

COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES
118th Congress Disclosure Form
As required by and provided for in House Rule XI, clause 2(g)(5)

Habitat Enhancement Now Act February 14, 2024

For Individuals:

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For Witnesses Representing Organizations:

Name: Dr. Frank Rohwer
Name of Organization(s) You are Representing at the Hearing: Delta Waterfowl
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For Nongovernment Witnesses ONLY:

1. Please attach/include current curriculum vitae or resume.

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Education:

B.S. 1976 Wildlife Biology Kansas State University, Manhattan, KS
M.S. 1980 Wildlife Ecology Washington State University, Pullman, WA
Ph.D. 1986 Ecology University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA

Professional Experience:

NSF-NATO Postdoc with Dr. Fred Cooke, Queen's University, Kingston, Ontario (1986-1987)
Assistant Professor, U. of Maryland - Center for Environmental & Estuarine Studies (1987 – 1990)
Assistant & Associate Professor, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA (1991 – 1997)
George Barineau Distinguished Professor of Wildlife Ecology, LSU, Baton Rouge (2004 – 2013)
Scientific Director, Delta Waterfowl Foundation (1991 – 1997; 2000 – 2001; 2003 – 2012)
President and Chief Scientist, Delta Waterfowl Foundation (October, 2012 – present)

Recent Research Initiatives (selected examples from recent years)

Evaluating new approaches to address low duck production across the Prairie Pothole Region.
Understanding the human dimensions of waterfowl hunting.

Personal Background

I grew up on the Chesapeake Bay but went to Kansas State University to get a BS in Wildlife Biology. At KSU I learned of the Delta Waterfowl Research Station and started working there as a field technician in 1975. I worked through the Delta Waterfowl Foundation as a graduate student for both my MS (Washington State University) and Ph.D at University of Pennsylvania. I also spent time as a postdoctoral fellow at Queen's University in Kingston, Ontario before accepting my first faculty position at the University of Maryland. During my time in Maryland I worked on a Canada Goose Commission and then started a major research program that examined released mallards on the eastern shore. After a 3-years in Maryland, I was lured to Louisiana State University where I rekindled my relationship with the Delta Waterfowl Foundation by becoming the Scientific Director in 1991. That job as Delta's lead scientist was in addition to my full-time appointment in Louisiana. I concentrated my LSU teaching in fall semesters and spent springs and summers on the prairies directing Delta's research programs. In 2012, I took on the position of President at Delta Waterfowl, left LSU, and moved to Bismarck, ND, which is the location for Delta's head office and located near some of the finest habitat for breeding ducks in all of North America. I remain focused on finding better ways to increase duck production and being a voice for waterfowl hunters – especially on matters concerning waterfowl hunting regulations and policy issues that can impact ducks.

Publications:

My students and I have published scores of peer reviewed papers, most of which focus on waterfowl management on the prairies and specifically on the efficacy of intensive management to enhance duck recruitment.

2. Please list any federal grants or contracts (including subgrants or subcontracts) related to the subject matter of the hearing that were received in the current year and previous two calendar years by you or the organization(s) you represent at this hearing, including the source and amount of each grant or contract.

None

3. Please list any contracts or payments originating with a foreign government related to the subject matter of the hearing that were received in the current year and previous two calendar years by you or the organization(s) you represent at this hearing, including the amount and country of origin of each contract or payment.

None

4. Please disclose whether you are a fiduciary (including, but not limited to, a director, officer, advisor, or resident agent) of any organization or entity that has an interest in the subject matter of the hearing.

Yes, as President and Chief Scientist, I am an officer in the non-profit organization, Delta Waterfowl and Delta has an interest in the HEN Act both in terms of our general interest to advocate for increased funding

for waterfowl conservation and also as a potential grant recipient of HEN Act funding.

5. Please list any current or pending litigation against the Federal government to which you or your organization is a party. Please disclose as applicable case name, docket number, the court, and subject matter of the litigation.

None