

2019 NARWC Nominees for Vice-Chair

Moira Brown, Canadian Whale Institute/Campobello Whale Rescue Team/Scientist Emeritus Anderson Cabot Center for Ocean Life at the New England Aquarium, Canada

Member of the NARWC since its inception, past chair of the board from 2007-2010. Primary research interests since 1985 include studies on the distribution, population biology and genetics of North Atlantic right whales. Conservation work is focused on right whales and human related threats. She was instrumental in working with the shipping industry, scientists at Dalhousie University and New England Aquarium, Canadian government regulators and the International Maritime Organization to gain two conservation measures to substantially reduce the risk of vessel strikes of right whales in the Bay of Fundy and south of Nova Scotia. She continues to work with mariners to address vessel strike and fishing gear entanglement threats as right whale feeding habitat shifts into the Gulf of St. Lawrence. Actively engaged in right whale research, disentanglement operations and the development, implementation and monitoring of conservation activities (reducing vessel strikes and fishing gear entanglement), member of the Transport Canada North Atlantic Right Whale Technical Working group for Vessel Strikes.

Peter Corkeron, Anderson Cabot Center for Ocean Life at the New England Aquarium, United States

Peter Corkeron recently started work with the whale research team at the Anderson Cabot Center for Ocean Life at the New England Aquarium. Prior to this move, he spent 8 years with the large whale research group at NOAA's Northeast Fisheries Science Center in Woods Hole. Peter's PhD, awarded by the University of Queensland, was on the behavior and ecology of inshore dolphins in southeast Queensland, Australia. Since then, he's studied whales, dolphins, dugongs and seals at various places around the world. The aim of his work has always been to use science for marine conservation. He has been involved in research on North Atlantic right whales for over a decade, and on right whales since 1991. Previously, he was the NMFS representative on the Consortium Board.

Tim Frasier, St. Mary's University, Canada

I have been conducting genetic analyses on the North Atlantic right whale for over 20 years. My laboratory houses the archival North Atlantic right whale tissue and DNA bank, and generates and curates the genetic data. My primary goal is to use the genetic data to aid population assessment and monitoring efforts, as well as to understand the influence of genetic characteristics on the fitness of individuals and the recovery potential of the species as a whole.

Michael Moore, Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution, United States

Michael Moore is a veterinary scientist at the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution (WHOI). He has been at WHOI since 1986, pursuing his interests in the relationship between humans and marine mammals. He tries to combine a clinical veterinary approach that focuses on diagnosis, treatment and welfare advocacy, with an objective scientific investigation on the underlying basis for the human-caused trauma and stress that is so evidently threatening individual right whales and their species. He sees the Right Whale Consortium as a critical clearing house for change that could lead to a sustainable future for both the species, and affected industries.

Lyn Morissette, M-Expertise Marine, Canada

Lyn Morissette is a marine ecologist who graduated from the University of British Columbia with a PhD in zoology, specialized in marine mammals and fisheries interactions. She has worked as a wildlife conservationist in different parts of the world, with different endangered marine species, and has lead research conservation teams in Africa, the Caribbean and for the European Union. She has specialized in

environmental mediation and focused her work on North Atlantic Right Whales in the Gulf of St. Lawrence and is involved with the NARWC since 2010. Her research is based on a holistic and integrated approach, including ecosystem modelling, behavioural studies and migration tracking of NARW and other endangered whales of the Atlantic. She is also involved in education, ocean literacy, and outreach projects in different médias, schools and coastal communities in North America. She leads a program called Fishers Helping Whales, aiming to develop conservation strategies and new technologies of fishing gear and detection to better understand and protect NARW in the Gulf of St. Lawrence and the Atlantic coast of Canada. She closely works with the stakeholders of the fishing and shipping industries, as well as governmental and academic scientists focusing on NARW biology and ecology.