



## CITY & BOROUGH OF SITKA BOARD/COMMITTEE/COMMISSION APPLICATION

Municipal Clerk's Office, 100 Lincoln Street, Floor 3  
Phone: 907.747.1826 Fax: 907.747.7403 Email: [clerk@cityofsitka.org](mailto:clerk@cityofsitka.org)

**Submit this completed application AND either a letter of interest or resume to the Municipal Clerk's Office by noon on the Wednesday prior to an advertised Assembly meeting.**

**Board/Commission/Committee Applying For:** Planning Commission

**Name:** Katie Riley

**Phone Number:** [REDACTED]

**Mailing Address:** [REDACTED]

**Email Address:** [REDACTED]

**Length of Residence in Sitka:** 32 yrs **Registered to vote in Sitka?**  Yes  No

**Employer Business Name and your position :** Deputy Director, Sitka Conservation Society

**Organizations you belong to or participate in:**

Sitka Conservation Society (member, employee)

KCAW (member)

Sitka Trail Works (member)

**Explain your main reason for applying:**

I have served on the Planning Commission for four years and as the vice chair for the past two years. I am passionate about addressing Sitka's housing crisis and especially understanding the barriers and creating more opportunities for young families to find stable housing and stay in Sitka. Housing is one of the main impediments to economic growth in our community and I want to find solutions so that Sitka can be affordable and accessible for the working-class folks that make our community run. The next few years are an exciting time with the investments in planning and housing that the municipality is making and I am excited to be part of the solution. I also bring my passion for climate action and community sustainability to the panel as I think that there is a strong intersection and benefit to having both perspectives present when serving on these boards.

**What experience or credentials will you bring to the board, commission, or committee membership?**

I have over 10 years of experience in commercial fishing, 7 years of experience working on land management and fisheries issues on the Tongass National Forest, and 5+ years of experience working at the intersection of municipal policy, strategy, funding, climate action, housing policy, and energy development. I seek to employ a balanced approach to economic and community development and conservation of our natural resources so that my community can continue to thrive for generations to come. I have served on the Planning commission for 4 years.

**Appointments are typically made during Assembly meeting open sessions. However, Assembly members may vote to discuss applicant(s) in closed executive session.** In this case, do you wish to be present when your application is discussed?  Yes  No

**Potential conflicts of interest that may arise from your appointment must be disclosed.** These may include, but are not limited to, a substantial financial interest of \$1000 annually that could be influenced by your appointment, or an immediate family member employed within the scope of this appointment. **Do you have any potential conflicts of interest to disclose?**  Yes  No

**If yes, please explain:**

*I understand this is a volunteer position appointed by the City and Borough of Sitka Assembly and requires regular meeting attendance. I further understand this application is public information and the merits of my appointment may be discussed at a public forum. In addition, my name may be published in media outlets. If I am appointed to serve, I will follow all laws, procedures, and practices associated with my appointment.*

*I certify that the information in my application is true and accurate.*



**Date: 10/14/24 Applicant Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

## Catherine Riley



### Education

2011-2015 Master of Arts (with Honors) in International Relations and Italian, *University of St Andrews*, St Andrews, Scotland

2009-2010 AFS Year –Long Study Abroad Program; *Liceo Scientifico Vittorio Veneto*, Milan, Italy

2007-2011 *Mt. Edgecumbe High School*, Sitka, Alaska

### Work Experience

**Native Fish Initiative Policy Analyst, USDA Office of Tribal Relations, Washington, DC. May - August 2024**

**Deputy Director of Policy and Programs, *Sitka Conservation Society*, Sitka, Alaska. August 2022 – Present.**

**Policy Director, *Sitka Conservation Society*, Sitka, Alaska. August 2019 – August 2022.**

- Responsible for managing policy engagement, legislative action, and advocacy campaigns for SCS on a local, state, and federal level
- Works with a broad coalition of advocacy groups, tribal governments, Alaska Native corporations, local business owners, and youth to create and promote collaborative solutions for land management and community development
- Responsible for supervising and management of 3 policy team members and interns
- Fundraising and grant writing for SCS policy work
- Messaging, communications and strategy development for Tongass National Forest policy

**Policy Engagement Coordinator, *Sitka Conservation Society*, Sitka, Alaska. November 2018 – August 2019**

- Managed SCS's Roadless Rule campaign with a focus on engaging a diverse range of stakeholders to participate in public policy process
- Increase in responsibilities of managing staff and internships, fundraising, strategy development

**Policy Researcher, *Sitka Conservation Society*, Sitka, Alaska. March 2018 – November 2018.**

- Research grassroots solutions to long-standing policy issues with a focus on collaborative engagements and encouraging community participation in decision-making processes
  - Track legislative action related to Tongass land management, analyze impacts on local use areas
- Create talking points, white papers, and messaging strategies
- Assist with advocacy efforts in regards to implementation of the 2016 Amendment to the Tongass Land Management Plan

## **Commercial Fishing Experience**

Deckhand, *F/V Battleship*, Bristol Bay, AK. Summer 2023.

