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- Matthew (Matt) Womble is the Director of Ocean Data Programs at SAILDRONE, where he is responsible for business development and mission planning for all environmental data missions.
- Prior to SAILDRONE, Womble worked for four years as a professional staff member on the U.S. Senate Appropriations Committee, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies. In this role, he directed and led the formulation of annual and emergency appropriations legislation that funded the Department of Commerce, including the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and the National Institute of Standards and Technology, among others.
- Womble was a 2016 John H. Knauss Sea Grant Fellow, during which he worked in the office of the NOAA Chief Scientist and spearheaded efforts to evaluate and improve NOAA's Research and Development portfolio.
- Following the fellowship, Womble remained at NOAA and worked in the Office of the NOAA Administrator and at the National Water Center in Tuscaloosa, Alabama.
- Womble earned his BSc in Wildlife, Fisheries, and Aquaculture Science from Mississippi State University in 2012, and an MSc in Biology from Auburn University School of Fisheries, Aquaculture, and Aquatic Sciences in 2015.