

COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES
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6/4/13 Oversight Hearing on
Defining Species Conservation Success: Tribal, State and Local Stewardship vs.
Federal Courtroom Battles and Sue-and-Settle Practices

For Individuals:

1. Name: Patrick Parenteau
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For Witnesses Representing Organizations:

1. Name:
2. Name of Organization(s) You are Representing at the Hearing:
3. Business Address:
4. Business Email Address:
5. Business Phone Number:

For all Witnesses

Name/Organization: Patrick Parenteau, Professor of Law, Vermont Law School

Title/Date of Hearing: Defining Species Conservation Success: Tribal State and Local Stewardship vs. Federal Courtroom Battles and Sue-and-Settle Practices 6/4/13

a. Any training or educational certificates, diplomas or degrees or other educational experiences that are relevant to your qualifications to testify on or knowledge of the subject matter of the hearing.

I am a Professor of Environmental Law at Vermont Law School. Endangered species conservation is one of my areas of expertise. I have litigated many cases, taught many courses, published many articles, and testified numerous times on ESA matters. In 1991 I served as Special Counsel to the US Fish and Wildlife Service in the matter of the northern spotted owl exemption proceeding.

b. Any professional licenses, certifications, or affiliations held that are relevant to your qualifications to testify on or knowledge of the subject matter of the hearing.

I hold a JD from Creighton U and an LLM from George Washington U. I am licensed to practice law in Nebraska, Oregon, and the District of Columbia as well as numerous federal courts including the Supreme Court.

c. Any employment, occupation, ownership in a firm or business, or work-related experiences that relate to your qualifications to testify on or knowledge of the subject matter of the hearing.

My former positions include: Vice President for Conservation with the National Wildlife Federation; Regional Counsel with EPA Region One; Commissioner of the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation; Of Counsel with Perkins Coie law firm in Portland Oregon; Director of the Environmental Law Center at Vermont Law School; and Director of the Environmental and Natural Resources Law Clinic at VLS.

d. Any federal grants or contracts (including subgrants or subcontracts) from the Department of the Interior (and/or other agencies invited) that you have received in the current year and previous four years, including the source and the amount of each grant or contract.

e. A list of all lawsuits or petitions filed by you against the federal government in the current year and the previous four years, giving the name of the lawsuit or petition, the subject matter of the lawsuit or petition, and the federal statutes under which the lawsuits or petitions were filed.

I have not filed any lawsuits or petitions against the federal government within the past four years.

f. A list of all federal lawsuits filed against you by the federal government in the current year and the previous four years, giving the name of the lawsuit, the subject matter of the lawsuit, and the federal statutes under which the lawsuits were filed.

None

g. Any other information you wish to convey that might aid the Members of the Committee to better understand the context of your testimony.

I hope to provide objective, nonpartisan testimony based on my experience over the past forty years of working in the environmental field. I do support the policy objectives of laws like the ESA and am interested in seeing improvements in the way species and ecosystems are managed and conserved for the many benefits they provide to humans.

Witnesses Representing Organizations

Name/Organization _____
Title/Date of Hearing _____

h. Any offices, elected positions, or representational capacity held in the organization(s) on whose behalf you are testifying.

i. Any federal grants or contracts (including subgrants or subcontracts) from the *Department of the Interior (and /or other agencies invited)* that were received in the current year and previous four years by the organization(s) you represent at this hearing, including the source and amount of each grant or contract for each of the organization(s).

j. A list of all lawsuits or petitions filed by the organization(s) you represent at the hearing against the federal government in the current year and the previous four years, giving the name of the lawsuit or petition, the subject matter of the lawsuit or petition, and the federal statutes under which the lawsuits or petitions were filed for each of the organization(s).

k. A list of all federal lawsuits filed against the organization(s) you represent at the hearing by the federal government in the current year and the previous four years, giving the name of the lawsuit, the subject matter of the lawsuit, and the federal statutes under which the lawsuits were filed.

l. For tax-exempt organizations and non-profit organizations, copies of the three most recent public IRS Form 990s (including Form 990-PF, Form 990-N, and Form 990-EZ) for each of the organization(s) you represent at the hearing (not including any contributor names and addresses or any information withheld from public inspection by the Secretary of the Treasury under 26 U.S.C. 6104)).