Deckboss, *F/V Crawdad*, Bristol Bay, AK. Summer 2021, Summer 2022

Deck Boss, *F/V Montana*, Bristol Bay, AK. June 2020- July 2020

Dive Tender, *F/V Vulcan*, Craig, AK. September 2017-November 2017

- Assist with commercial diving operation for sea cucumbers; responsible for operating and maintaining a 22' aluminum skiff in addition to product quality

Deckboss, *F/V Anita*, Sitka, AK. June-October 2015

Deckhand/Deckboss, *M/V Eyak LLC*, Sitka, AK.

July 2019

July-September 2018

June - September 2017

October 2015

June-September 2014 (deckboss)

May-September 2013 (deckhand)

- Manage the daily operations of summer troll tendering program (including training and supervision of all deckhands)
- Engine maintenance, wheel watch, mail and freight deliveries to remote communities on South Baranof Island

## **Volunteer Coordinator / Community Project Coordinator, ReefDoctor.Org LTD (RD), Ifaty, Madagascar. June 2016 – May 2017**

- Responsible for management and on-camp support of all RD volunteers/interns
- Gather feedback with volunteers/interns, present correlated results to staff
- Coordinate and chair all general meetings on camp, including agenda setting, timekeeping, and recording of minutes
- Create project tracking system and evaluation system for ReefDoctor community projects

## **Volunteer Experience**

October 2022-Present                      Chair, City and Borough of Sitka Sustainability Commission

October 2020 - Present                      Vice Chair (2024-present), CBS Planning Commission

Feb. 2021 - Sept. 2022                      CBS Municipal Climate Action Task Force

1/2018 – 2020                                  AFS International Student Exchange Program

1/2018 – 2023                                  Development Director, Sitka Sockeyes Rugby, Inc.

## **Professional Development**

February 2024                      Avalanche 1 Certification

March 2023                      Outboard Maintenance Class, University of Alaska Southeast

October 2023                      Visionary Leadership Program, *TREC*

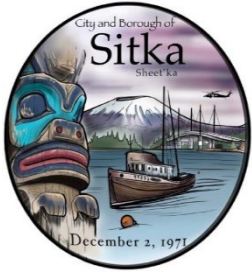
April 2022                      Wilderness First Responder Certification

Sept. 2020                      USCG Master of Motor Vessels 100 Tons: Inland Waters

January 2020 Facilitation Training, Seattle, WA. *TREC*  
Sept. 2019 Stepping Up to Leadership program, Montana. *Training Resources for the  
Environmental Community*  
September 2019 PADM 635: Natural Resource Policy (Graduate class at University of Alaska)

### **References**

- Andrew Thoms, Executive Director, *Sitka Conservation Society*.  
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- David Castle, Owner/Operator of *M/V Eyak LLC*.  
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- Marina Anderson, Program Director, Sustainable Southeast Partnership  
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# PLANNING COMMISSION

NAME	CONTACT NUMBERS	TERM STARTS	EXPIRES	CATEGORY
DARRELL WINDSOR PO Box 1973	738-4046 dwindsor@gci.net	6/28/11 6/24/14 7/25/17 8/11/20 8/22/23	6/28/14 6/24/17 7/25/20 8/11/23 8/22/26	<b>CHAIR</b>
CATHERINE RILEY 1709 Halibut Pt Rd Spc 1	907-209-2019 katie.really@gmail.com	10/13/20 10/26/21	10/26/21 10/26/24	<b>VICE CHAIR</b>
STACY MUDRY PO Box 1366	738-8693 stacym@sitkareadymix.com	8/27/19 8/23/22	8/27/22 8/25/25	
WENDY ALDERSON 714 Etoin Street	752-0246 franceswendellalderson@gmail.com	9/22/20 5/11/22	5/14/22 5/11/25	
ROBIN SHERMAN 2408 Halibut Point Road	413-834-0161 robin.sherman@me.com	9/13/23	12/27/25	Spivey's Term
Amy Ainslie Planning Director	747-1814 amy.ainslie@cityofsitka.org			Staff Liaison
Thor Christianson 500 Lincoln Street A9	738-2491 assemblychristianson@cityofsitka.org			Assembly Liaison
Chris Ystad 104 Chirikov Drive	907-738-1560 assemblyystad@cityofsitka.org			Alternate Assembly Liaison

5 members from public, 3-year terms  
 Established by Ordinance 74-118/SGC2.18 & Charter Article VIII  
 Must be registered to vote.  
 First and Third Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. – Harrigan Centennial Hall, 330 Harbor Drive

## CONFLICT OF INTEREST FORMS OATHS OF OFFICE