

## **DOUGLAS R. HARPER**

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### **Coastlines Group, LLC**

#### **Qualification Highlights**

- Disaster planning and recovery planning expertise
- Technical and general background in Pacific disaster and climate change risk reduction
- Principles of planning for island biodiversity conservation
- Skilled in program development and evaluation

#### **Selected Accomplishments**

- Community strategies for environmental and community resilience activities in the face of climate change impacts, hazard identification and assessment, and resource management
- Coordination of NOAA's Sentinel Site Program's Hawai'i Cooperative
- Coordination of elements of NOAA's Habitat Blueprint in West Hawai'i and Guam
- Co-lead Pacific Resilience Forum
- Co-lead Pacific Risk Management 'Ohana, Risk Assessment and Planning working group
- Led the American Samoa's Department of Commerce's Planning Division
- Response activities following 2009 earthquake and tsunami of 2009 in American Samoa, including serving as the agency point of contact with FEMA and identifying adaptation practices to minimize community vulnerabilities
- Coordination – *Two Samoas Initiative*, helping manage natural resources for the entire Samoan Archipelago

#### **Work History**

- 2004-07 Coastal Management Specialist  
Perot Systems/NOAA, Washington, D.C.
- 2007-08 Environmental Planner  
American Samoa Government

2008-10      Territorial Planner  
                 American Samoa Government

2010-2016    Senior Coastal Planning Specialist  
                 The Baldwin Group/NOAA, Honolulu, HI

**Education and Training**

B.S.            Environmental Studies  
                 University of Kansas, 1999

M.A.            Urban and Environmental Planning  
                 University of Kansas, 2002

J.D.            International and Environmental Law Emphasis  
                 University of Kansas School of Law, 2002

- Certified FEMA Trainer: Tsunami Awareness, and Coastal Community Resilience
- Trainer in Coastal and Marine Spatial Planning, with training locations including South Korea and Hawai'i
- Member, American Planning Association
- Member, Kansas Bar Association