



# City of Seattle Boards & Commissions Notice of Appointment

<b>Appointee Name:</b> <i>Joshua N. Morris</i>		
<b>Board/Commission Name:</b> <i>Urban Forestry Commission</i>		<b>Position Title:</b> <i>NGO Representative</i>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Appointment <b>OR</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Reappointment		<b>Council Confirmation required?</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<b>Appointing Authority:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Council <input type="checkbox"/> Mayor <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <i>Fill in appointing authority</i>	<b>Date Appointed:</b> <del>mm/dd/yy.</del> <i>4/11/19</i>	<b>Term of Position: *</b> <i>4/1/2019</i> <b>to</b> <i>3/31/2022</i>  <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Serving remaining term of a vacant position</i>
<b>Residential Neighborhood:</b> <i>Capitol Hill</i>	<b>Zip Code:</b> <i>98102</i>	<b>Contact Phone No.:</b>
<b>Background:</b> <i>Joshua is the Urban Conservation Manager at Seattle Audubon. In his role, Joshua leads engagement on local conservation issues and coordinates coalition building, advocacy and outreach to support urban conservation priorities which include our urban trees.</i>  <i>Joshua holds a Master of Arts in international environmental policy and brings over ten years of professional and volunteer experience in environmental conservation to the Urban Forestry Commission.</i>  <i>He is being appointed to a three-year term ending March 31, 2022.</i>		
<b>Authorizing Signature (original signature):</b> 	<b>Appointing Signatory:</b> <i>Mike O'Brien</i>  <i>Councilmember</i>	

\*Term begin and end date is fixed and tied to the position and not the appointment date.

# JOSHUA N. MORRIS



## CONSERVATIONIST/ENVIRONMENTALIST

I'm an environmentalist committed to protecting Earth's biodiversity through science, policy, education, and advocacy. I have over ten years of professional and volunteer experience and have successfully worked with a wide variety of people and organizations, from subsistence farmers in Cameroon to elected officials in Seattle. I am applying to represent Seattle Audubon as NGO Representative, Position 7, on Seattle's Urban Forestry Commission.

## KEY STRENGTHS

- Data analysis (Tableau, Excel, ArcGIS MS SQL Server)
- Research and report writing
- Project management
- Policy analysis
- Climate change adaptation & vulnerability analyses
- Intercultural communication
- Public speaking

## EDUCATION

- Master of Arts** 08/2017  
International Environmental Policy  
Middlebury Institute of International Studies, Monterey, California
- Bachelor of Science** 08/2008  
Biochemistry  
University of Washington, Seattle
- Bachelor of Science** 08/2008  
Neurobiology  
University of Washington, Seattle

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Urban Conservation Manager** 10/2018 – Present  
Seattle Audubon, Seattle, Washington
- Lead Seattle Audubon's engagement on local conservation issues.
  - Coordinate collation building, advocacy, and outreach to support urban conservation priorities.
  - Work cooperatively with conservation partners across the City of Seattle and the region.
- Project Scientist** 08/2017 – 09/2018  
The Nature Conservancy  
& University of California Santa Cruz, California
- Developed conceptual framework and geodatabase for sea level rise conservation action planning along California's 21 coastal counties. Work will guide investments in potential future habitat and non-conservation lands resilient to sea level rise.
  - Compiled comprehensive reference list of policy and financing options for strategic sea level rise conservation.
  - Co-authored technical report assessing the vulnerability of 40 coastal habitat types, conservation lands, and imperiled species to sea level rise in California.
- California Coastal Conservation Assessment Fellow** 12/2016 – 08/2017  
The Nature Conservancy, Santa Cruz, California
- Designed and executed a spatially explicit vulnerability analysis for 396 socially significant coastal access locations in California with an eye toward environmental justice.
  - Co-developed a transparent process for characterizing the conservation management status of over 20,000 square kilometers of coastal California.
  - Managed, mined and visualized data using ArcGIS, Tableau, MS SQL Server, and Excel to derive high-impact messages from our coastal vulnerability assessment. Generated over 30 publishable visualizations and infographics.

