

CDFW Climate College

Lecture #9



- Title:** Walk the Talk: CDFW Testimonials
- Speaker:** Panel discussion with CDFW staff featuring CDFW Chief Deputy Director Kevin Hunting, CDFW Law Enforcement Division Chief Mike Carion, CDFW Region 1 Environmental Scientist Gordon Leppig, and CDFW Senior Marine Biologist Debbie Aseltine-Neilson
- Date:** May 16th, 2013 (Thursday)
- Time:** 1:30 – 2:30PM
- Location:** CDFW headquarters in Sacramento, Resources Agency Auditorium
- WebEx:** Lecture also available to view via WebEx. We encourage CDFW staff participating remotely to watch the lectures together by reserving a conference room with DSL. The powerpoint presentation will be posted in advance to minimize interruption for remote users due to WebEx or bandwidth complications. Because of a limit to the number of WebEx participants, we encourage those in the Sacramento area to attend in person.

Registration for Lecture #9

[CDFW STAFF CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

ALL OTHER PARTICIPANTS: If you are not a CDFW staff member please email Registrar@wildlife.ca.gov with your name, email address, organization, and whether or not you intend to participate in-person or via WebEx.

*Note: Please register at least two days prior to the lecture. If you would like to be registered for ALL classes at once, please submit a request to Registrar@wildlife.ca.gov.

Speaker Biographies

Kevin Hunting

Kevin Hunting is the Chief Deputy Director for CDFW. In addition, Hunting has served as Deputy Director of the Ecosystem Conservation Division, Deputy Director of Regional Operations, Chief of the Habitat Conservation Branch and Regional Manager of the South Coast region. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Wildlife Biology from Humboldt State University and has worked in wildlife management, conservation planning and resource assessment for more than 25 years.

Debbie Aseltine-Neilson

Debbie Aseltine-Neilson has worked as a marine/fisheries biologist for over 30 years. Her research has included studies on sea urchins and artificial reefs. In addition, she has worked on a variety of management and assessment projects. Her current work with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife includes coordinating marine research and data partnerships, studying MPA-fisheries interactions, and participating in Department efforts to develop strategies for responding to climate change and ocean acidification.

Mike Carion

Mike Carion is the Chief of the Law Enforcement Division. Mike has been with the department since 1977 when he started as a seasonal aid on the Klamath River while going to Humboldt State to earn his degree in Wildlife Management.

Since then Mike has worked as a Fish and Wildlife Assistant and has been a Wildlife Officer since 1982. Mike was the Assistant Chief of the Northern Enforcement Division until last September when he was appointed to a Deputy Director for the department in charge of the Law Enforcement Division.

Gordon Leppig

Gordon Leppig is a Staff Environmental Scientist with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife in Eureka and has been with CDFW since 2001. With the Department, Gordon has conducted CEQA project and timber harvest review, engaged in regional planning efforts, worked on the Klamath River settlement agreements, and now works on climate change, among other things. Previous to CDFW, he was a botanist and museum curator for 10 years. Originally trained as a chef, Gordon spent a decade feeding people in various venues before turning greater attention to biology and conservation. He still likes to feed people.

Optional additional companion webinars from the National Climate Academy



- [Adaptation Planning and Implementation: A Case Study](#), Hector Galbraith, Manomet Center for Conservation Sciences