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Education

1979 B.S. Wildlife Biology, Univ. of Vermont, Burlington, VT
1993 M.S. Administration, St. Michael's College, Colchester, VT

Work Experience

Wildlife Management Program Manager, VT Fish and Wildlife Department

October 2009 - Present

Supervises all wildlife management species research, conservation and management responsibilities for all game species program in the state of Vermont. Oversees planning and implementation of white-tailed deer, moose, black bear, wild turkey, migratory game bird, and furbearer projects.

Bat Project Biologist, VT Fish and Wildlife Department August, 2001 – Present

Serve as Department's key contact person regarding conservation and management of bats. The position includes the development and implementation of the state's bat conservation and recovery plan. Current field studies include capture, radio telemetry, and habitat assessment of Indiana bats, as well as acoustic monitoring as a strategy for statewide surveys for all bat species. Other duties include hibernacula surveys, mist-netting and acoustic monitoring surveys, habitat evaluation, impacts of wind energy on bats, and investigation into White-nose Syndrome.

Director of Wildlife, VT Fish and Wildlife Department January, 1999 – August, 2001

Served as director of the wildlife division, administering the division's programs in game and nongame species, state lands management, and environmental regulatory review.

VT Agency of Natural Resources Biodiversity Committee Chair 1995 – 1999

Served as chair of the Agency's Biodiversity Committee responsible for Agency matters regarding biodiversity, including Agency lands management issues on the subject.

Black Bear Project Chair, VT Fish and Wildlife Dept August, 2001 – August, 2004
Sept, 1995 – January, 1999

Chair the black bear project team which is responsible for all management activities associated with the species. Duties include assessment of population dynamics, habitat conservation, and public outreach.

White-tailed Deer Project, VT Fish and Wildlife Dept Sept. 1983 – January, 1999
Served on the management team associated with management programs for white-tailed deer. Duties included population dynamics, winter habitat conservation, and public outreach.

Wild Turkey Project Leader, VT Fish and Wildlife Dept Sept. 1983 – October, 1990
Served as the project leader for all management programs associated with wild turkeys in Vermont. Duties included population dynamics and public outreach.

Wildlife Habitat Biologist, VT Fish and Wildlife Dept Sept. 1981 – Sept. 1983
Served as a district wildlife habitat biologist responsible for habitat management on both private and state lands in southwestern Vermont.

Appointments

Technical Advisor to Bat Wind Energy Cooperative January 2011 - Present
Serves as technical advisor representing state fish and wildlife agencies regarding wind energy and bat issues.

Steering Committee for National Plan for White-nose Syndrome Feb 2011 – Present
Serves as state representative on the Steering Committee for the National Plan for White Nose Syndrome. The Steering Committee is responsible for advising the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service on priority actions to address White-nose Syndrome.

USFWS Wind Turbine Guideline Federal Advisory Committee April, 2008 – October 2011
Served on the Department of Interior advisory committee charged with developing recommendations for USFWS federal guidelines to address the impacts of wind energy development on wildlife and their habitats. The committee is comprised of representatives from the wind energy industry, state wildlife agencies, and non-profit conservation organizations.

Professional Organizations

The Wildlife Society, Certified Wildlife Biologist, 1985

The Wildlife Society, Member, 1979 – Present

New England Chapter of The Wildlife Society, President, April, 2003 – April, 2005

Society for Conservation Biology, Member, 1995 – 2005

Northeast Bat Working Group, 2002 – Present

Publications

Blehert, David S., A. Hicks, M. Behr, C. Meteyer, B. Berlowski-Zier, E. Buckles, J. Coleman, S. Darling, A. Gargas, R. Niver, J. Okoniewski, R. Rudd, and W. Stone. 2008. Bat white nose syndrome: An emerging fungal pathogen? *Science*.

Watrous, Kristen, T. Donovan, R. Mickey, S. Darling, A. Hicks, and S. von Oettingen. 2006. Predicting minimum habitat characteristics for the Indiana bat in the Champlain Valley. *J. Wildl. Mngmt.* 70(5):1228-1237.

Britzke, E., A. Hicks, S. von Oettingen, and S. Darling. 2006. Description of spring roost trees used by female Indiana bats (*Myotis sodalis*) in the Lake Champlain Valley of Vermont and New York. *Amer. Mid. Nat.* 155:181-187.

Darling, S. 1993. Career plateauing within state fish and wildlife agencies in New England. M.S. Thesis, St. Michael's College, Colchester, VT.

Darling, S. 1991. Thoughts on use of mitigation when implementing statewide species management plans. *Trans. Northeast Sect. Wildl. Soc.* 48:154-163.

Reeder, DeeAnn M., C. Frank, G. Turner, C. Meteyer, A. Kurta, E. Britzke, M. Vodzak, S. Darling, C. Stihler, A. Hicks, R. Jacob, L. Grieneisen, S. Brownlee, L. Muller, D. Blehert. Frequent arousal from hibernation linked to severity of infection and mortality in bats with white-nose syndrome. 2012. *PloS ONE* 7(6): e38920.

Numerous other technical publications and popular articles, generally on the subjects of habitat management, species management technical reports, and wildlife conservation.