



Dr. Jane Lubchenco Professor of Marine Biology and Zoology, Oregon State University Dubbed "Calamity Jane" by one critic, Lubchenco is fearful about the state of the earth: "The oceans and other ecosystems are in very serious trouble, and we need to think about, treat, and value them differently," she says. Although her specialty is rocky, intertidal-zone communities of life, Lubchenco has done landmark work assessing the impact of the human footprint on Earth's ecosystems and calculating the economic value of nature's services.

Current Position:

University Distinguished Professor and Advisor in Marine Studies - Oregon State University
Inaugural U.S. Science Envoy for the Ocean – U.S. State Department

Recent Positions:

Mimi and Peter Haas Distinguished Visitor in Public Service and Visiting Fellow, Center for Ocean Solutions, Stanford University, March-June 2013 (on leave from OSU)
Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere and Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), March 20, 2009 to February 27, 2013; (on leave from OSU). Nominated by Barak Obama December 20, 2008; confirmed by U.S. Senate March 19, 2009, resigned February 27, 2013.

Education:

B.A. 1969, Colorado College (Biology; Ford Foundation Independent Study Program);
M.S. 1971, University of Washington (Zoology); **Ph.D.** 1975, Harvard University (Ecology).

Interests/Expertise:

Science, the environment, climate and other global changes and human well-being; social responsibilities of scientists; sustainability science; biodiversity and conservation biology; communication of science to the public, private sector, and policy makers; state of the oceans, rocky intertidal shores, and coastal upwelling ecosystems; ecosystem services; marine reserves; hypoxia ('dead zones'); ocean acidification, evolutionary community ecology; plant-herbivore interactions; biogeography; mollusks; echinoderms; seaweeds.

Short Bio:

Dr. Lubchenco is a marine ecologist and environmental scientist with expertise in oceans, biodiversity, climate change, and interactions between the environment and human well-being. She was Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) from 2009-2013. She has returned to Oregon State University and also serves as the first U.S. Science Envoy for the Ocean. With a Ph.D. in ecology from Harvard University, she is one of the "most highly cited" ecologists in the world; eight of her publications are "Science Citation Classics". She is an elected member of the National Academy of Sciences, among others. She was president of the American Association for Advancement of Science (AAAS) and served on the Pew Oceans Commission, the Joint Oceans Commission Initiative, Council of Advisors for Google Ocean and the Blue Ribbon Panel for the World Bank's Global Partnership for Oceans. Dr. Lubchenco has received numerous awards including a MacArthur "genius" award and 19 honorary doctorates.

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