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She holds a B.Sc. and M.Sc. in Earth Systems from Stanford University, where her studies focused on environmental economics, ecology, community development, and the environmental impact of food production systems. Before joining WWF in 2004, Katherine worked as an agroforestry technician in South America.

In 2005, she contributed to and managed the production of *Aquaculture and the Environment*, a 600-page handbook for WWF staff worldwide which details production practices, environmental impacts of production, and market trends for aquaculture products.

Ms. Bostick has managed the Salmon Aquaculture Dialogue since its beginning in early 2004. The Salmon Aquaculture Dialogue is an international, multi-stakeholder initiative that aims to develop and implement verifiable environmental and social performance levels and standards that measurably reduce or eliminate key impacts of salmon farming and are acceptable to stakeholders. As manager of the Salmon Dialogue, Ms. Bostick collaborates closely with representatives from NGOs, industry, governments, and retailers in this effort for a wide range of interests to come to consensus on the key impacts of salmon aquaculture and means to reduce them.

In addition, she is more broadly involved in WWF's efforts to develop principles, criteria, and measurable standards for a dozen different aquaculture species groups. While at WWF, Ms. Bostick has reviewed and provided comments on numerous codes of conduct, standards, BMPs, and conventional and organic certification schemes for a variety of aquaculture species. She participated in the development of international principles for sustainable shrimp farming which are being submitted to the FAO Committee on Fisheries for intergovernmental approval.