

STEVE E. WRIGHT BIO

Steve is a native Georgian—rural Georgia—and relocated to the Northeast Kingdom in 1968.

He holds a Master's degree in aquatic biology/fisheries from the University of Georgia and a Bachelor's degree in Biology from Georgia Southern College. He did post-graduate work on Pacific salmon for two years at the University of Washington College of Fisheries in Seattle in addition to beginning a doctoral program at the University of Georgia focusing on phosphorus metabolism and its role in warmwater fish production.

Steve left higher education in 1968 taking a secondary education teaching position in science at Sterling School in northeastern Vermont. Including several leaves of absence, Steve worked at Sterling for 25 years as part of a dynamic, creative team of educators. He was one of several who took the prep school through a rapid evolution to a small but effective learning community with higher education status.

Sterling, and a patient family, provided him with unusual creative options via extended leaves.

- County Extension Agent in Georgia focused on natural resources programming for young people
- Wilderness Manager for the U.S. Forest Service on the Selway-Bitterroot Wilderness in Idaho
- Commissioner of the Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department under Governor Madeleine Kunin
- Seven years on the Vermont State Environmental Board
- And finally, three years as President of Sterling College.

He finished his formal career in 2009 as New England Regional Representative for the National Wildlife Federation: eight years focusing on climate change education

He has remained active in the professional conservation arena, especially regarding effective climate change strategies, via his role as President of the small non-profit, Ridge Protectors and since 2009 an active member of the Craftsbury Conservation Commission.

Steve continues to enjoy his passion for the outdoors: hunting, fishing, canoeing, photography, writing, training and hunting over French Brittany pointing dogs.

He lives in Craftsbury on 80 acres of Vermont woodland.