

Gordon R. Batcheller

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EDUCATION:

Oklahoma State University

M.S., Wildlife Ecology, 1980

Thesis: *The Ecology and behavior of blue jays in Oklahoma pecan orchards*

University of Maine

B.S. with highest distinction, Wildlife Management, 1978

EMPLOYMENT:

Northeast Association of Fish & Wildlife Agencies, Inc.

Executive Secretary (2015-present)

Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies

Legal Strategies Program contractor (2016-present)

New York State Division of Fish and Wildlife

(1981-2015)

Most recent position: Chief Wildlife Biologist

Albany, NY

SIGNIFICANT PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

(with selected annotations)

- 1985-1989 Project leader, status and management of common terns (Niagara River, Buffalo Harbor)
- 1988-1990 Co-chair, New York Joint Venture (Great Lakes), North American Waterfowl Management Plan
- 1989 Team leader to develop agency response protocol for raccoon rabies epidemic
- 1989-present Member and Secretary, U.S. Technical Advisory Group on Humane Trapping
Represented state wildlife agency interests during development of international humane trapping standards.

- 1989-2000 Member of U.S. delegation to ISO TC-191 (International Organization for Standardization technical committee on humane trapping standards)
Represented U.S. interests to the international body developing humane trapping standards.
- 1989-1990 Vice-President, New York Chapter of The Wildlife Society
1993-1995 Chair, Division of Fish, Wildlife & Marine Resources Centennial Committee
A statewide agency celebration of 100 years of conservation leadership.
- May 1994 Addressed the Congressional Sportsmen's Caucus on the effects of the European Union's (EU) wild fur regulation
- 1996-1997 Co-negotiator for the U.S. Trade Representative's Office on the EU wild fur regulation. (Assigned to U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service via the Intergovernmental Personnel Act.)
I was one of two state agency representatives on the U.S. delegation serving the Clinton Administration negotiating with the EU on implementation of the EU wild fur regulation. We successfully concluded an "Agreed Minute" which allowed the wild fur trade to continue without interruption.
- 1995-1998 Chair, Facilities Committee, The Wildlife Society national conference, Buffalo (1998)
- July 2000 Referee, special issue of the *Wildlife Society Bulletin* on hunting and trapping
- 2002-2004 State agency liaison (team member) to U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for development of National Wildlife Refuge System policies (Intergovernmental Personnel Act)
I served with four other state agency representatives to represent state interests on a federal/state team to draft new policies on public use of national wildlife refuges, required under the National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act of 1997.
- 2004-2010 Chair, interagency work group on implementation of CITES (furbearer) tagging requirements
I led a team of four state agency representatives working with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to revise policies on the tagging of furbearers (primarily bobcat and river otter) pursuant to the Convention on the International Trade of Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES).
- 1992-2010 Member and Chair (2000-2010), U.S. Furbearer Management (formerly, Furbearer Resources) Technical Work Group (Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies). See <http://www.furbearermgmt.org/>. The major accomplishments of this group include:

Development of Best Management Practices for animal traps in the United States, including implementation of the most comprehensive research program on traps ever undertaken anywhere in the World.
 Development of a national trapper education curriculum.
 Development of agency training and outreach products for professional development in furbearer conservation and trapper education.
 Coordinated state agency input during the negotiations with the EU.
 Head of U.S. Delegation: Joint Management Committee; Moscow, Russia; October 2009.

