



**INNOVATIVE NATURAL
RESOURCE SOLUTIONS LLC.**

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WORK EXPERIENCE:

Innovative Natural Resource Solutions, Concord, NH

2006 to present

- ▶ Work on wildlife and land conservation issues with landowners, non-profits, and government agencies.
- ▶ Lobby New Hampshire Legislature and U.S. Congress for conservation advocacy issues.
- ▶ Clients include The Lyme Timber Company, The Trust for Public Land, Bright Text Advocacy Software, The National Wildlife Refuge Association and numerous private landowners.

President – Independent New Hampshire Audubon, Concord, NH

2003 to 2006

- ▶ Successfully lobbied for \$41 million in federal funding for conservation in New Hampshire over FY05 and FY06.
- ▶ First in the nation, ban on the use and sale of lead sinkers in jigs to protect loons and other water-birds.
- ▶ Secured \$850,000 from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to study the Lake Umbagog ecosystem to better manage abundant wildlife resource and expand National Wildlife Refuge.
- ▶ Assisted New Hampshire Fish and Game on the completion of the State's first Wildlife Action Plan.
- ▶ Protected land at Great Bay National Estuarine Reserve, Conte National Wildlife Refuge, Umbagog National Wildlife Refuge, and the Q2C Land Protection Initiative.
- ▶ National leader in the Teaming with Wildlife effort to promote State Wildlife Grant funding.
- ▶ Built two large sustainable environmental centers raising \$5 million in funds.
- ▶ Supervised a staff 115 employees at 6 centers with a \$5.5 million budget bringing organization in the black for first time in 11 years.

Field Office Director – Northern New England Office of the Trust for Public Land, Montpelier, VT

1994 to 2003

- ▶ Completed 335,000 acres of land conservation in nearly 100 land conservation projects including the 171,426 acre \$45 million Connecticut Headwaters Project.
- ▶ Worked to dramatically expand Rachel Carson, Lake Umbagog and Missisquoi National Wildlife Refuges through Comprehensive Conservation Planning.
- ▶ Successfully lobbied for land conservation programs in New Hampshire and Maine.
- ▶ Lobbied Congress for nearly \$50,000 million in land conservation working extensively with Senator's Gregg, Leahy, Jeffords, Collins and Snowe.
- ▶ Managed a staff of 15 conservation real estate professionals and attorneys in three field offices in Vermont, New Hampshire and Maine.

Assistant Refuge Manager – U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

1988 to 1994

- ▶ 92-94 Assistant Manager of five refuge Rhode Island Refuge Complex. Supervised science, public-use, and law enforcement staff of 25. Conserved land at John Chaffee, Trustom Pond, and Block Island National Wildlife Refuges. Managed endangered species- piping plover, least tern and bald eagle. Managed nearly million visitors at visitor center and visitor contact station. Worked with Senator John Chaffee – chairmen of Public Works and Environment Committee.
- ▶ 91-92 Acting Manager of ten unit Rachel Carson National Wildlife Refuge in Maine. Oversaw \$5 million a year refuge expansion program. Leader in the expansion of the Wells National Estuarine Reserve and U.S. Fish and Wildlife's Gulf of Maine Program.
- ▶ 88-91 Assistant Manager in charge of Cape Cod National Wildlife Refuges; Monomoy, Nantucket, Noman's Island and Plymouth Red-bellied Turtle. Managed largest seabird colonies in the northeast with huge endangered Roseate Tern colony, common tern, and least tern and piping plover populations. Managed large shorebird and water bird migration stop over of international importance in addition to large marine mammal colonies of over 1,000 wintering seals.

Researcher University of Vermont, Burlington, VT

- ▶ With Mellon Grant studied foraging behavior of expanding ring-billed gull population through radio-telemetry on Lake Champlain.
- ▶ Researcher – Tanjung Puting National Park, Indonesia
- ▶ Studied Orangutans and gibbons under Birute Galdikas



EDUCATION

1987 B.S. in Wildlife Biology, University of Vermont, Burlington

AWARDS AND AFFILIATIONS

Conservationist of the year 1997 – Upper Valley Land Trust, **Touchstone Award 2003** – Wildlife Management Institute, **Conservation Integrity Award 2003** – American Foresters, **Partners Award 2003** – Northern Forest Center, **Conservation Project of the Year 2003** – Northern Forest Alliance, U.S. Senate Recognition of Achievement 2003- Gregg and Leahy

Board Member – National Wildlife Refuge Association, Washington DC
2000 to present