

BIOGRAPHY OF MICHAEL J. BEAN

Michael J. Bean is Counselor to the Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks at the Department of the Interior. In that capacity, he advises on implementation of the laws and programs administered by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Prior to joining Interior in 2009, Bean headed the Wildlife Program of Environmental Defense Fund, where he helped develop agreements with farmers, ranchers, forest owners, and other private landowners in Texas, North Carolina, Utah, California, and other states to restore, enhance, or preserve endangered species on working lands. A 1973 graduate of the Yale Law School, he has served on the boards of Resources for the Future, the Environmental Law Institute, and the Board on Environmental Studies and Toxicology of the National Research Council of the National Academy of Sciences. His book, *The Evolution of National Wildlife Law*, the third edition of which was written with Melanie J. Rowland in 1997, is generally regarded as the leading text on the subject of wildlife conservation law. He is also the author of numerous book chapters, reviews, and articles on conservation in journals including *Agricultural History*, *Bioscience*, *Journal of the Washington Academy of Sciences*, *Natural History*, *Nature*, *Quarterly Review of Biology*, *Science*, and *Smithsonian*.