

CHAD EVERETT ALLISON

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EDUCATION:

Alfred M Barbe High School, Lake Charles, LA 70605 - May 1994
McNeese State University, Lake Charles, LA 70605 BS Wildlife Management - May 1999

EXPERIENCE:

Dec 2007- Wildlife Biologist/Area Manager

Present

40+ hours/week Biological Scientist III
Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission - Chassahowitzka Wildlife Management Area
17260 Necklace Warbler Ave Brooksville, FL 34614

Implement and maintain both current and projected habitat management projects utilizing prescribed fire, mechanical, and chemical treatments. Conduct surveys to monitor the status of selected species on the Chassahowitzka and Croom Wildlife Management Areas, and the Chinsegut Wildlife Environmental Area. Maintain a current database of all species monitored. Conduct analyses of those data and provide detailed summary reports. Responsible for coordinating and participating in the activities required to manage public hunts on the Chassahowitzka and Croom WMAs. Collect biological samples from live and harvested animals on the Chassahowitzka and Croom WMAs, and the Chinsegut WEA. Responsible for the preparation and accomplishment of programs and project plans. Prepare and submit periodic and final administrative and biological reports for assigned areas. Maintain primary vehicle and other equipment in clean, safe and efficient operating condition. Maintain signs, WMA entrances, infrastructure, and grounds in a manner that presents a professional and positive image of the Commission. Provide information to the public. Assist with Regional wildlife projects and tasks. Supervise and mentor personnel on assigned areas.

Supervisor: Victor Echaves (863) 648-3200 **may be contacted**

Dec 2005-

Wildlife Assistance Biologist

Dec 2007

40 hours/week Biological Scientist III
Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission - Southwest Regional Office
3900 Drane Field Road Lakeland, FL 33811

Responsibilities included addressing nuisance wildlife concerns for the citizens of Southwest Florida. Resolution took the form of general wildlife education/instruction, permit application assistance, Florida Administrative Code research and knowledge, interagency communication, and familiarity with a variety of potential circumstances addressing human/wildlife conflict. Assisted other FWC Divisions and Sections with electrofishing, site visits/consultations, habitat management (physical, mechanical, and chemical), game/non-game surveys, and hunter check station management. Served as a participant assisting in the conclusion of FWC's Nuisance Wildlife Issue Team (tasked with the overhaul of FL's nuisance wildlife program including rules, policy, philosophy, interpretation, and outsourcing potential). Engaged and participated in the Florida Black Bear Standing Team (tasked with the ongoing review, maintenance, and updating of FL's Bear Management Program). Responsible for managing the region's Florida Black Bear complaints through the preparation and completion of reports along with subsequent entry into the statewide database as well as the coordination of legal and biological responses. Region wide chronic wasting disease (CWD) coordinator tasked with the collection of brain stems and retropharyngeal glands from deer harvested during hunting season. Assisted the regional Public Information Officer with providing information to the media and certain stakeholders via interviews and/or public appearances.

Supervisor: (12/05-6/07): Jeff McGrady (863) 648-3200 **may be contacted**

Supervisor: (6/07-12/07): Nancy Douglass (863) 648-3200 **may be contacted**

**June 2004-
Dec 2005**

Wildlife Biologist (Endangered & Threatened Species)

40 hours/week GS 7/9 Term Position

USFWS/ Conservation Branch, Env. & Nat. Resource Mgmt. Division, US Army

646 Cajundome Boulevard Suite 400 Lafayette, LA 70506/1697 23rd Street Building 2543 Fort Polk, LA 71459

Daily responsibilities involved a wide array of management practices, projects, surveys, and recovery efforts benefitting the endangered Red Cockaded Woodpecker (RCW). Tasks included the installation of artificial inserts, drilled starts, and drilled cavities in old growth Long-leaf pine trees. Census/Survey efforts included seasonal monitoring using scopes, cameras, nets, leg bands, as well as translocation efforts. Management practices involved the use of GPS technology in order to determine the feasibility of potential RCW clusters and the condition of existing clusters. Prepared RECs (Records of Environmental Consideration) for thinning recommendations in order to comply with NEPA regulations. Habitat management involved the use of chainsaws and heavy equipment style mulchers to accomplish thinning in sites too small or too difficult to access for contract loggers. Worked with the Army Corp of Engineers and the Environmental Division's NEPA branch on projects with potential to impact RCW inhabited areas. Non RCW related tasks involved the assistance with, development of, and participation in individual monitoring projects. These included Wood Duck, Blue Bird, Kestrel, and Screech Owl nesting box usage, local range of bobcats using radio telemetry, and use of bridges as day roosts by bats. Other monitoring projects involving state and/or national participation were the development and utilization of a MAPS station (Monitoring Avian Productivity and Survivorship) along with a LAMP survey route (Louisiana Amphibian Monitoring Program). Considerable time was spent as an Inspector charged with assessing the damage done by units training at Fort Polk. These assessments involved the actual inspection of environmental damages, the notation of said damages, and the recommendations for repair of these damages. These inspections required a great deal of interaction between soldiers, contractors, and fellow biologists. Proficient with and/or responsible for a 4 wheel drive truck with a winch, various safety gear, chainsaws, Swedish climbing ladders, various hand tools, a tractor with a front end loader and various implements, a GPS unit, a digital camera, and a PC w/ MS Office. Additional time was spent coordinating and participating in various outreach programs. Generally these efforts involved presentations to groups of school children and tended to focus on Natural Resource Conservation.

