



Jamie Rappaport Clark

Profile

Environmental/Conservation policy executive with broad experience encompassing both government and non-profit sectors. Effective leader and team builder with strong strategic as well as change management skills. Expertise includes:

- Executive leadership
- Policy oversight
- Strategic Planning
- Financial Management
- Public Speaking
- Team Building and Management
- Congressional Relations
- Media Relations

Professional experience

Defenders of Wildlife, Washington, DC (October 2011–present)

President and CEO

Leads one of the most high-profile and foremost science based conservation advocacy non-profit organizations focused on preserving all native plants and animals in their natural communities throughout North America. Provides strategic leadership on conservation policy positions, business operations and fundraising for all aspects of the 150-person organization and is the lead spokesperson for the organization with funders, the media, the administration, and on Capitol Hill. Chairs the Wildlife Committee for the environmental community and is a key thought leader and spokesperson on the Endangered Species Act and public land management.

Defenders of Wildlife, Washington, DC (February 2004–September 2011)

Executive Vice President

Provided critical oversight of all operating and program activities of Defenders to ensure that key strategic organizational priorities in the near and long-term were met. Key duties included oversight of the annual budgeting and program/policy planning activities, management of day-to-day operations and directing the growth of Defenders conservation programs and implementation of program policy positions.

Served as a lead spokesperson with funders, the media, the administration, and on Capitol Hill.

National Wildlife Federation, Reston, VA (May 2001-June 2003)

Senior Vice President for Conservation Programs

Directed conservation advocacy programs of NWF nationwide, including the Congressional and Federal Affairs Office and the International Affairs Office in Washington, D.C. and the nine Natural Resources Centers across the country. Principal areas of focus were in the areas of wildlife conservation, land stewardship, and water resources protection. Served as NWF's primary spokesperson on Capitol Hill and with the media on conservation issues where NWF was involved. Oversaw the fundraising effort for conservation programs with direct contact with both individual donors and foundations.

The Nature Conservancy, Arlington, VA (March 2001-May 2001)

Environmental Consultant

Provided strategic recommendations on how The Nature Conservancy might work with Federal agencies in securing conservation of federal lands/ecosystems and their relationships to nature preserves and TNC ecoregional portfolios. Provided advice and counsel to TNC landscape project directors, state directors, and managers on partnerships, program policy initiatives, and interagency coordination efforts.

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Washington, D.C. (July 1997-January 2001)

Director

Oversaw the principal Federal agency responsible for conserving, protecting, and enhancing fish, wildlife, plants and their habitats. At the time, the USFWS managed over 530 national wildlife refuges covering almost 95 million acres as well as 66 national fish hatcheries. The agency also enforces Federal wildlife laws, manages migratory bird populations, conserves and restores wildlife habitat, administers the Endangered Species Act, implements the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species, manages interjurisdictional fisheries and stocks recreational fisheries and helps foreign governments with their conservation efforts. The FWS oversees the Federal Aid program that distributes federal excise taxes on angling and hunting equipment to state fish and wildlife agencies for fish and wildlife restoration programs.

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Washington, D.C. (November 1994-July 1997)

Assistant Director, Ecological Services

Provided staff and technical support to the Director on FWS responsibilities for all aspects of implementation of the Endangered Species Act, including listing, consultation with Federal agencies, habitat conservation planning with state and local governments and species recovery planning and implementation; wetland and upland habitat restoration, protection, and enhancement; federal permit coordination and reviews under the Clean Water Act, Federal Power Act, National Environmental Policy Act, Coastal Barrier Resources Act, Emergency Wetlands Resources Act, and the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act; environmental contaminants, including Natural

Resources Damage Assessments, pesticide reviews and consultations; and the nationwide wetlands mapping program.

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Arlington, VA (June 1993-November 1994)
Chief, Division of Endangered Species

Was responsible for the overall direction and management of the FWS's program for threatened and endangered species pursuant to the Endangered Species Act. Served as the principal advisor to the Assistant Director and Director on all aspects of the ESA, including policy /guidance development and implementation, budget formulation and execution, media relations, public outreach, congressional communication, and interagency coordination. Coordinated with other federal agencies and bureaus on ESA compliance and implementation requirements.

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Albuquerque, NM (June 1991-June 1993)
Deputy Assistant Regional Director, Endangered Species/Permits

Served as principal advisor to the Assistant Regional Director and Regional Director on all aspects of the ESA, including policy development and implementation, budget execution, public outreach, and interagency and intra-agency coordination. Primary geographic areas of responsibility included the states of Texas, Oklahoma, New Mexico, and Arizona. Directed the research permit program for activities involving threatened and endangered species. Participated as a member of the FWS's Endangered Species Functional Unit Analysis Team, which was responsible for evaluating the national endangered species program for organizational effectiveness.

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Arlington, VA (September 1989-June 1991)
Senior Staff Biologist, Endangered Species

Served as a staff biologist with primary liaison responsibilities for the FWS's Pacific Northwest Region on all endangered species activities. Also, served as the backup liaison for the Southwest and Mountain-Prairie Regions. Special duties included serving as Northern Spotted Owl Coordinator, National Recovery Coordinator, National Habitat Conservation Plan Coordinator, liaison to the Division of Refuges, and primary point of contact for the endangered species program budget.

Department of the Army, Washington, D.C. (July 1988-September 1989)
Fish and Wildlife Administrator

Served as the Department of the Army's lead technical authority for fish and wildlife management on Army installations worldwide. Was responsible for developing and prescribing fish and wildlife management practices for Army-wide planning activities, including budgeting, integration of wildlife management needs with military mission and other land uses, endangered species, pest control, hunting and fishing, outdoor recreation, National Environmental Policy Act and Endangered Species Act compliance, and research requirements.

National Guard Bureau, Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD (February 1983-July 1988)

Natural/Cultural Resources Program Manager

Served as the program specialist for management and implementation of the Army National Guard national resources management program, including land management, forest management, fish and wildlife management, endangered species, and coastal resources management programs; for the cultural resources management program, including archaeological resources inventory and protection and historical structures and management program; and for the pest management program, including pest control and management and pesticide use and certification.

U.S. Army Medical Research Institute, Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD
(July 1981-January 1983)

Research Biologist

Was responsible for the design of a cardiovascular/respiratory model for chemical defense research. Developed and implemented approved protocols for the physiology research program. Was responsible for the preparation and calibration of electro physiologic equipment, organization of the laboratory for cardiovascular and respiratory studies and for the analysis and preparation of data for presentations and publications.

National Institute for Urban Wildlife, Columbia, MD (February 1979-July 1981)

Wildlife Biologist

Conducted research and data collection for the development of the Installation Natural Resources Management Plan for Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD. Served as an independent consultant for the Institute regarding natural resources damage complaints and special research studies.

Professional memberships

Nature's Best Magazine - Advisory Board

Society for Conservation Biology - Conservation in Practice Editorial Advisory Board

Rachel's Network – Circle of Advisors, Environmental Liaison

Education

1975-1979 Fairfield University Fairfield, CT
 Towson State University Towson, MD

B.S. Wildlife Management

1980-1982 University of Maryland College Park, MD

M.S. Wildlife Ecology

1982-1983 Towson State University Towson, MD

Post Graduate Work – Environmental Planning

References

Available upon request

