



# Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission

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**Commission Meeting  
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Employee Introductions**

## **Division of Law Enforcement**

**Captain David Schaeffer (pronounced SHA-FER)** - David is a Captain in FWC's Division of Law Enforcement, South Region. He currently serves as the area supervisor for Palm Beach and Martin Counties, where he began his career as an Officer in 1998. David is also a member of the U.S. Coast Guard Reserve. He has been called to serve on active duty three times since the attacks of 9/11, and is currently assigned to Coast Guard Sector Miami as a Boatswain's Mate Second Class.

**Officer A.J. Maynard** - A.J. entered the Army in 1996. His assignment was Military Police / designated sharpshooter and stationed in Germany. He served on deployments to include Bosnia, Sarajevo, Kosovo, Macedonia, Albania, and Serbia. He exited the Army in 2001, and later that year began his career with the FWC. He is currently assigned to Lake Okeechobee.

## **Division of Habitat and Species Conservation**

**Michael Anderson** - Michael is the Regional Wildlife Management Area Biologist for the South Region. He and his team are responsible for all the management activities that occur on the WMA's within the South Region, which includes areas amounting to more than 1.8 million acres. Michael has served the agency as a wildlife biologist since 1994. Michael has also served in the Florida Army National Guard as a commissioned officer since 2003. He returned from a year-long deployment to Iraq where his unit provided convoy security for the massive withdrawal of troops in 2010. While deployed he earned the Bronze Star and other citations and awards. He currently holds the rank of Captain and is an Infantry Company Commander.

**David Sweetay (SWEE-TA)** - David is the Area Biologist for the Dinner Island Ranch WMA. He is responsible for the management activities that occur on the Dinner Island Ranch WMA, which is a lead area encompassing 21,714 acres. David began his career with the agency as a wildlife technician in 2003. David served in the U.S. Army as a Specialist (E-4) from 1992-1996. He served in the Army Medical Division as an Operating Room Specialist at William Beaumont Army Medical Center at Fort Bliss, Texas.

### **Division of Freshwater Fisheries Management**

**Ralph Laprairie (LA-PRAIRIE)** - Ralph is a Biological Scientist III, in the Division of Freshwater Fisheries Management. Ralph has a B.S. in Forestry and M.S. in Fisheries Science from Louisiana State University. He began his career with the Game and Freshwater Fish Commission 21 years ago in South Florida working on the Urban Fisheries Project. He now works in the West Palm Beach Regional office. Ralph served in the U.S. Navy during the Vietnam era from February 1971 - January 1977. He obtained the rate of Machinist Mate First Class while serving onboard the nuclear submarine USS Sargo SSN 583. Ralph was trained in the operation of nuclear power systems and qualified to operate the secondary mechanical systems of the nuclear propulsion plant. Ralph also served in the western Pacific and was home based in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.

### **Division of Hunting and Game Management**

**Jamie Feddersen** - Jamie has worked for the FWC as a Biological Scientist with the Waterfowl Management Program since 2001. He deals with waterfowl related issues throughout peninsular Florida, from providing technical assistance to landowners regarding nuisance ducks to assisting researchers with telemetry and genetics studies of Florida mottled ducks. He served in the Army, on active duty, as a tank crewmember with the 24<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division from 1987 to 1989. He then served an additional year in the Army Reserve.