



**Ellie Cohen**, President and CEO of Point Blue Conservation Science since 1999, is a leader in catalyzing collaborative, nature-based solutions to climate change and environmental degradation. She and Point Blue's 160+ scientists work hand-in-hand with public and private natural resource managers to reduce impacts of changes in climate, land use and the ocean, while testing climate-smart solutions for wildlife and people.

Born in Baltimore, Ellie received her undergraduate degree with honors in Botany from Duke University. Field studies in butterfly ecology brought her to California in 1979. She later received her Master in Public Policy from Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government, where she was honored with the Policy Analysis Exercise Award for highly distinguished performance and the first annual Robert F. Kennedy Public Service Award. In 2001, she was awarded a fellowship to Stanford Graduate School of Business' Executive Program for Non-profit Leaders.

Ellie is the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change ([UNFCCC](#)) Observer Organization representative for Point Blue. She is Immediate Past Chair and a Steering Committee member of the CA Landscape Conservation Cooperative, invited member of the SF Bay Area's Resilient by Design Research Advisory Committee, and co-founder of the Bay Area Ecosystems Climate Change Consortium. She serves on the advisory board of the Oiled Wildlife Care Network and on the board of the TomKat Ranch Educational Foundation. In the past, she served as Chair of both the Central Valley and SF Bay Joint Ventures.

Honored to be an invited member of the National Wildlife Federation's (NWF) Climate-Smart Conservation team, Ellie co-authored the climate-smart principles and the communications chapter in the national "[Guide to Climate-Smart Conservation, Putting Adaptation Principles into Practice](#)" (2014).

Ellie was honored with the Bay Nature 2012 Environmental Hero Award for her climate change leadership. In 2009, she was named one of "100 Women Taking the Lead to Save Our Planet" in the US (National Women's History Project).

Ellie and her family live in San Anselmo, California with 2 kids, 2 dogs and 2 cats (indoor, of course!). They enjoy birding, hiking, biking, Broadway musicals, Dr. Who and baseball.



Other Panel Members:

### **Jeff Boehm**

Dr. Boehm is passionate about making a difference in environmental conservation. Whether through the communities he works with, the organization he leads, or the policies and practices he influences.

Jeff joined The Marine Mammal Center as its Executive Director in 2008. He leads more than 65 staff and 1,200+ volunteers in an organization that advances ocean conservation through marine mammal patient care, innovative science, and STEM-aligned education. Work that has never been more relevant.

Previously, Jeff served as the Senior Vice President of Animal Health and Conservation Science at the John G. Shedd Aquarium in Chicago where he worked for 16 years. There, he oversaw the veterinary medical program and led and coordinated the aquarium's conservation science division, including conservation partnerships, in-house programs, and educational and advocacy programs and partnerships.

Jeff received his bachelor's degree from the University of California at San Diego and his veterinary medical degree from the University of California at Davis. He is a diplomate of the American College of Animal Welfare.

Residing in Mill Valley, California, Jeff lives with his partner, two children and an ever-changing menagerie of animals.

### **Michael Stocker-**

Michael is the founding director of Ocean Conservation Research, a scientific research and policy development organization focused on understanding the impacts of, and finding technical and policy



solutions to the growing problem of human-generated ocean noise pollution. He is a technical generalist conversant in physics, acoustics, biology, electronics, and cultural history, with a gift for conveying complex scientific and technical issues in clear, understandable terms. He has written and spoken about marine bio-acoustics since 1992, presenting in national and regional hearings, national and international television, radio and news publications, and in museums, schools and universities. His book titled "Hear Where We Are: Sound, Ecology, and Sense of Place" (Springer 2013) reveals how humans and other animals use sound and sound perception to establish their placement in their environment, and communicate that placement to others. Michael is also a musician – performing original compositions and Jazz standards on piano, vibes, flute and bass.