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December 2015–Present Director of Strategy of JNCC (Joint Nature Conservation Committee, UK) and Director of ERA (UK) and Associate of IEH Consulting Ltd. (United Kingdom) Environmental risk consulting, training. Ecological risk.

A scientist and business professional with extensive experience in leading organisations and scientists, commercial and public funded research management and the successful commercialisation of scientific research outputs. Determined, target driven and resourceful, with a record of high profile strategic achievements in a variety of sectors. Excellent organisational, interpersonal and communication skills alongside creative flair and vision. A strong analytical ability, coupled with legal and managerial skills, underpins a successful history of research delivery linked to industrial sponsorship and technology exploitation. Jason has over 28 years' experience as a science leader at Director/ Board and Chief Scientist level for a wide range of commercial, academic, research and policy organisations. An environmental scientist and specialist consultant with extensive business experience in the delivery and leadership in the risk, environmental, veterinary pharmaceutical, toxicology and aquaculture sectors. Over his career, Jason has been instrumental in the successful delivery of significant international aid funded project work, including extensive periods in-country (Latin America, E. Asia; Australasia, Canada, Central and Eastern Europe, Central Asia, the Caribbean and Africa). He is commercially focussed and works on the application of solutions to complex environmental problems and has extensive experience of delivering and managing large scale technically challenging applied projects and their teams. Jason is an internationally recognised expert on ecological and environmental risk assessment. He is an accredited CPD trainer, Chartered biologist and Environmentalist and Member of CIEEM, a Fellow of the Royal Society of Biology and a former Chief Scientist of the UK Water Research Centre. He has particular experience in

understanding the fate, effects and ecotoxicity of chemicals relating to industrial, mining and agricultural pollution to biota and how to understand impacts on ecosystems. Professor Weeks has been responsible for the design and execution of projects on behalf of organisations such as the UK Department for International Development (DfiD), EU, WHO, World Bank EFSA and the UN. He is a creative and motivated team-person with leadership and excellent communication, analysing and problem solving skills. Jason has managed complex research projects and consortia and represented a number of organisations as an invited expert, giving frequent presentations at national and international workshops, and specialist groups for national and international audiences. He has extensive knowledge of issues pertaining to water and land quality from both an academic, policy and industrial perspective. Furthermore, he has published in excess of 120 peer-reviewed scientific papers on a broad range of subject areas. He has worked on behalf of organisations such as SETAC, ESF, WHO, UNEP, NATO, UN, IPCC, UNIDO, DFID, and WWF. Jason was a former scientific advisor to the Argentinean Government and expert consultant to WWF, UNIDO and the World Bank. He currently advises the European Medicines Agency with respect to environmental risk of veterinary medicines and attends EU steering committee meetings with UK voting rights. Jason before joining JNCC was Professor of Environmental risk analysis at Cranfield University and formerly (amongst other roles) Veterinary Medicines Programme Director at Cefas (for ten years); being responsible for the innovation and development of aquaculture therapeutants. During this time, he worked across many areas of the Cefas business and was instrumental in the delivery of business growth in various strategic areas. A marine biologist by training Jason has a broad depth of knowledge about science innovation, business development and the assessment of realistic business opportunity analyses alongside the management of research staff and programmes. Jason is currently Head of Business Development and Marketing at the Joint Nature Conservation Committee; a strategic role that will see the future evolution of the organisation.

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Marine science - ecotoxicology