

## Bio – Thomas Laughlin

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**Thomas Laughlin** comes to IUCN from one of IUCN's government agency members and key partners, the US National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). As the Former Deputy Director Office of International Affairs, Tom will bring a wealth of experience as an international negotiator to the Union's marine program as well as IUCN as a whole.

Tom spent 28 years with NOAA as a U.S. government spokesman dealing with a wide range of marine topics, including land based sources of marine pollution, regional seas, Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) marine conservation and polar issues. He has served as chair for a number of working groups including a number of associated UNEP processes and the Arctic Council.

Tom Laughlin holds a B.A. in political science from Yale University and an M.A. in political science from Northwestern University.