

PEGGY HIGDON MATHEWS

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EXPERIENCE

GHS, Tallahassee, FL **2014-Present**
Government Relations Director

- Develop and implement projects; ecological and recreation
- Track funding mechanisms, RESTORE, Amendment One and grant programs
- Prepare funding request; grants, legislative and local government
- Monitor proposed legislation related to GHS's services and clients

MW Consulting, Tallahassee, FL **1995-Present**
CEO, Government Relations and Environmental Consultant

- Represent clients in government relations with state legislators, federal legislators, and agencies regarding environmental issues (water quality, environmental regulation, and natural resource management)
- Represent clients in the legislative process, agency rule-making, the county ordinance process and policy development procedures
- Develop and manage the *Funding Network* to track and monitor projects funded by BP settlement funds
- Managed Monroe County and CSA Ocean Services in the RESTORE Act and National Fish and Wildlife Foundation funding and implementation efforts
- Represent the boating industry during the writing, lobbying, and passage of the first Boating Safety and Education Law in Florida in 1998
- Wrote and administrated \$10.5 million in Florida Clean Energy Grants (2007-2010)

Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Tallahassee/Pensacola, FL **1980-1995**
Marine Biologist, Intergovernmental Liaison

- Managed the multi-agency planning process for the development and implementation of the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary Management Plan and Water Quality Protection Program
- Organized intergovernmental coordination on programs between federal, state, and local government entities, including the US Environmental Agency and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
- Administered the Florida Ecosystem Management Program, the Florida Coastal Management Program and reviewed Growth Management Plans
- Administered the Surface Water Management Improvement Program (SWIM) for Lake Okeechobee, Biscayne Bay, the Everglades and Florida Bay
- Administered water quality, wetland resources, storm water, solid waste, and air regulatory programs

US Environmental Protection Agency, Gulf Breeze, FL **1976-1980**
Research Scientist

- Conduct and analyze marine toxicology research

EDUCATION

University of West Florida, Pensacola, FL **1978**
Bachelor of Science, Marine Biology

Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL **1976**
Associate of Arts

HONORS & GRANT AWARDS

Florida Clean Energy Grants

- Sustainable Feedstock Farming (\$500,000) **2010**
- Biodiesel Production Facilities (\$2.5 million) (\$2 million) (\$4 million) **2007, 2008, 2009**

US EPA Scientific and Technology Achievement Award, Ecology Research **1985**

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS & MEMBERSHIP

Tallahassee Area Association of Environmental Professionals, Vice President **2013-Present**
Florida Greenways and Trails Council, Governor-Appointed Equine Representative **July 2014 – termed out**

US Fish & Wildlife Service/Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission, Manatee Forum
Florida Boating Advisory Council, Governor-Appointed Representative of Maine Manufacturers
Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary, Governor-Appointed Florida Representative

2004 – Present
2004-2010
1990-1995

PUBLICATIONS & PROJECTS

RESTORE-Funded Orange Lake Water Quality Project for New Port Richey 2014
National Fish & Wildlife Foundation, Oyster assessment, monitoring, and restoration project 2013
Impacts of Cruise Ships on Key West 2004
Effects of Personal Watercraft Operation on Shallow-Water Seagrass Communities in Florida Keys 1997
Economic Assessment of Personal Watercraft Use in Monroe County, Florida 1996
Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary Water Quality Protection Program & Management Plan 1995
Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary, Governor-Appointed Florida Representative,
Water Quality Protection Program 1991-1995
Early Life State Toxicity Test with Tidewater Silversides and Chlorine-Produced Oxidants,
Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry 1983
Effects of the Synthetic Pyrethroids AC 222,705, Permethrin and Fenvalerate on Sheepshead Minnow
in Early Life Stage Toxicity Tests, *Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry* 1983

REFERENCES

Mr. Ken Haddad, Retired Executive Director, Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission
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Mr. John Donaldson, ex-Executive Director, Personal Watercraft Industry Association
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