

Committee on Energy and Commerce
U.S. House of Representatives
Witness Disclosure Requirement - "Truth in Testimony"
Required by House Rule XI, Clause 2(g)(5)

1. Your Name: Collin Patrick O'Mara		
2. Your Title: President and CEO		
3. The Entity(ies) You are Representing: National Wildlife Federation		
4. Are you testifying on behalf of the Federal, or a State or local government entity?	Yes	No x
5. Please list any Federal grants or contracts, or contracts or payments originating with a foreign government, that you or the entity(ies) you represent have received on or after January 1, 2013. Only grants, contracts, or payments related to the subject matter of the hearing must be listed. We have no federal grants or contracts related to this subject matter.		
6. Please attach your curriculum vitae to your completed disclosure form.		

Signature: _____



Date: _____

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Collin Patrick O'Mara

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

7/2014– National Wildlife Federation

President & Chief Executive Officer

Leading the nation's largest conservation organization with nearly six million members and supporters (including hunters, anglers, birders, hikers, forest stewards, boaters, etc.), 49 state and territorial affiliates, and 300+ staff spread across 11 regional offices. Eliminated long-term structural budget deficit and restructured organization to focus upon wildlife and place-based conservation.

Returning the National Wildlife Federation to its bipartisan wildlife conservation, sportsmen, and affiliate roots by promoting the North American Model of Wildlife Conservation and the Public Trust Doctrine and advocating for bipartisan legislative progress securing dedicated conservation funding (e.g. reauthorization of the Land and Water Conservation Fund, Wildlife Conservation and Restoration Account for non-game species, etc.), modernizing National Forest management, restoring America's waterways, improving endangered species conservation, and enhancing sportsmen experiences.

Serving on the Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies' Blue Ribbon Panel on Sustaining America's Diverse Fish & Wildlife Resources and the Wildlife and Hunting Heritage Conservation Council.

Working to protect access to public lands and waterways across America for hunting (elk, mule deer, pronghorn, bighorn, etc.) and fishing (salmon, steelhead, etc.) by preventing the passage of state and federal legislation that would transfer control of federal lands or reduce access.

Reducing wildlife disease by fighting chronic wasting disease afflicting captive cervids and reducing potential conflicts for bighorn sheep and bison by acquiring and retiring domestic grazing allotments.

Helping to lead a national campaign to defend Clean Water Act protections for million acres of wetlands and millions of miles of critical headwater streams that are critical for water fowl and fish populations.

Restoring pollinator populations (especially monarchs and native bees) by launching national initiative with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to encourage individuals, communities, and state agencies to restore habitat and garden for wildlife.

Providing more than three million children with nature education through the Federation's Eco-Schools program, Schoolyard Wildlife Habitats program, and *Ranger Rick* magazines.

2009–2014 State of Delaware

Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control (DNREC)

Secretary of Natural Resources and Environmental Control

Served as chief natural resource and energy officer for the State of Delaware: lead a consolidated agency with 900 full-time and 700 part-time employees, \$180 million operating budget, and responsibility for fish and wildlife management, air and water quality, contaminated site remediation, shoreline and waterway management, state parks, energy policy, climate change, and storm response.

Launched initiatives to connect Delawareans with wildlife and expand tourism, including "Delaware Bayshore Initiative" (an effort to enhance a world-class bird habitat/conservation area and expand low-impact recreation through the President's America's Great Outdoors Initiative), "Children In Nature" campaign (comprehensive strategy to confront childhood obesity by ensuring "no child left inside"), "First State Trails and Pathways Plan" (effort to establish Delaware among most bike and pedestrian friendly states in the nation), and the Captain John Smith National Historic Trail expansion.

Oversaw State's clean water strategy: launched Clean Water for Delaware's Future initiative to invest \$1 billion in water quality and resilience improvements over ten years; managed development of the State's Watershed Implementation Plans, including Chesapeake Bay and Inland Bays; accelerated cleanup of legacy ground water contamination sites and removal of surface water toxics; promulgated more stringent regulatory standards for contained animal feeding operations, stormwater management, wastewater and onsite systems, and floodplain standards and drainage codes.

Managed largest investment in environmental infrastructure in the Delaware's history, including upgrades to state wildlife areas and parks, wastewater and stormwater systems, beach restoration, dam, dike and impoundment repair, drainage projects, brownfield/tank remediation, and energy projects—all infrastructure intended to improve Delaware's resilience to climate impacts.

Testified before multiple committees of the U.S. Senate and U.S. House of Representatives on Clean Air Act, Clean Water Act, Water Resources Development Act, Clean Energy and Climate/Extreme Weather.

2006–2009 City of San Jose (Silicon Valley, California)

Clean Tech Strategist (Mayor/City Manager's Office)

- Served as a primary architect of San Jose's Green Vision (integrated sustainability & economic development strategy), which established ten aspirational goals and implementation strategies for job creation, renewable energy, energy efficiency, green buildings, recycling, water recycling, and zero-emission vehicles to spur development of clean energy economy.
- Designed Clean Tech Strategy to seize economic opportunity created by demand for clean energy technologies. Strategy supported private sector investment and creation of clean technology jobs in San Jose and strengthened world-class incubator system by establishing pipeline of top entrepreneurs/start-ups.
- Created regional Green Workforce Strategy and led coalition of workforce investment boards, industry, labor, academic institutions, and non-profit organizations to maximize impact of training efforts.
- Developed regional sustainability policies with Silicon Valley Leadership Group and Joint Venture Silicon Valley, including Silicon Valley Climate Prosperity Strategy/Greenprint (co-editor), Private Sector Green Building Policy, and Clean Tech Legislative Agenda.

2002–2003 City of Syracuse (Syracuse, New York)

Assistant Director of Management & Budget / Director of SyraStat (Accountability Division)

- Implemented comprehensive accountability and efficiency system by integrating cutting-edge technology and real-time data collection methods.
- Analyzed \$150 million general fund budget, capital budgets, and departmental operations and saved the City of Syracuse \$13.75 million through efficiency initiatives and operational improvements.
- Recipient of Local Government Innovation Achievement Award from New York Conference of Mayors.

2001 Beard/VINTA Alternative School (Syracuse, New York)

Middle School Teacher / AmeriCorps Volunteer

- Taught life skills at Alternative School for youths expelled from City School District.
- Increased student engagement by increasing extracurricular activating and providing service opportunities.

EDUCATION

2005–2006 Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs, Syracuse University

Master of Public Administration, 4.0 GPA (graduated 1st in class of 140)

University Fellow in Public Policy and Administration

2003–2005 University of Oxford, Trinity College

M.A.Oxon, Philosophy, Politics, and Economics (PPE) with Honours

Marshall Scholar, sponsored by the British Parliament to study at a British University

Member, Varsity Basketball Team

1997–2001 Dartmouth College

B.A. in History and Classics with High Honors

Presidential Scholar (1999-2001)

- High Honors Thesis: *The Development of a Democratic Civic Identity and Civic Ideology*
- President, Class of 2001

Fellowships/Programs

- Aspen Institute Catto Fellow for leadership in Energy and the Environment (2010-2012)
- Accredited by U.S. Green Building Council Leadership Energy & Environmental Design Professional
- Completed Stanford University Graduate School of Business Executive Education Program in “Business Strategies for Environmental Sustainability” (2008)