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Tom Potts is Director of Science at DEEP, where he leads strategic planning, permitting, and stakeholder engagement for the deployment and operation of the Vanguard undersea habitat. A marine biologist with more than 30 years of experience in ocean research, conservation, and undersea operations, he is helping advance technologies that enable sustained human presence beneath the sea and expand opportunities for scientific discovery.

Throughout his career, Tom has led multidisciplinary research programs and collaborated with government agencies, academic institutions, and industry partners to advance ocean science and environmental stewardship. He previously held leadership positions with NOAA's National Undersea Research Program and the Aquarius Reef Base.

Tom holds a master's degree in marine biology and brings extensive field experience as a certified scuba instructor, technical and scientific diver, submersible pilot, and remotely operated vehicle operator. His work includes scientific and technical publications, advisory board service, and the development of professional training and science education programs. He remains committed to building partnerships that connect emerging undersea technologies with meaningful scientific research, education, and ocean conservation.