- 2010-present Chair, Sustainable Use of Wildlife Committee, Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies.
- 2000-2003 Vice-chair, International Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies Fur Resources Task Force.
- 2004-2005 Referee, Techniques for Wildlife Investigations and Management, 6th Edition, Chapter 10, "Capture and handling wild animals," The Wildlife Society, Inc.
- 2006-2012 Member, The Wildlife Society Certification Review Board. (Chair: 2011-2012).
- 2006-2007 Fellow and graduate, National Conservation Leadership Institute (inaugural class) (see www.conservationleadership.org)
- 2009 Aldo Leopold Award Selection Committee
- 2012-2013 Program Chair, 2013 Northeast Fish and Wildlife Conference, Saratoga Springs, NY
- 2016-2019 The Wildlife Professional Editorial Advisory Board. (Chair: 2017-2019).
- 2019-present Vice President, The Wildlife Society

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION:

- 1995 Outstanding Professional Award, New York Chapter of The Wildlife Society
- 1998 Commended by the Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for role in negotiations with the European Union and their Wild Fur Regulation
- 2004 Professional of the Year, New York State Conservation Council, Inc.
- 2006 Group Achievement Award, The Wildlife Society

- 2006 Ernest Thompson Seton Award, Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies
- 2007 Award of Excellence, Arizona Game and Fish Commission (for work to improve public use policies on federal wildlife refuges)
- 2007 Elected Fellow, The Wildlife Society
- 2008 William T. Hesselton Memorial Award, Northeast Wildlife Administrators Association
- 2009 The Wildlife Publications Award Committee of The Wildlife Society selected the book *Wildlife and Society: The Science of Human Dimensions* as the 2009 recipient of the Wildlife Publication Award -Outstanding Edited Book Category. (See publications, Organ and Batcheller 2009.)
- 2011 Award of Professional Excellence, University of Maine Wildlife Ecology Program

Honored for 30 years of professional accomplishments, Department of Environmental Conservation Region 8-North Instructors Association
- 2014 Recipient of the Templeton Award (New York State Department of Environmental Conservation's Furbearer Management Team)
- 2015 George Bird Grinnell Memorial Award for Distinguished Service to Natural Resource Conservation (Wildlife Management Institute)
- 2015 John Pearce Memorial Award (Northeast Section of The Wildlife Society)
- 2015 Inducted, New York State Outdoorsmen Hall of Fame

PUBLICATIONS:

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- _____. 2001. Fisher in New York—Another wildlife success story. *New York State Conservationist*. February 2001, p. 2-5.
- _____. 2006. The back page: fine spring morning. *New York State Conservationist*. April 2006, p. 32.
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- _____. 2016. Alternative hunting ammunitions-one state's approach to helping hunters make informed choices. *The Wildlife Professional* 10(4):38-39.
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¹ This paper was recognized as a "key paper" that has advanced the wildlife profession. See: Leopold, B.D. and P.R. Krausman. 2012. Science in Print: Lifeblood of the Society—Key papers that have advanced the wildlife profession. *The Wildlife Professional* 6:48-53.

- Foley, R. E. and G. R. **Batcheller**. 1988. Organochlorine contaminants in common goldeneye wintering on the Niagara River. *J. Wildl. Manage.* 53:441-445.
- Hagen, D. J., L. W. VanDruff, and G. R. **Batcheller**. 1991. Movement and behavior of relocated urban raccoons. *Natl. Inst. Urban Wildl. Symp. Ser.* 2:249-250.
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Chapter Referee:

Braun, C.E., editor. 2005. Techniques for wildlife investigations and management. Sixth edition. The Wildlife Society, Inc., Bethesda, MD.

Journal Referee:

Wildlife Society Bulletin (2000-2005)

Journal of Wildlife Management (2005-present)

COMMUNITY SERVICE:

Hoosick Falls Central School District Board of Education
1992-1999
President, 1998-1999

Trustee, Petersburg Public Library
January 2000-December 2014
President, 2011-2013

Trustee, Upper Hudson Library System
June 2000-2003

United States Coast Guard Auxiliary
March 2003-June 2009
Flotilla Commander, 2006-2007

Trout Unlimited, Southwestern Vermont Chapter
Board member (2016-present)

Hoosic River Watershed Association
Board member (2014-present)

LEISURE TIME

INTERESTS:

Family activities, reading, physical fitness, sailing, mycology, fly fishing, deer and turkey hunting.

REFERENCES:

Available upon request.