

**Curtis Fisher, National Wildlife Federation, Northeast Regional Executive Director**, is the former Deputy Policy Director for Governor James McGreevey and Richard Codey, Policy Counselor to Jon Corzine's successful gubernatorial campaign and Chief of Staff for the Department of the Public Advocate. Prior to joining government, Curtis worked for NJPIRG for over nine years becoming its Executive Director in 1997. He is currently the Northeast Regional Executive Director for the National Wildlife Federation (NWF), serving in this capacity for the last ten years.



Clean energy, climate and environmental policy have been a major focus of all these positions. At NJPIRG, Curtis led multiple successful clean energy and climate campaigns, including the first successful effort to clean up coal-fired power plants in the country by closing their Clean Air Act exemption, and passing legislation that invested billions of dollars into energy efficiency and clean energy programs.

In the Governor's Office, Curtis' responsibilities included oversight of the Board Public Utilities, the Department of Environmental Protection and the Office of Ratepayer Advocate. In this capacity, he oversaw an overhaul of the state's clean energy fund, including the addition of billions of dollars into these programs and improved program performance.

As Policy Counselor to Jon Corzine's successful gubernatorial campaign, Curtis led the development of all the candidate's clean energy, climate and environmental positions and outreach to key constituencies. After the campaign, Curtis became the Chief of Staff of the re-created Department of the Public Advocate with an expansive mission to represent the public interest on behalf of New Jersey citizens. In this capacity, he directly oversaw the Division of Ratepayer Advocacy with over 20 staff members who represented the public in all utility proceedings, including a successful effort to raise concerns about a proposed merger between the state's largest utility, PSEG, and Exelon.

In 2009, after starting his current position at NWF, Curtis researched and conceived the organization's environmental advocacy campaign to support appropriately-sited offshore wind power development along the Atlantic coast, focused on the Northeast states. He researched and wrote one of the first offshore wind reports with more than 40 co-sponsoring organizations along the Atlantic coast. He also hired two wonderful staff who lead and run the project today: Catherine Bowes and Amber Hewett. This campaign, working with an amazing coalition, have helped catalyze America's first offshore wind project off of Block Island (30 MW), the LIPA's offshore wind contract (90 MW), MA legislation (1,600 MW), NY Governor Cuomo's commitment (2,400 MW), and a pledge by the Democratic candidate for NJ Governor (3,500 MW). The NWF campaign currently coordinates a large coalition of nonprofit offshore advocates working on federal, regional and state offshore initiatives, and works with leading experts and organizations to advance wildlife protections including critical new protections for the Endangered Right Whale. NWF has also mobilized tens of thousands of public comments in state energy proceedings to support appropriately-sited offshore wind projects.

