

Biography of William J. Chandler

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William J. Chandler is Vice President of Marine Conservation Institute, and directs the Institute's Washington, D.C. office and policy program, a position he has held since 2001. The mission of MCBI is to advance the science of marine conservation biology, and to advocate the protection, restoration and sustainable use of the world's oceans and the biodiversity they harbor.

Prior to joining Marine Conservation Institute, Mr. Chandler managed for 10 years the Department of Conservation Policy of the National Parks Conservation Association, a nonprofit citizens' organization that promotes the protection of America's National Park System.

Formerly, Mr. Chandler was president of his own natural resources policy consulting firm, which conducted policy research and advocacy work for nonprofit and private clients. He also founded and published "Land Letter," a newsletter for conservation professionals, and served as research director or editor for five editions of the Audubon Wildlife Report.

Mr. Chandler has served as a legislative assistant for members of the U.S. Senate and House, was legislative representative for The Nature Conservancy, and was a regional study director for the National Commission on Water Quality. He holds a B.A. in Political Science from Stanford University, and a M.A. in Government from Johns Hopkins University.

Mr. Chandler has authored dozens of reports and articles on land and natural resources conservation. His most recent publication is "The History and Evolution of the National Marine Sanctuaries Act," Environmental Law Reporter: News and Analysis, June 2004.