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Todd's love of ships and the sea, and his deep appreciation for the great economic, cultural, social, and recreational benefits the ocean provides and in turn, the importance of sustaining this great resource for generations to come led him to Texas A&M University and then on to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) Commissioned Officer Corps. The NOAA Commissioned Officer Corps provides the Nation with a cadre of professionals trained in science and engineering who operate ships, fly aircraft, manage research projects, conduct diving operations, and serve in staff and leadership positions throughout NOAA. The PSM in environmental sciences at Oregon State University offered the opportunity for Todd to capitalize on his 14 years of experience with NOAA while gaining the skills required to be an effective environmental professional and progress to higher-level assignments within NOAA. Todd says, "In the PSM program, I found exactly what I was looking for. Through its unique blend of science, business, leadership, communication, and ethics, combined with numerous experiential learning opportunities, the PSM program provided the training I required to be highly effective as I move into the second half of my career. Whether an individual is coming directly from an undergraduate degree program, or returning to school after working for several years, the PSM curriculum provides the perfect balance of training and experience to ensure one can function effectively at the increasingly important interfaces between science, technology, industry, and government."