



Paul Holthus CEO of World Ocean Council (WOC)

Paul Holthus founded the World Ocean Council (WOC) – the Global Blue Economy Business and Investment Organization – the international business leadership alliance on ocean sustainable development. The WOC brings together investment, shipping, fisheries, aquaculture, tourism, oil/gas, offshore renewables, mining, submarine cables, ports, and other sectors for global business community leadership, collaboration and action.

Paul has been involved in the Law of the Sea and ocean governance since 1986 and the WOC has been the only business organization consistently involved in the UNCLOS BBNJ process over the past 10 years.

The WOC Ocean Investment Platform is the global structure/process linking investors, ocean industries and innovators. The annual WOC Sustainable Ocean Summit (SOS) is the premier high-level global ocean business and investment event on “Corporate Ocean Responsibility”.

Paul has held senior positions with UN Environment and other international organizations. He has worked in 30+ countries, with companies, industry associations, UN agencies, communities, NGOs, and governments on ocean sustainability issues and practical solutions.

Paul has advanced degrees in marine resources and international business, was a Fulbright scholar in Australia and is an East-West Center alum.

Paul is a regular speaker at international business, investment and intergovernmental events, was invited to be on the UN Secretary General’s ocean advisory panel for Rio+20 and is the only global ocean industry organization representative invited to address the UN General Assembly.

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