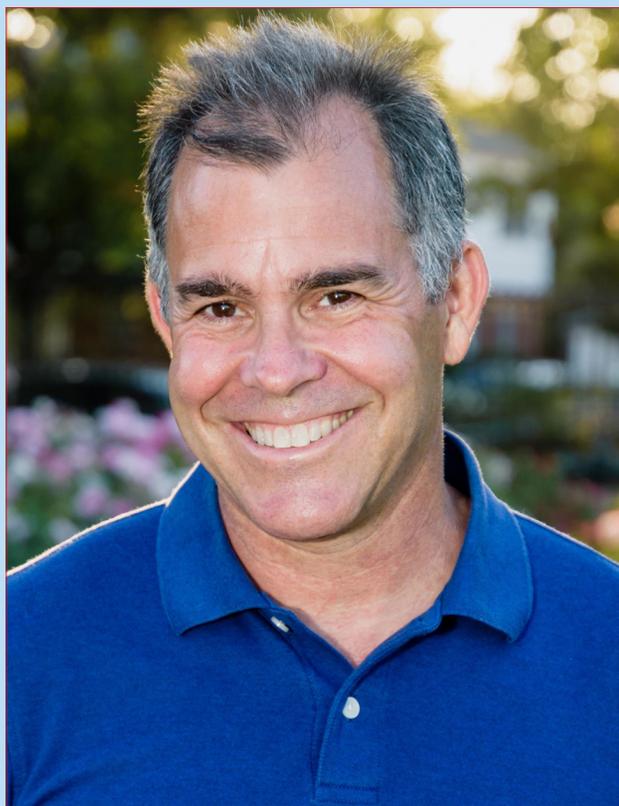




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## ABOUT Michael Murphy

Michael Murphy has worked for the past 25 years at the nexus of science, public policy and communications to assist public agencies, businesses and nonprofits to create sustainable products and solve environmental challenges. He has expertise in biological and physical sciences, communications, government relations, resource economics, public policy, and consumer behavior.

“Murph,” as he is known by his colleagues at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), currently serves as the Communications Director for NOAA Research. Prior to joining NOAA for his second tenure, he worked as a Science Communications Consultant advising a wide range of businesses such as Costco, led a non-profit advocating for sustainable water use in California, and served as Communications Director for a Stanford University environmental institute. He began his career at NOAA where he served for 12 years in various communications and outreach capacities for NOAA’s Office of National Marine Sanctuaries and National Centers for Coastal Ocean Sciences. He joined NOAA in 1995 as a Knauss Sea Grant Fellow.

He received his M.S. in Marine Resource Management from Oregon State University and a B.S. in Aquatic Biology from the University of California at Santa Barbara. In his spare time, Michael loves to cook, fish, dive, travel and explore the outdoors with his wife and two daughters.