

VAS invited to attend Clean Energy Economy Forum at the White House



Sam Hamilton, director of Fish and Wildlife Services, discusses environmental impact on wildlife.

On Monday, Nov. 2, Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar hosted a clean energy economy forum at the Eisenhower Executive Office Building with stakeholders from 39 states in attendance. Deputy Secretary David Hayes and other top Department of Interior officials were featured speakers at the forum. They focused on the importance of renewable energy and job creation on public lands, climate impact and adaptation, and efforts to support

and maintain the treasured landscapes of America in the emerging clean-energy economy.

The forum provided an opportunity for interested parties from a broad-based network of organizations and institutions to interact with top administration officials and leaders from the Department of Interior. The discussion focused on the need for a comprehensive energy plan that reduces our dependence on foreign oil, creates jobs, and reduces the pollution that causes climate change. *The Virginia Sportsman* was invited to attend the forum along with sportsmen and women, business leaders, Indian tribal leaders and environmentalists.

The forum was Webcast live at www.whitehouse.gov/live and was available through Facebook. The public was able to actively participate in the discussion. The White House monitored the interaction, took questions, and incorporated feedback from participants during the event.