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James L. Anderson is Director of the Institute for Sustainable Food Systems and Professor of Food and Resource Economics at the University of Florida. Prior to joining UF, he served as leader of the Global Program on Fisheries and Aquaculture (PROFISH) at The World Bank. Before that, he was chair of the Department of Environmental and Resource Economics at the University of Rhode Island. His research focuses on natural resource management, fisheries and aquaculture economics, markets and international trade. Recent work has been on toward the role of seafood in food security, constraints to aquaculture development, and developing Fishery Performance Indicators (FPIs) to monitor and evaluate fishery systems from an environmental, economic and social perspective. He received his Ph.D. in Agricultural and Resource Economics from the University of California, Davis.

Katy Pelissier

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Katy Pelissier is helping create a robust regional food system in the Pacific Northwest by supporting regenerative farmers and ranchers as they grow their businesses and connect with key resources and enabling infrastructure. By harnessing the purchasing power of schools and institutions, empowering local farmers and ranchers, and developing infrastructure to connect the two, Ecotrust is helping build a food economy that nourishes communities and renews the resources on which we depend. She has deep experience administering federal grant programs and enjoys coordinating diverse coalitions and partnerships. Katy's background is in farm to school, including working directly with children and educators, as well as helping develop a statewide dashboard for measuring farm to school impact in Oregon. Katy holds a Bachelor of Arts in Family & Human Services from the University of Oregon, and joined Ecotrust in 2012.