



Patti Powell Appointed New Director of State Lands



Patti Powell,
Director, Alabama
State Lands Division

Patti Powell has been named as Director of the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (ADCNR) State Lands Division. Ms. Powell will oversee Division activities relating to all state-owned lands, including administering various leases and

land management practices to generate revenue for the respective trusts.

The State Lands Division manages undeveloped state-owned lands, most of which are held in trust for specific purposes.

“We are very happy to have someone with Patti’s background and experience as our new Lands Director,” said Barnett Lawley, ADCNR Commissioner. “She has hit the road running and everyone in our Department is very glad that we made this appointment.”

Ms. Powell served as In-House Counsel and Vice President of Credit Quality for Guilford Capital Corporation in Montgomery, Ala., from 2000 to 2006. Guilford was acquired by Column, a

Credit Suisse Company, in 2006 where Ms. Powell served as Vice President - Legal prior to joining ADCNR in late 2008. She replaces James H. Griggs, who retired in December 2008.

“As a native Alabamian, I take a great sense of pride in our state, and look forward to helping promote the stewardship of Alabama’s natural resources,” said Ms. Powell. “I am also thankful for the unique opportunity to build upon Mr. Griggs’ impeccable reputation and dynamic leadership of the Division.”

Before moving to Montgomery in 2000 Ms. Powell, a native of Hoover, Ala., was a partner with Burr & Forman LLP, a law firm based in Birmingham, Ala., that serves national and international clients.

Ms. Powell is a graduate of the University of Alabama’s College of Communication and School of Law, and is a member of the Alabama State Bar Association.

The Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources promotes wise stewardship, management and enjoyment of Alabama’s natural resources through five divisions: Marine Police, Marine Resources, State Lands, State Parks, and Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries. To learn more about ADCNR, visit www.outdooralabama.com.



BILLY POPE

Lisa and Randy Williams with
sons Ran, Miles and Daley.

Pike Road Man Wins Outdoor Alabama Canoe

Randy Williams of Pike Road, Ala., is the winner of the 2009 Outdoor Alabama Canoe Giveaway. Williams’ name was drawn from approximately 2,000 people who registered for the canoe at the Alabama National Fair in Montgomery. Williams said that he, wife Lisa, and their three children have many opportunities to use the canoe for recreation and fishing since they live near a small lake.

The Pelican canoe was donated by Academy Sports + Outdoors in Auburn specifically for the fair giveaway. “We are extremely grateful to Academy for the canoe,” said *Outdoor Alabama* Editor Kim Nix. “We wanted to give away something that would help people enjoy the outdoors, and the canoe is a perfect fit.”

Williams also received a one-year subscription to *Outdoor Alabama* magazine.



Hudson Named Enforcement Officer of the Year

Officer James “Hasty” Hudson has been named Alabama’s Enforcement Officer of the Year by the Southeastern Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies. SEAFWA is an organization whose members are the state agencies with primary responsibility for management and protection of the fish and wildlife resources in 16 states and one U.S. territory.

A former highly decorated Montgomery Police Lieutenant and Investigator, Hudson began his career with the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (ADCNR) as a Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Division (WFF) enforcement officer in 2003. He is assigned to Elmore County in District 4.

According to his supervisor, Captain Larry Hicks, Hudson has excelled in his role as Conservation Enforcement Officer, is respected by his peers and very deserving of the award.

“I have always been proud of Officer Hudson,” Hicks said. “Officer Hudson has enhanced, preserved and protected the wildlife and fisheries resources of Alabama for the benefit of future generations and is truly worthy of this recognition.”

Hudson works diligently to assist and facilitate youth and disabled hunters in their pursuit of outdoors activities. He volunteers and assists with the Wheelin’ Sportsmen’s hunting and fishing events, assists with NWTf “Jakes”



Captain Larry Hicks, Officer James “Hasty” Hudson and Enforcement Chief Allan Andress.

events with firearms and archery, and volunteers for the Five Star Youth Camps and Cub Scouts at Camp ASCCA with instruction in shooting, fishing and archery. Hudson personally participates in assisting youth during local youth deer hunts and dove hunts for children that do not have a parent available to assist the child during the hunt. ☞

Johnson Named Southeastern Wildlife Biologist of the Year



Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Division Director Corky Pugh, Kenneth G. Johnson and Wildlife Chief Gary Moody.

Kenneth G. Johnson of Andalusia has been named Wildlife Biologist of the Year by the Southeastern Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies (SEAFWA). SEAFWA gives the Wildlife Biologist of the Year award to one person from the 17 member agencies at its annual meeting, and it is the organization’s most prestigious wildlife award.

Johnson, now retired from the Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries, was most recently a Supervising Wildlife Biologist for the Wildlife Habitat Improvement Unit.

“I am delighted and honored to receive this award,” Johnson said. “It is meaningful because it came from the SEAFWA, the very people that I have worked with and identified with for the last 35 years.”

Johnson holds a Bachelor’s in Wildlife Science from Auburn University and is a Certified Wildlife Biologist. He began work with the Department of Conservation’s Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Division in 1974 as an Area Biologist on the Blue Springs Wildlife Management Area. In 1977, he was promoted to Assistant Supervising Wildlife Biologist for District 6 in south Alabama, and became Supervising Wildlife Biologist for the district in 1980.

According to Division Director Corky Pugh, Johnson is an asset to the Department. “Kenneth has led by example, and our wildlife resources have benefited greatly from his efforts,” Pugh said. ☞