

COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES
Disclosure Form
As required by and provided for in House Rule XI, clause 2(g) and
the Rules of the Committee on Natural Resources

For Individuals:

1. Name:
2. Address:
3. Email Address:
4. Phone Number:

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For Witnesses Representing Organizations:

1. Name: Bishop M. Wright, Jr.
2. Name of Organization(s) You are Representing at the Hearing:
Florida Airboat Association
3. Business Address: P.O. BOX 760, Sorrento Florida 32776-0760
4. Business Email Address: [Information redacted for privacy]
5. Business Phone Number: [Information redacted for privacy]

Name/Organization__Bishop M. Wright, Jr. / Florida Airboat Association

Title/Date of Hearing – Oversight Committee on Restoration of the Everglades / November 3rd, 2011

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.

Certified Hunt Master for Youth Hunting Program - Florida Fish & Wildlife Commission

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.

Over 25 years involved in Conservation Clubs.

Past President of the Everglades Coordinating Council

Past President, Founding Member and Life Board Member Florida Sportsmen Conservation Association

Past President and Life Member Palm Beach County Airboat and Halftrack Club

Past Vice President of National Wild Turkey Federation – Palm Beach Chapter

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.

Have worked as an Owner and now as a Supervisor of Lawn Maintenance Company for almost 30 years.

Certified with Florida Native Plants.

Certified in many areas of exotic and invasive vegetation.

Certified with uses of pesticides.

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.

Not Applicable

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.

Not Applicable

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

There was a Gladesmen Ethnographic Study by Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan (CERP) and I gave testimony about the Gladesmen Culture. Having been raised and spent recreation time in the area I was able to give facts and comments towards the study.

http://www.evergladesplan.org/pm/progr_master_rec_plan_gladesmen.aspx

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In addition, for witnesses representing organizations:

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

President of Florida Airboat Association for 4 years.

h. 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).

Not Applicable

i. 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).

Not Applicable

j. A list of any countries from which the organization(s) you represent at the hearing have received foreign

donations and the total amount of donations received from each country, for the current year and the previous four years, by each organization.

Not Applicable

k. 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)).

Not Applicable