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE (CONT.)**

- Environmental Economics Graduate Teaching Assistant** 09/2016 – 12/2016  
*Middlebury Institute of International Studies, Monterey, California*
- Led economics review sessions for 46 graduate students.
  - Review topics included: Pigouvian taxation, Coase theorem, non-market ecosystem service valuation techniques, and fisheries and forestry economics.
- Research Fellow: Deep-sea Mining in the Pacific** 05/2016 – 09/2016  
*International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), Suva, Fiji*
- Interviewed a wide range of stakeholders regarding the potential benefits and impacts of deep-sea mining, including former government ministers, scientists, lawyers, and economists.
  - Co-author on green paper synthesizing and simplifying the literature on deep-sea mining for use by country leaders.
- Graduate Research Assistant: Non-market Valuation of Ecosystem Services** 02/2016 – 05/2016  
*National Ocean Economics Program (NOEP)  
 Center for the Blue Economy, Monterey, California*
- Located, reviewed, and summarized 100+ studies of non-market valuation of ecosystem services for inclusion in the NOEP's data base and for use in large-scale metaanalysis.
  - Reviewed and revised existing 700 records in NOEP database for quality assurance/quality control.
- Legal Assistant** 11/2014 – 12/2015  
*Johnson, Fantl & Kennifer, LLP, Monterey, California*
- Drafted initial versions of legal instruments including trusts, wills, power of attorney documents, and grant deeds.
  - Effectively worked with a variety of legal, financial, and real-estate professionals to transferred millions of dollars of assets into the trust funds of over 20 clients.
- Science Assessment Editor / Item Writer** 01/2014 – 10/2014  
*CTB/McGraw-Hill, Monterey, California*
- Critically reviewed and edited standardized science questions for content, depth of knowledge, and bias control.
  - Wrote 100+ original, high-quality, creative science questions for use on high-stakes assessment tools.
  - Managed, tracked, and manipulated meta-data for thousands of test questions.
- High School Chemistry Teacher** 06/2011– 07/2013  
*United States Peace Corps  
 Government High School, Ewoh, Republic of Cameroon*
- Taught chemistry and computer science to 120 students at a government high school, achieving one of the highest pass rates in the school.
  - Organized and presented at a workshop on HIV virology for health care professionals.
  - Integrated into small-village society, becoming conversational in West-African pidgin English and earning social rank of "quarter head" by the village chief.
- VOLUNTEER SERVICE**
- Seattle Urban Nature Guide** 08/2018-Present  
*Seattle Parks and Recreation, Seattle, Washington*
- Develop thematic, interpretive nature programming for Seattle Parks.
  - Lead public guided nature walks with up to 20 participants.
- Founding President** 09/2016 – 08/2017  
*MIIIS Ocean Club, Middlebury Inst. of Int'l Studies, Monterey, California*
- Founded new campus club to promote ocean activism and recreation.
  - Planned 6 events/semester, including beach cleanups, kayak trips, film screenings, and moderated panel discussions.
- Marine Protected Areas Watch Volunteer** 2015  
*The Otter Project, Santa Cruz, California*
- Citizen scientist collecting human use data on marine protected areas and sea otter occurrences.
- Adult Literacy Tutor** 2015  
*Monterey County Free Libraries, California*
- Worked one-on-one with adult non-native English speaker to improve literacy skills.

**VOLUNTEER SERVICE (CONT.)****Ecotourism Director**

02/2010 – 11/2010

*Tia Marie's Coastal Cooperative*, San Carlos, Mexico

- Scouted routes for interpretive, guided desert hikes.
- Developed field guide to local flora.

**Orphanage Volunteer**

01/2009 – 05/2009

*OCEAN Nepal*, Kathmandu, Nepal

- Provided general care to 10 children at a privately-funded orphanage.
- Raised over \$4,000 in private donations for OCEAN Nepal.

**PUBLICATIONS**Technical Report

Heady, W. N., B. S. Cohen, M. G. Gleason, **J. N. Morris**, S. G. Newkirk, K. R. Klausmeyer, H. Walecka, E. Gagneron, M. Small. 2018. *Conserving California's Coastal Habitats: A Legacy and a Future with Sea Level Rise*. The Nature Conservancy, San Francisco, CA; California State Coastal Conservancy, Oakland, CA. 143 pages.  
[www.coastalresilience.org/project/conservation-assessment/](http://www.coastalresilience.org/project/conservation-assessment/)

Grants

Capitol Hill Connections: Reducing Pesticide Use at Cal Anderson Park and Creating a Vegetation Plan for a Habitat Corridor along 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue in Capitol Hill (Pending). National Fish and Wildlife Foundation's 5 Star and Urban Waters Restoration Program. Lead: **Joshua Morris**. \$40,000.

Conservation and Adaptation to Maintain Coastal Habitat for Future Californians. Ocean Protection Council Proposition 84 Competitive Grant Program. PIs: Walter Heady, Charles Colgan, Sarah Newkirk. \$247,000.

Non-use values of deep-sea ecosystems in Fiji. U.S. Fulbright Fellowship Program 2017 (Alternate Selection).

