

**Matthew J. Strickler**

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*Management* - Served as Campaign Director for Senator Northam's successful reelection campaign in 2011; fundraising and budgeting (\$500,000 budget); coordination of campaign consultants, staff and volunteers; setting campaign strategy and messaging.

**Feb. 2008 to Nov. 2008** – Hampton Roads Political Director and Outreach Assistant, Friends of Mark Warner

*Policy support* – Provided region-specific research and decision support on policy issues, most notably Chesapeake Bay restoration, economic development, and military affairs.

*Staff support* – Served as Governor Warner's point of contact during his visits to Hampton Roads; provided event and issue briefings; planned and staffed political events.

*Political organizing* – Served as regional representative to Governor Mark Warner's successful U.S. Senate campaign; attended public events and spoke on behalf of Governor Warner; coordinated events for media and voter outreach; led regional outreach to elected officials and key political contacts.

**Jan. 2007 to Feb. 2008** – Knauss Marine Policy Fellow, Deputy Assistant Sec. of Commerce for Int'l Affairs

*Policy support* – Assisted office staff in support of the DAS, and the Deputy Director of the NOAA Office of International Affairs. Areas of responsibility included climate change, ocean governance, sustainable tourism, ecosystem-based management, maritime security, and capacity building activities associated with free trade agreements and foreign aid.

*Staff support* - Represented NOAA OIA as a member of U.S. delegations at numerous conferences and meetings, including: Caribbean Tourism Organization Sustainable Tourism Conference 9 (Grand Cayman, Cayman Islands); UNICPOLOS negotiations on Marine Genetic Resources (New York, New York); Arctic Council Working Group on Protection of the Arctic Marine Environment (Reykjavik, Iceland); Second Global Conference on Large Marine Ecosystems (Qingdao, China).

**EDUCATION**

**Washington and Lee University** (b) (6)

- BA in Public Policy, Williams School of Commerce, Economics, and Politics
- Certificate in Environmental Studies

**College of William and Mary** (b) (6)

- MA in Public Policy, Thomas Jefferson Program

**Virginia Institute of Marine Science** (b) (6)

- MS in Marine Science, Virginia Institute of Marine Science

**REFERENCES**

**Available upon request.**