

Michael G. Buck

GOV. MSG. NO. 586

Current Occupation:

- ❖ 2004-present Farmer. Waimanalo, Hawaii

Other Professional Experience:

- 2004-2014 Sustainable Forests Representative, National Association of State Foresters
- 1989 - 2004 State Forester/Wildlife Director, Hawaii Division of Forestry & Wildlife (DOFAW). State of Hawaii Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR).
- 1987 - 1989 Natural Area Reserves Coordinator/Resources Management Forester, (DOFAW/DLNR).
- 1977 - 1987 Resource Survey Forester, (DOFAW/DLNR).

Education:

Masters of Science. Forest Resources Conservation / Certificate of Tropical Agriculture. Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences, University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida.

Bachelor of Science. Resources Management. School of Environmental Sciences and Forestry, State University of New York, Syracuse, New York.

Selected Professional Accomplishments:

- Drafted and led multi-constituent support for the passage of major Federal (*Hawaii Tropical Forest Recovery Act*) and State (*Forest Stewardship Act, Natural Area Partnership Program, Endangered Species Recovery Act, Invasive Species Council*) legislation.
- Provided leadership role in establishing the Hawaii's Watershed Partnerships Program.
- Developed management plans and operational capacity for the Hawaii's Natural Area Reserves System.
- Four-time member of the U.S. delegation at the United Nations Forum on Forests.

Knowledge, Skills and Abilities:

- Innovative and proactive leadership skills.
- Excellent facilitation and conflict resolution skills with public relations/business negotiation abilities.
- Knowledge in a diverse range of natural resource fields such as wildlife and watershed management, outdoor recreation, commercial forestry, invasive species, and conservation biology.
- Ability to fund raise, manage a complex budget with organizational management/supervisory skills.
- Knowledge of Federal and State of Hawaii environmental and natural resource laws and regulations.
- Experience in financial asset/grants management, real estate transactions, and liability issues.
- Ability to develop and implement natural resource policy and legislation.
- Experience in multi-agency and partnership development in public and private sectors.

Other Positions of Note:

- 2017 To present Malama Honua Charter School – Board Member
- 2015 to present Hawaii Fresh Water Council, Hawaii Community Foundation
- 2014 to present Commissioner - Hawaii Commission on Water Resources Management
- 2014 to present President, Waimanalo Market Co-op Board of Directors
- 2011 to 2014 Co-Chair, National Roundtable on Sustainable Forests.
- 2007 to present President / Board of Directors, Seagull Schools.
- 1999 to 2016 Waimanalo Neighborhood Board.
- 1996 to present Board of Directors, National Association of State Foresters Foundation.
- 1993 to present Trustee / Treasurer, Aloha Foundation.
- 1995-1999 Federal Invasive Species Advisory Committee Member.
- 1995-1996 Board of Directors, Western Forest Leadership Coalition.
- 1994-1995 Chairman, Council of Western State Foresters.