

NINA M. YOUNG – Director of Marine Wildlife Conservation. Ms. Young has led The Ocean Conservancy’s efforts to conserve marine mammals for twelve years. Her legislative advocacy resulted in significant gains during reauthorizations of the Marine Mammal Protection Act and the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act. She has been instrumental in negotiating measures to reduce the incidental mortality of marine mammals in domestic and international commercial fishing operations. She also helped to draft provisions and secure the passage of the Marine Mammal Health Stranding and Response Act, the Dolphin Protection and Consumer Information Act, and the International Dolphin Conservation Program Act. Through her programs, The Ocean Conservancy regularly supports international workshops to train stranding network volunteers in necropsy techniques. Ms. Young is a member emerita of the Unusual Mortality Event Working Group. Recently she worked with the National Marine Fisheries Service and other researchers to convene a workshop to investigate issues related to Hawaiian Monk Seal Health Studies. Ms. Young has authored and co-authored numerous articles and reports on environmental law and policy, marine mammal conservation and science, and environmental science and toxicology. Before joining The Ocean Conservancy, she was a Researcher at Battelle Ocean Sciences and the field task leader for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Mussel Watch Program. As well as being a member of the Society for Marine Mammalogy, Ms. Young has been a member of the International Association for Aquatic Animal Medicine since 1983 and is a past board member. Ms. Young holds an M.S. degree (Major: Physiology; Minor: Zoology and Veterinary Science) from the University of Florida.