, Baja Discovery



SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

1. Engleby, L. and J. Powell. (2019). Detailed observations and mechanisms of mud-ring feeding by common bottlenose dolphins (*Tursiops truncatus truncatus*) in Florida Bay, Florida, U.S.A. *Marine Mammal Science*, 35(3), 1162-1172. [hVps://doi.org/10.1111/mms.12583](https://doi.org/10.1111/mms.12583)
2. Powell, J., A. Machernis, L. Engleby, N. Farmer, T. Spradlin. (2018). Sixteen years later: an updated evaluation of the impacts of chronic human interactions with bottlenose dolphins (*Tursiops Truncatus, truncatus*) at Panama City, Florida, USA. *Journal of Cetacean Research and Management*. 19, 79-93.
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5. Andersen, M. S., K. A. Forney, T. V. N. Cole, T. Eagle, R. Angliss, K. Long, L. Barre, L. Van AVa, D. Borggaard, T. Rowles, B. Norberg, J. Whaley, and L. Engleby. (September 2007). *Differentiating Serious and Non-Serious Injury of Marine Mammals: Report of the Serious Injury Technical Workshop*, U.S. Dep. Commerce, NOAA Technical Memorandum NMFS-OPR-39
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7. Whaley, J., L. Engleby. (2009). *Policies and Best Practices for Marine Mammal Stranding Response, Rehabilitation, and Release*. National Marine Fisheries Service, Policy Document.
8. A Samuels, L. Bejder, B. Chicoski, L. Engleby, A. Mehta. 2003. *An annotated bibliography pertaining to human interaction with terrestrial wildlife*. *Contract report*, Marine Mammal Commission.