

Biography
Randall Luthi
President, National Ocean Industries Association (NOIA)

Randall Luthi became President of the National Ocean Industries Association (NOIA) on March 1, 2010.

An attorney and rancher from Freedom, Wyoming Luthi has had an exciting and varied career, including serving as a legislative assistant in the U.S. Senate and career service as an attorney at the Department of the Interior and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, where he worked on natural resource damages following the Exxon Valdez accident.

Luthi most recently served as the Director of the Minerals Management Service (MMS) at the Department of the Interior (DOI) from July 2007 through January 2009. In addition to overseeing offshore lease sales and collection and distribution to the States and Federal government of mineral revenues and royalties, Luthi oversaw the expansion of a renewable energy office at MMS, which oversees development of wind, wave and current energy in the oceans of the U.S.

Immediately prior to directing MMS, Luthi served as the Deputy Director of the Department's Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS).

In 2000, he started the law firm of Luthi & Voyles, LLC, in Thayne, Wyoming, which helped pay for ranching expenses. Luthi's ranch operation consists of a cow/calf operation and the growing of hay and barley. It is rumored that he actually has more pictures of cows on his phone than people.

Luthi's career in the Wyoming House of Representatives began in 1995 with his name being drawn from a cowboy hat by Governor Mike Sullivan to declare him the victor in a tie vote. He served as speaker in 2005 and 2006. As a state legislator, he served on the Judiciary Committee, Management Audit Committee and Management Council. During his legislative career, he developed an understanding of the importance of royalties paid to the federal government by companies producing energy on our public lands and waters. As Majority Leader and Speaker of the Wyoming House, Luthi was instrumental in formulation of state budgets which relied heavily upon royalties and severance taxes paid by energy companies developing federal leases. In addition, he was a legislative member of the Energy Council, an organization comprised of legislative representatives from energy producing states and provinces and private energy-related industries. Currently, Luthi also serves as Chairman of the Wyoming Stockgrowers Agricultural Land Trust Board.

Luthi is now in his fourth tour of duty in Washington, DC. Earlier, he served as a legislative assistant for then Senator Alan K. Simpson. Luthi was also an attorney/advisor in the Solicitor's Office at DOI from 1986 to 1990 and Senior Counselor for Environmental Regulations at the National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration in the Department of Commerce from 1990 to 1993.

Luthi graduated from the University of Wyoming in 1979 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in administration of justice, and earned a law degree from the University of Wyoming in 1982. Too short to be effective on a basketball court, he is more inclined to chase a racquetball around the court on occasion. He also enjoys hunting, fishing, and, of course, cheering for the University of Wyoming Cowboys and Cowgirls.