

**Commission Meeting
February 13-14, 2013
Orlando, FL
Employee Introductions**

Division of Law Enforcement

Officer Steve McDaniel - Officer McDaniel has been with FWC for 3 years after serving 24 years as a Winter Park Police Officer. Steve is a published author on juvenile crime and is a subject matter expert on reptiles. Steve has permits for his own captive wildlife species and uses them to educate kids at the numerous school functions he is requested to attend. In addition, he is currently working on his Masters Degree in Zoology. Steve was also selected to be the NE Region's Officer of the Year for 2013.

Duty Officer Chip Paoletti [pronounced **POE-LET-EE**] - Duty Officer Paoletti has been employed with FWC for 11 years working in the Northeast and Southwest regions. Prior to coming to FWC, Chip served 20 years in the United States Air Force as a military police officer and recruiter. In addition to his routine dispatch duties, Chip trains the majority of new Duty Officers in his region. He is currently the acting supervisor, and is always willing to help wherever needed. Chip was also selected as the Northeast region's Duty Officer of the Year for 2010.

Division of Habitat and Species Conservation

Cheryl Pinkerton - Cheryl joined the Commission in November 2002. She has worked the last 10 years as Staff Assistant in the Northeast region for the Wildlife and Habitat Management Section. In addition to her outstanding service to the Division, she also performs a variety of special projects for the Northeast Regional Service Center.

Ben Shepherd - Ben joined the Commission in 2011 to work for the Office of Conservation Planning Services. He is responsible for coordinating with FWC staff, private landowners, and state and federal agencies regarding land development projects in Central Florida. Prior to joining FWC, Ben worked for five years in the private sector as an engineer, where he conducted environmental assessments and wildlife surveys associated with large-scale natural gas pipeline projects in the southeast. Ben received his Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, where he also won a national championship as a member of the school's rowing team. He also attended the University of Florida, where he received dual Master of Science degrees in Interdisciplinary Ecology, and Environmental Engineering Sciences.

Fish and Wildlife Research Institute

Alice Mason – Alice Mason is a half-time employee for the FWC's Alligator Research Sub-section. She has worked at the Eustis Alligator Field Office for 12 years, providing valuable assistance to biologists and the Agency. She also provides assistance to the bald eagle monitoring program. Those who work with Alice know her to be dependable, have a pleasant demeanor and positive attitude, which in turn reflects favorably on FWC.

Patrick Delaney – Patrick Delaney is a research biologist for FWC's Alligator Research Sub-section. He has worked at the Eustis Alligator Field Office since 2006. Prior to 2006, he worked as a summer field assistant while earning his bachelor degree from Florida State University. Patrick is an integral part of FWC's alligator program, which is widely recognized as a model crocodylian management program. His personality and enthusiasm are infectious and serve to motivate those who work with him.

Division of Freshwater Fisheries Management

Dustin Everitt - Dustin has worked since 2008 with our Northeast Regional Freshwater Fisheries Team where his primary responsibility is leading our fishery projects in the Upper St. Johns River Basin.

Tomorrow we will hear more about Dustin's innovative approach, ability to work with partners, and determination to see projects to completion.

KP Clements (female) - KP joined our Division of Freshwater Fisheries this summer to coordinate our TrophyCatch program that launched in October. KP brings an extensive background in sports marketing, tourist development, and event planning. Within a couple of months, she brought in many new partners to support this exciting program that you will hear more about tomorrow.