Patrick O'Hara is currently a conservation scientist with the Canadian Wildlife Service (Environment and Climate Change Canada) and an adjunct professor with the Geography Department at the University of Victoria. He currently holds a co-chair position with the Section for Marine Birds and Mammals (S-MBM) in the North Pacific Marine Science Organization (also called PICES: https://meetings.pices.int/). PICES held the first face-to-face/virtual hybrid meeting last year in Busan (Korea), since the onset of COVID measures. During this meeting, the S-MBM proposed and finalized a scientific session and workshop that will occur at the next PICES meeting (October 2023, Seattle WA) on climate change ("Anticipated and realized effects of climate change on predatory fish, birds, and mammals of the North Pacific" led by Bill Sydeman), and the use of bio-indicators for marine pollution ("Bio-indicators of meso to global scale marine pollution: techniques for integration and standardization" led by Yutaka Watanuki). O'Hara also co-chairs the impacts of oil spills on wildlife session for AMOP (Technical Seminar on Environmental Contamination and Response), which will hold its first face to face meeting since COVID restrictions began this year (June 2023 in Edmonton, AB: https://www.canada.ca/en/environment-climate-change/services/science-technology/arcticmarine-oilspill-program.html). Within ECCC, O'Hara leads or is involved in various projects including modeling and defining important marine foraging habitat for Marbled Murrelet based on both at-sea survey and movement data (with Doug Bertram, Sonya Pastran, Kerry Woo, and Ross Vennesland), at-sea habitat for Pink-Footed Shearwater and identifying important threats (with Sonya Pastran, Ken Morgan, Caroline Fox, and Eric Gross), modeling movement data for Ancient Murrelet (with Vivian Pattison and Laurie Wilson), modeling oil spill risk for Alcids in BC waters (with Doug Bertram, and Alexandra King), understanding marine vessel traffic associated threats based on Automatic Identification System for Ships (AIS) data and data from complementary sources, and a comprehensive assessment of state of knowledge and gap analysis with respect to dispersant use and effects on marine birds (with Orla Osborne, Megan Willie and Mason King). As well, O'Hara is co-supervising a post-doctoral fellow (Nora Carlson) with Francis Juanes (Department of Biology, University of Victoria) exploring how marine vessel associated noise pollution impacts behaviour of forage fish (Pacific Sandlance and Pacific Herring), and how these changes in behaviour affect their availability and/or quality as prey species for marine birds (in collaboration with Doug Bertram, and Caroline Fox). Finally, O'Hara serves as a committee member for three PhD students: one student from Simon Fraser University (with Mark Hipfner, Larry Dill and Ron Ydenberg) looking at vessel disturbance on auks in British Columbia, and 2 students from Heriot-Watt University (Edinburgh, Scotland with Lauren McWhinnie as supervisor) whose projects focus on impacts from marine vessel traffic in Scottish waters.