

Peter T. Jenkins' Biosketch

Since 2006, Peter Jenkins has primarily been engaged managing advocacy programs for major non-profit conservation organizations in Washington, DC, first with Defenders of Wildlife, as Director of International Conservation, then with Conservation International, as Vice President of U.S. Government Policy. Since March 2011, Mr. Jenkins has been self-employed as a consultant on contract with Great Lakes United and on behalf of the U.S. National Environmental Coalition on Invasive Species (NECIS). Working under his consulting entity, the Center for Invasive Species Prevention, he is the NECIS policy lead and advisor on legislation in the U.S. Congress seeking to modernize U.S. animal import laws. He also is a contracted consultant to the National Association of Exotic Pest Plant Councils, advising them on Federal plant import regulation.

Mr. Jenkins earned a law degree (University of Puget Sound, 1983) and a Masters in Environmental Studies (Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies, 1990). He has more than 20 years of experience in a broad range of environmental work as an attorney, policy analyst, consultant, advocate and manager.

A strong commitment to the issues surrounding policy and management of invasive species has been a primary theme of Mr. Jenkins' career since his first Washington job, from 1990 to 1992 as Attorney/Policy Analyst on the U.S. Congress, Office of Technology Assessment report, *Harmful Non-Indigenous Species in the United States*. He has been a co-founder of NECIS, a planning team member for the Global Invasive Species Programme and an original member of the IUCN Invasive Species Specialist Group. He is a member of the Society for Conservation Biology and recently was designated to lead its Biosecurity Task Force, which addresses threats of invasive species and other trade-connected issues.