Supervisor: (on site): Stephanie Stephens (337) 531-6088 **may be contacted**

Supervisor: (administrative): James Boggs (337) 291-3115 **may be contacted**

**Sept 2003-
June 2004**

Wildlife Biologist (Fisheries & Game Species)

40 hours/week

URS Consultants/Conservation Branch, Env. & Nat. Resource Mgmt. Division, US Army

7389 Florida Boulevard Suite 300 Baton Rouge, LA 70806/1823 23rd Street Building 2505 Fort Polk, LA 71459

Responsibilities focused on game management, stream monitoring, and pond management. Tasked with managing Fort Polk's ponds and lakes using sampling, stocking, and fertilization. Monitored streams for quality and quantity of fish, aquatic macro invertebrates, nutrients, and productivity indicators using a variety of means (electrofishing, netting, and measurements of TSS, pH, flowrate, etc). Game management efforts included food plot development, public input considerations, and various surveys (point counts, spotlight surveys, habitat assessments, and hunter check stations) focusing mainly on upland species and white tail deer. Additional duties included nuisance/pest/exotic species control utilizing trapping and lethal control. Participated in the removal of white tail deer brain stems at hunter check stations for CWD testing. Enrolled in and awarded credit for the National Conservation Training Center's Macroinvertebrate Ecology and Identification.

Supervisor: Ken Moore (337) 531-7078 **may be contacted**

**July 2001-
Sept 2003**

Environmental Laboratory Technician

40 hours/week

ORISE Institute/Compliance Branch, Env. & Nat. Resource Mgmt. Division, US Army
5158 Blackhawk Road Bldg. E5158 Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD 21010/1867 23rd Street Building
2530 Fort Polk, LA 71459

Detected asbestos in WWII era structures using Polarizing Light Microscopes. Interacted daily with database containing samples and results using a personal computer. Performed tests (Oil and Grease, TSS, Ammonia, CBOD/BOD, Fecal Coliform) on treated wastewater released into streams in accordance with LDEQ and EPA permits. Handled, logged, and relinquished all samples that were tested or shipped out through the laboratory. Assisted in the preparation of monthly discharge monitoring reports (DMRs). Completed work assignments with little or no supervision daily. Contributed an active role in the laboratory's NVLAP (National Voluntary Laboratory Accreditation Program) accreditation. Volunteered for the installation's storm water monitoring program.

Supervisor: John Brewer (337) 531-2640 **may be contacted**

OTHER:

Recipient of the Rockefeller Wildlife Scholarship
Member Delta Tau Alpha Agricultural Honor Society
Volunteer for Louisiana's Amphibian Monitoring Program/LAMP (1999-2005)
ATV Safety Institute Certified (2004)
Aquatic Invertebrate Ecology and Identification/NCTC Shepherdstown, WV (2004)
RCW Drilled Cavity Training/Eglin Air Force Base, FL (Nov 2004)
SCWDS Wildlife Disease Colloquium/FWRI St. Petersburg, FL (April 2006)
Natural Areas Training Academy Plant Communities of Florida (May 2006)
National Conference on Wild Pigs/Mobile, AL (May 2006)
Safe-Capture International's Chemical Immobilization of Animals/Kissimmee, FL (September 2006)
UF/IFAS Extension and FL DOACS Public Pesticide Applicator License (February 2007)
Inter-Agency Basic Prescribed Fire Training/Withlacoochee State Forest Brooksville, FL (February 2008)
FFWCC/FL Chapter Wildlife Society's Prescribed Fire Techniques for Wildlife/Punta Gorda, FL (May 2008)
FFWCC Bobwhite Quail/Grassland Species Mgmt/Tall Timbers Research Station Tallahassee, FL (June 2008)

OUTREACH EFFORTS:

6/28/04 Boy Scouts at Camp Edgewood DeQuincy, LA "Natural Resource Conservation"
8/13/04 Fort Polk Community Youth Center Fort Polk, LA "RCWs & Endangered Species Management"
3/14/05 Submitted an article on Wood Ducks to Fort Polk's newspaper *The Guardian*; published 7/1/05
4/09/05 Lions Camp 4H Weekender in Leesville, LA "Wood Ducks, What's Next"
7/02/05 Girl Scouts at Camp Edgewood DeQuincy, LA "Youth Wilderness Survival"
4/12/08 Chinsegut Nature Center's Birding and Wildlife Festival Brooksville, FL volunteer