

#### Chuck Bonham's Bio:

Charlton "Chuck" Bonham is the Director of the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (previously the Department of Fish and Game). Governor Edmund G. Brown appointed Bonham as director in late August 2011. The Department's mission is to manage California's diverse fish, wildlife, plant resources, and the habitats upon which they depend, for their ecological values and their use and enjoyment by the public. As one of the oldest and largest state fish and wildlife agencies with approximately 3,000 employees and a \$600 million/year budget, the Department is California's primary agency for fish, wildlife, and habitat resources. California's habitat and wildlife diversity is unequalled by any other state, and is recognized as a globally-important biodiversity hotspot.

Under the Brown Administration, Bonham has served as Director for five years, making him one of the longest-serving directors in recent history. Prior to his appointment, Bonham served in a number of roles for Trout Unlimited (TU) for over ten years, including as the organization's California director and as a senior attorney. He was responsible for developing, managing, and implementing TU's programs in California, including the California Water Project, Sportsmen's Conservation Project, and restoration and watershed projects in both northern and Southern California.

Bonham has also served as a gubernatorial appointee on the Board of Directors of the Delta Conservancy, whose mission is to conserve, sustain and enhance the cultural, agricultural, recreational, wildlife and natural habitat resources of the River Delta region, as well as develop and promote sustainable protection, management and stewardship programs through research and education. Bonham received his J.D. and Environmental and Natural Resources Law Certificate from the Northwestern School of Law of Lewis and Clark College, in Portland, Oregon. He was also a Peace Corps Volunteer in Senegal, West Africa.