

# SHANNON KELLY DONAHUE

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## HIGHLIGHTS OF QUALIFICATION

- 16 years' experience writing and editing for environmental conservation organizations
- Graduate coursework in environmental writing
- Certificate and coursework in copyediting
- Certificate in climate change communication
- Proficient in Chicago Manual of Style and AP Style
- Thorough copyediting skills and attention to detail

## WORK EXPERIENCE

- Executive Director** 2009 to present  
**Programs Manager** 2007-2009  
Great Bear Foundation Missoula, MT and Haines, AK  
Direct a bear conservation nonprofit focused on education, research, and grassroots community action
- Write and edit public comments and talking points to assist public participation in decision-making processes
  - Edit newsletter articles, outreach materials, public comments
  - Write and edit fundraising appeals, direct mail materials
  - Write and edit grants and grant reports
  - Develop and implement advocacy, environmental education, human-wildlife conflict prevention, and research programs
  - Developed and teach polar bear ecology field course on Hudson Bay, Canada
- Chilkat Watershed Campaigner** May 2023 to present  
Rivers Without Borders Port Townsend, WA (work performed in Haines, AK)  
Environmental organizer and policy analyst protecting the Chilkat Watershed from mining impacts
- Track, analyze, write, and edit public comments on mine permits
  - Write and edit press releases, op-eds, grants, and reports
  - Develop outreach materials including fact sheets and talking points for public participation
  - Collaborate with a national organization to create high-profile action alerts and media pitches
- Chilkat Watershed Organizer** 2018-2023  
Southeast Alaska Conservation Council Juneau, AK (work performed in Haines, AK)  
Environmental organizer focused on the proposed Palmer Mine at the headwaters of the Chilkat River
- Wrote and edited press releases, op-eds, outreach materials, newsletter articles, web content, email campaigns, social media, and one-click digital actions
  - Wrote and edited grants, reports, and project proposals
  - Developed a campaign to protect the Chilkat Watershed from mining and logging impacts
- Business Manager and Production Assistant** 2014-2015

Alaska Arts Confluence

Haines, AK

Managed operations for an arts organization for the duration of a 16-month creative placemaking grant

- Edited interpretive content
- Proofread artist statements
- Developed and managed artist contracts
- Wrote and edited grants, reports, and project proposals
- Developed social media program, web content, and online artist portals

## **FREELANCE AND CONSULTING WORK**

**Owner, Arcturus Conservation Consulting, October 2017 to present**

Grant writing, research, project management, and copyediting.

**Research Consultant, August 2017**

Researched and wrote climate change chapter for a Tribal wetlands plan for the Upper Chilkat Watershed

## **EDUCATION**

**UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, BERKELEY EXTENSION**, Berkeley, California

**Professional Sequence in Editing**, expected completion: 2024

- Grammar, Mechanics, and Usage for Editors, June, 2023
- Editorial Workshop I: Introduction to Copyediting, August 2023

**UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA, MISSOULA**

**MS, Environmental Studies**, May 2010

- Coursework included Transboundary Conservation, Landscape Ecology, Building Effective Environmental Organizations, Scientific Approaches to Environmental Issues, Environmental Law, Natural Resource Conflict Resolution, Place-based Education, and Environmental Writing
- Thesis: *The Last Standing Bear: the life and work of Charles Jonkel*, script and analysis for a documentary film on Jonkel's historic polar bear research for the Canadian Wildlife Service <http://etd.lib.umt.edu/theses/available/etd-06182010-001621/>
- Editorial Board, *Camas Magazine: The Nature of the West*

**BA, English/Creative Writing**, May 2001

## **PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

**Achieving More with Less: Editing at an Association or Nonprofit**, ACES Academy, June, 2023

**Demystifying the Language of Disability**, Editorial Freelancers Association, May, 2023

**Certificate in Editing**, Poynter Institute-ACES, February, 2023

**Untangling Colonialism: Building a Decolonizing Framework**, Native Movement, June, 2022

**Building People Powered Campaigns for Justice**, Native Movement, June, 2022

**Dismantling White Supremacy**, Native Movement, June, 2020

**Climate Change Science, Communication, and Action**, Cornell University, February, 2018

Certificate of Professional Development

**Arctic Ecology**, Salish Kootenai College, November, 2011

**Environmental Writing Institute**, Elizabeth Grossman, May, 2009