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Jared Brandwein Hired as New Director of Conservation Programs

The National Wildlife Refuge Association is delighted to welcome Jared Brandwein to the staff as the new Director of Conservation Programs. Brandwein is based in Washington, D.C. and will be responsible for the execution and delivery of the Refuge Association's conservation goals.

"We are pleased and excited to welcome Jared to the Refuge Association with his extensive range of experience in the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service," said David Houghton, President of the Refuge Association. "Jared knows the Service like the back of his hand, so I have no doubt he will be an excellent asset to the team."

Brandwein recently retired after over 30 years with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, working in the National Wildlife Refuge System. Before joining the Service, he was a Peace Corps volunteer in Guatemala where he established and managed a reforestation program. After two years in Guatemala Brandwein served as a supervisory forest technician for the U.S. Forest Service in Brookings, OR. In his final position before entering the world of wildlife refuges, he worked as a wildlife management biologist for the U.S. Bureau of Land Management in Rock Springs, WY.

Brandwein began his career in the National Wildlife Refuge System as an assistant manager at Back Bay National Wildlife Refuge in Virginia Beach, VA. After working at the Ninigret National Wildlife Refuge in Charlestown, RI as the deputy refuge manager he moved to Arlington, VA to work in the planning branch of the Refuge System. Following his stint at headquarters, Brandwein crossed Service programs and became the field supervisor for the Ecological Services, Eastern Pennsylvania Field Office in Tobyhanna, PA. In 2003 Brandwein returned to the Refuge System as the manager of Back Bay National Wildlife Refuge. For the past two years, he served as the deputy chief of the Refuge System's Division of Natural Resources and Conservation Planning in Arlington, VA.

"After many years working for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, I am excited to take on new challenges in the non-profit world, especially at an organization that works so closely with the Service," Brandwein said. "I am extremely grateful to join the Refuge Association's team and look forward to working with people all across the country to implement the organization's conservation goals."

Brandwein will lead the Refuge Association's Beyond the Boundaries program, working with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and many other partner organizations to safeguard the integrity of the National Wildlife Refuge System. He will be responsible for all wildlife biology content, issues and actions at the Refuge Association, both on and off refuge lands. He will also serve as the organization's liaison with Partners for Conservation, an independent nonprofit led by private landowners that collaborates on conservation partnerships for working landscapes.



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The mission of the National Wildlife Refuge Association is to conserve America's wildlife heritage for future generations through strategic programs that protect, enhance, and expand the National Wildlife Refuge System and the landscapes beyond its boundaries.