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SUMMARY OF QUALIFICATIONS

Proven communications and management skillsets in ocean policy and marine ecosystems, coastal conservation, and climate, using digital communication strategies, creative coalition building, and traditional and online organizing techniques. Mr. Charter worked extensively with the full range of Alaskan interest groups to utilize Traditional Ecological Knowledge to successfully secure permanent protection from offshore oil and gas leasing for Bristol Bay, and has spent time amidst Alaska's proprietary North Slope oil production facilities. He has detailed knowledge of the status of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, the Willow Prospect, the Liberty Project, Arctic Ocean and Lower-48 federal offshore oil and gas leases, methane hydrates, the implications of black carbon, and climate-related coastal erosion at Newtok, Alaska. Richard has worked directly with First Nations leadership in British Columbia in a successful response to proposed offshore oil drilling plans for their coastal waters. Mr. Charter has guided communities throughout the Pacific Region and NGO colleagues globally on the protection of public health and the environment in the context of deep-sea mining, offshore drilling, chemical dispersants, and other hydrocarbon pollution issues. Richard is experienced in convening inclusive stakeholder proceedings to achieve long-term goals, while working smoothly online from any location with colleagues elsewhere. Mr. Charter has a proven track record in drafting and guiding the adoption of federal and state legislation and constructive environmental regulations and providing legislative interpretation for the layperson and the press, while serving as a registered lobbyist on Capitol Hill. Mr. Charter has represented California's bipartisan statewide coalition of coastal local governments, including the counties of San Diego, San Luis Obispo, Monterey, Santa Cruz, San Mateo, Sonoma, Marin, Mendocino, and Humboldt, as well as the cities of San Diego, Newport Beach, Laguna Beach, and San Francisco in their multi-year cooperative efforts to protect the California coastline from expanded offshore drilling. He was responsible for initiating the twenty-seven-year congressional moratorium on offshore oil and gas leasing which has successfully prevented new offshore drilling along the U.S. West Coast, the East Coast, and all of Florida's coastline, in addition to permanently protecting Alaska's Bristol Bay. Mr. Charter also helped to guide the successful execution of the January 2025 Presidential OCS Withdrawals by the Biden Administration, effectively prohibiting offshore drilling along the U.S. West Coast, the East Coast, and much of the Florida Gulf Coast, in addition to permanently protecting Alaska's Northern Bering Sea. Mr. Charter helped to craft stakeholder negotiations and public relations efforts leading to the creation of the first science-based U.S. network of marine reserves around California's Channel Islands. Mr. Charter served on the stakeholder negotiating team that achieved the designation of a network of marine protected areas along the North-Central California coast under the state's Marine Life Protection Act. Mr. Charter has appeared live on CNN, CBS Evening News, NPR, Irish Public Radio, Al Jazeera, and other major media outlets on a range of conservation advocacy topics. Mr. Charter's new documentary film, "Defend the Deep", in April of 2025 won the Science category award at the International Ocean Film Festival in San Francisco, California.

EXPERIENCE

2011-current The Ocean Foundation, Senior Fellow
 2010-2011 Senior Policy Advisor, Marine Programs, Defenders of Wildlife
 2006-2009 Government Relations, Defenders of Wildlife
 2004-2005 Marine Conservation Advocate, Environmental Defense
 1996-1997 Business and Government Coordinator, Clean Water Network, NRDC
 1994-1996 Executive Director, Sonoma Land Trust
 1979-1993 Local Government OCS Coordinator, County of Santa Cruz, California

SOCIETIES, COMMITTEES AND HONORS

-Conservation Primary Seat, Greater Farallones National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council, 2002-2022.
 -Marine Life Protection Act Regional Stakeholders Group, North-Central Region, Conservation Alternate, 2010-2012.
 -Conservation Representative, Methane Hydrates Advisory Committee, U.S. Department of Energy, 2001-2017.
 -Co-Chair, National Outer Continental Shelf Coalition, 1985-2010.
 -Alternate Member, Minerals Management Service Pacific Regional Technical Working Group, U.S. Department of Interior, 1981-1982.
 -Negotiator, Alaska OCS Offshore Oil and Gas Consensus Process, sponsored by Robert Redford and the Institute for Resource Management, 1984-1985
 -Fifth Supervisorial District Appointee to Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District Advisory Committee, 1997-1998
 -Founding Boardmember, American Oceans Campaign (predecessor of “Oceana”) 1990-2003

PUBLICATIONS:

Authored and co-authored a number of publications, including articles for the MIT *Environmental Assessment Review*, the public participation section of the book “*Coastal Alert, Ecosystems, Energy, and Offshore Drilling*” published by Island Press, downloadable on Amazon at https://www.amazon.com/Coastal-Alert-Ecosystems-Offshore-Drilling-ebook/dp/B008JH5IQ2/ref=sr_1_1?dchild=

The eBook “Only Living Planet” about the transition to low-carbon energy at

<http://OnlyLivingPlanet.org>

The booklet “*Restoring Paradise: Citizen’s Guide to Marine Reserves in California’s Channel Islands*”

The eBook “*Bring Back the Gulf*” downloadable at <http://BringBacktheGulf.org>

VIDEO/ FILM APPEARANCES AND NEWS SAMPLES featuring Richard Charter:

Co-directed and co-produced “*Defend the Deep*”, a documentary film about deep-sea mining impacts and the need for public participation in the International Seabed Authority at <http://TheDeepMovie.org> (winner of the Science category award at the 2025 International Ocean Film Festival)

“*American Shoreline Podcast Network on 27-Year Fight for the congressional offshore drilling moratorium*” at <https://open.spotify.com/episode/4swagasaBVtPzG8esHIUNA>

“CNN on Deepwater Horizon” at
<http://www.cnn.com/2010/US/05/01/louisiana.oil.spill/index.html>

“CNN on Consequences of Oilspills” at
<http://www.cnn.com/2010/US/05/03/oil.spill.environmental.impacts/index.html>

“National Geographic: Oil Spill Fears Subside” at
<http://www.cnn.com/2010/US/05/03/oil.spill.environmental.impacts/index.html>

“Channel Islands Marine Reserves” at
https://www.edf.org/sites/default/files/2575_Solutions0103.pdf