

Conservation Career Symposium, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, March 24 – 26, 2014

I was selected to participate in the United States Fish and Wildlife Service's (FWS) Conservation Career Symposium (CCS). The objective of my involvement was to help evaluate a pilot program for the FWS that that will be utilized to engage with students and educational institutions at the national level. As a participant I was introduced to the mission of the FWS, its program areas, and received essential job competency training from FWS staff. As a participant I also met and consulted with FWS leadership to discuss environmental issues facing the FWS. The CCS was designed to allow students to evaluate the program model for FWS and help to improve upon the delivery of job competency trainings/workshops are delivered to students. This collaborative process with FWS will help FWS deliver career related resources to students nationally and will allow the FWS to move forward with its educational outreach strategies and partnerships.