

# **JON M. DISCHER**

## **Senior Consultant**

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### **EDUCATION**

- Master of Public Administration, University of New Hampshire, 2005
- Bachelor of Arts, Political Science, University of New Hampshire, 2004
- Mass Communication, University of Minnesota, 1987–91

### **PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY**

As a senior consultant with LTCI, Mr. Discher is involved in resource valuation and natural resource damage assessment projects in Texas, Puerto Rico, Michigan, and the United States Virgin Islands. Mr. Discher provides policy support under the Oil Spill Pollution Act of 1990 for state and local governments, and provides claim support for state and local governments as well as individual claims. Mr. Discher provides expertise in intergovernmental relations, public budgeting, public administration and management, and public participation in government. With LTCI, Mr. Discher has developed an expertise in the use of GIS as a tool in policy formulation.

As a communications planner with the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources for nearly eight years, Mr. Discher provided communication advice and assistance to departmental project managers for strategic planning and budgeting, public outreach and communication, and legislative relations. Working as a liaison to Minnesota's Legislative Commission on Minnesota Resources, Mr. Discher gained a first-hand insight into natural resource policy decision-making, as well as capital bonding and budgeting on a statewide level. Mr. Discher worked on several interdisciplinary resource management initiatives, including sustainable development, integrated resource management, ecosystem-based management, and the statewide watershed management initiative. Because of this experience, Mr. Discher has a thorough knowledge of statewide strategic planning, smart growth principles and practices, and long-range resource management policy and planning.

In addition to his GIS experience, Mr. Discher has over 17 years of experience in computer technology, including desktop publishing, web page design, development and maintenance, and hardware and network design, installation and maintenance. Mr. Discher is on the leading edge of the use of technology in facilitating and meeting project goals, always finding creative and easy to use solutions for communication problems, and bringing together geographically disperse team members and clients. Mr. Discher has provided technical support and design work for clients including NOAA, the U.S. EPA, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and the United Nations.

### **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS:**

- American Political Science Association
- American Society for Public Administration

### **SELECTED PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

**U.S. Department of Interior and State of Michigan. Rouge River Natural Resource Damage Assessment, Detroit, Michigan.** Part of the LTCI team developing a natural resource damage assessment in response to the Rouge River Mystery Spill of 2002 [2004 – Present].

**Puerto Rico Department of Natural and Environmental Resources and U.S. Virgin Islands Department of Planning and Natural Resources. San Juan, PR and St. Croix, USVI.** Part of the



LTCI team developing a natural resource damage assessment in response to the T/B Vista Bella Oil Spill [2004 – Present].

**Qawalangin Tribe of Unalaska. Loss of Subsistence Use Impacts to Tribe. Unalaska (AK).** Investigator on development and valuation of loss of subsistence use claims for tribal parties impacted by the December 2004 Selendang Ayu Oil Spill [2005-Present].

**Texas General Lands Office, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department and Texas Commission of Environmental Quality, Austin TX.** Part of the LTCI team developing and valuing all natural resources damaged by past mystery oil spills [2005-Present].

**United States Environment Protection Agency, Washington DC.** Desktop publishing and web site design and creation for various offices and regions within the US EPA. Projects included the design and layout of EPA Regions 2's *State of the Environment Report*; EPA's Urban and Economic Development Division *Financing Brownfields Redevelopment Projects and Parking Alternatives: Making Way for Urban Infill and Brownfield Redevelopment*; EPA's *FY99 Annual Performance Report*; design and layout of EPA's Urban Infill Success Stories series; and the design of the National Strategic Goals Program Toolbox web site [1997-2000].

#### **OTHER RESEARCH AREAS OF INTEREST**

With his education in political science and public administration, Mr. Discher has researched and keeps abreast of the workings of government at all levels. At the state level, Mr. Discher has researched the effectiveness of public budgeting systems, evaluated the various methods used to fund public transportation in the United States, and measured the usefulness of total quality management in state and local levels of government. In the past, Mr. Discher focused his research on citizen participation in government, comparing how federal, state, and local agencies involve citizens in policy implementation, and spent considerable time evaluating how public opinion is used at all levels of government in formulating policy. Mr. Discher continues his research today in the areas of strategic planning and managing organizational change in public agencies.

#### **PREVIOUS EMPLOYERS**

1997 - 2000      Industrial Economics, Incorporated, Cambridge, MA, Publishing Services Supervisor  
1989 - 1996      Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, St. Paul, MN, Communications Planner

#### **CONTACT INFORMATION**

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