Other

**Morris, Joshua**. 2017. ProbleMaro [Ocean of Troubles]. *American Esperantist*. No. 2017:3 (May-Jun). Esperanto-USA, Emeryville, CA. <http://esperanto-usa.org/bulteno/arhivo/2017/03/60-scienco/>

**Morris, Joshua**. "Chapter 2 in which Josh continually wonders what could possibly go wrong." CBE Summer Fellows Internship Program. 31 July 2016. [sites.miis.edu/cbefellows/2016/07/31/chapter-2-in-which-josh-continually-wonders-what-could-possibly-go-wrong/#more-1035](http://sites.miis.edu/cbefellows/2016/07/31/chapter-2-in-which-josh-continually-wonders-what-could-possibly-go-wrong/#more-1035)

**Morris, Joshua**. "Lizard Replaces Queen on Coin, and Other Wonderful News." CBE Summer Fellows Internship Program. 28 June 2016 [sites.miis.edu/cbefellows/2016/06/28/lizard-replaces-queen-on-coin-and-other-wonderful-news/#more-771](http://sites.miis.edu/cbefellows/2016/06/28/lizard-replaces-queen-on-coin-and-other-wonderful-news/#more-771)

**Morris, Joshua**. 2011. Dankon malgraue [Thanks anyway]. *American Esperantist*. No. 2011:6 (Nov-Dec). Esperanto-USA, Emeryville, CA. <http://esperanto-usa.org/bulteno/arhivo/2011/06/09-djk/>

**Morris, Joshua**. 2012. Kien vi iras? [Where are you going?]. *American Esperantist*. No. 2011:5 (Sep-Oct). Esperanto-USA, Emeryville, CA. <http://esperanto-usa.org/bulteno/arhivo/2011/05/08-djk/>

**Morris, Joshua**. 2011. Blankulo [White Man]. *American Esperantist*. No. 2011:4 (Jul-Aug). Esperanto-USA, Emeryville, CA. <http://esperanto-usa.org/bulteno/arhivo/2011/04/06-djk/>

**WEB PRESENCE**

LinkedIn: <https://www.linkedin.com/in/joshuanmorris/>

iNaturalist: [https://www.inaturalist.org/observations?user\\_id=joshuamorris](https://www.inaturalist.org/observations?user_id=joshuamorris)

13 Members: Pursuant to SMC 3.14.920, all members subject to City Council confirmation, 3-year terms:

- 6 City Council-appointed
- 6 Mayor-appointed
- 1 Commission-appointed

**Roster:**

*D	**G	RD	Position No.	Position Title	Name	Term Begin Date	Term End Date	Term #	Appointed By
6	M		1.	Wildlife Biologist	Steve Zemke	12/1/16	3/31/20	2	Council
6	F		2.	Urban Ecologist	Sandra Whiting	12/1/16	3/31/20	1	Mayor
6	M		3.	Natural Resource Agency or University Representative	Weston Brinkley	12/1/15	3/31/19	1	Council
6	F		4.	Hydrologist or Similar Professional	Sarah Rehder	4/1/18	3/31/21	2	Mayor
6	M		5.	Arborist	Stuart Niven	4/1/18	3/31/21	1	Council
6	M		6.	Landscape Architect	Michael Walton	4/1/18	3/31/21	1	Mayor
6	M		7.	NGO Representative	Joshua N. Morris	4/1/19	3/31/22	1	Council
6	M		8.	Development Community or Utility Representative	Andrew Zellers	12/1/15	3/31/19	1	Mayor
6	M		9.	Economist, Financial Analyst, Realtor, or Similar Professional	Craig Johnson	12/1/16	3/31/20	1	Commission
1	F		10.	Get Engaged Member	Bonnie Lei	9/1/18	8/31/19	1	Mayor
6	M		11.	Environmental Justice Rep.	Whitman Bouton	4/1/18	3/31/21	1	Council
6	F		12.	Public Health Rep.	Jessica Jones	4/1/18	3/31/21	1	Mayor
2	F		13	Community/Neighborhood Rep.	Shari Selch	4/1/18	3/31/21	1	Council

**SELF-IDENTIFIED DIVERSITY CHART**

	Men	Women	Transgender	Unknown	(1) Asian	(2) Black/ African American	(3) Hispanic/ Latino	(4) American Indian/ Alaska Native	(5) Other	(6) Caucasian/ Non- Hispanic	(7) Pacific Islander	(8) Middle Eastern	(9) Multiracial
Mayor	2	4			1					5			
Council	5	1				1				6			
Other	1									1			
<b>Total</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>6</b>								<b>13</b>			

**Key:**

- \*D List the corresponding *Diversity Chart* number (1 through 9)
- \*\*G List *gender*, M= Male, F= Female, T= Transgender, NB= Non-Binary O= Other U= Unknown
- RD Residential Council District number 1 through 7 or N/A

*Diversity information is self-identified and is voluntary.*