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PROFILE

Jonathan Clough founded Warren Pinnacle Consulting, Inc. in 2001. Mr. Clough has been an **environmental consultant since 1994** with special emphasis on developing **object-oriented environmental computer models**. Since 1995, he has been the **primary programmer for EPA's AQUATOX** bioaccumulation, toxicant fate, and effects model. Since 1998, Mr. Clough has been applying **bioaccumulation models** for EPA Regions 1 and 2 in support of Superfund modeling studies in the Housatonic River, the Grasse River, the Hudson River, the Lower Passaic River, Newark Bay, and Newtown Creek. He has been **developing and applying SLAMM** (the Sea Level Affecting Marshes Model) since 1998.

SELECTED PROJECTS

2016-Present, EPA Region 2 through WSP—Newark Bay

Reviewed and applied bioaccumulation models of 2,3,7,8 TCDD, Total PCBs, and other COCs for the Newark Bay Superfund site. Examined BSAF models vs. mechanistic options. Modified the Arnot and Gobas 2004 model to support migration, updated bioenergetics, and automated calibration. Applied the bioaccumulation model to calculate acceptable sediment levels based on human-health and ecological risks.

2016-Present, EPA Region 2 through CDM Smith—Lower Passaic River

Provided oversight for, and suggested significant modifications to, an industry-created bioaccumulation model for the Lower Passaic River. Vetted all model inputs, linkage data, and assumptions. Created suite of alternative model calibrations to examine the potential impact on model outputs. Provided feedback on model calibration reports.

2016-2021, EPA Region 2 through CDM Smith—Newtown Creek

Examined industry-created bioaccumulation model for Newtown Creek. Considered tradeoffs between simpler and more complex models. Considered the relevance of a bioaccumulation model for the site given input and data uncertainty, and expected model usage.

2016-Present, EPA ORD through General Dynamics Information Technology

Added the AQUATOX model to the EPA Hydrological Micro Services program. Created a mapping interface, and linked the model to National Water Model for stream-network modeling. Linkage to HAWQS/SWAT for water-quality modeling is ongoing.

2016-2018, EPA ORD through General Dynamics Information Technology

Updated EPA AQUATOX bioaccumulation model to version 3.2, modernizing the interface and allowing for command-line usage and text-based input and output files.

2015-2017, NY State Energy Research and Development Authority

Led project: "Integrating SLAMM results and stakeholder priorities to define marsh adaptation strategies." Developed tools to prioritize adaptation strategies for the preservation of infrastructure and environmental capital. Incorporated and refines results from a 2012-2015 NYSERDA project. Results integrated policy makers' priorities with model results to produce decision-making metrics.

2012-2015, NY State Energy Research and Development Authority

Applied SLAMM to the entire coast of NY. High-resolution model application (5m x 5m cells) includes dynamic accretion modeling based on site-specific data and the Marsh Equilibrium Model of James Morris. A full stochastic uncertainty analysis was completed with maps of uncertainty results.

2013-2015, Gulf Coast Prairie Landscape Conservation Cooperative

SLAMM was applied to the entire Gulf Coast of the US creating a seamless set of landcover projections. Mechanistic marsh-accretion feedbacks were applied. SLAMM model results were used to assess the impact of SLR on focal species.

2008-2015, US Fish and Wildlife Service

Applied SLAMM model (Sea Level Affecting Marshes Model) to over 120 USFWS National Wildlife Refuges in Regions 1, 4, 5, and 8 in support of comprehensive conservation plan production. Produced significantly-optimized 64-bit version of SLAMM under a separate contract. Produced SLAMM Infrastructure module.

1995-2014, US EPA via AQUA TERRA Consultants & Horsley Witten Group

Produced the EPA AQUATOX bioaccumulation model, releases 2, 3, and 3.1 and performed user support, for U.S. EPA Office of Science and Technology.

1998-2015, US EPA via Weston Solutions and Avatar—Housatonic River

Calibrated, Validated, and applied the QEA Foodchain model for EPA Region 1 in support of the Modeling Study of PCB Contamination in the Housatonic River. Co-authored Final Model Documentation and Peer Review Responsiveness Summary released in November 2006. Ran the model to evaluate remedial alternatives.

2010-2011, US EPA Region 2 via Louis Berger – Hudson River

Evaluated AQEA Foodchain Model application to the Hudson River. Model benchmarking, source-code review, sensitivity analysis, and comments to EPA.

2011-2012, Exponent

Programmed the newest version of the FishRand Migration bioaccumulation model, a spatially explicit model with a Gobas bioaccumulation engine written in object C++.

2010-2012, US EPA via AECOM – Grasse River

Evaluated the AQEA Foodchain Model application for the Grasse River in support of USEPA Region 2 through AECOM. Work performed includes model benchmarking, diagnostics, model-to-data comparisons, examination of alternative calibration, and critical evaluation of the 2010 Analysis of Alternatives document.

2007, EPA Office of Science and Technology via AQUA TERRA

Implemented and successfully tested Di Toro's Sediment Diagenesis model as a component of AQUATOX.

2001-2002, EPA Office of Science and Technology via AQUA TERRA

Developed the AQUATOX extension for the BASINS GIS modeling system for the. Output from the GIS interface, HSPF and SWAT models are automatically linked to AQUATOX through this interface.

1998-2002, EPA Region 2 via R.F. Weston Consultants

Developed and applied the AQUATOX model in support of the Modeling Study of PCB Contamination in the Housatonic River. Expanded dimensionality of AQUATOX to allow simulation of multiple linked river segments simultaneously. Model designed to link with the EFDC and HSPF models to complete the Housatonic River analysis

EDUCATION

B.A. Environmental Studies (Honors), Brown University, 1994.
B.A. Economics, Brown University, 1994. (*Omicron Delta Epsilon Honor Soc.*)
Phillips Academy, Andover MA, Class of 1989. (*Cum Laude Honors Society*)

SKILLSET

25 years of experience programming environmental models using C#, RStudio, C++, object-Pascal, FORTRAN, Leaflet, cloud computing and parallel processing.

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- Propato, M., Clough, J. S., and Polaczyk, A. (2018). "Evaluating the costs and benefits of marsh-management strategies while accounting for uncertain sea-level rise and ecosystem response." *PloS one*, 13(8).
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