

# Fish and Game Wardens Association



## **Bob Orange- President**

Warden for 28 years, currently covering Plumas and Lassen Counties. BA Geography, CSU Chico. Certified from CSUC in EIR Analysis and Reporting. AA in Administration of Justice, Feather River College. Prior to working with DFG, employed with the US Forest Service as Fire Fighter/ Apparatus Engineer for 5 years. Former EMT; CPR and First Aid Instructor. Certified Open Water Diver, recipient of Director's Achievement Award for environmental prosecution and the Lifesaving Award. Has worked undercover and Marine Patrol assignments. Second generation Game Warden, father retired after 38 years with DFG. Mother retired from US Forest Service. His sister and brother-in-law were killed by a drunk driver. Married with two sons attending CSU, Chico and CSU, Sacramento. Daughter teaches in Plumas County.



## **Jerry Karnow, Jr-Legislative Liaison**

Warden for 17 years, currently covering Nevada, Sierra, and Placer Counties. Natural Resources Management, Cal Poly; Administration of Justice, Sierra College. Prior to DFG was employed by California Dept. of Forestry as a Firefighter for 5 years. Certified Open Water Diver. Served as Boarding Officer on Marine Patrol in Los Angeles and Long Beach Harbors. Worked jointly with Specialized Crimes Unit, LAPD. Has worked in numerous undercover assignments. Received Directors Achievement Award in exposing illegal reptile poaching as well as special Congressional Recognition. Brother and sister were both firefighters with CDF; brother currently an Engineer with El Dorado Hills Fire Department. Two uncles were LAPD Detectives until retirement after 30 years service. Married with one daughter. Wife was a CDF firefighter and is currently a Registered Nurse.



## **Nicole Kozicki- Secretary**

Warden for 17 years, currently covering Alameda and Contra Costa Counties. Grew up in Oakland. Holds a BS degree in Criminal Justice from Cal State Hayward. Specializes in environmental crimes such as streambed alteration and endangered species cases. Received Directors Achievement Award for environmental prosecution. Received special recognition by Contra Costa County Fish & Wildlife Committee and Fish & Game Commission for outstanding work in the environmental field. Warden Kozicki is married with two daughters, ages 7 and 9. Her husband is a Captain with the Oakland Police Department.



## **Jake Bushey, Sr- Regional Director**

Warden for 28 years, currently covering Shasta, Siskiyou, & Modoc Counties. AA Shasta College, Administration of Justice. Prior assignments include undercover work and marine patrol. Was recognized as DFG's first "Warden Of The Year" in 1991. Spent time on assignment working with Montana Game Wardens. Before joining DFG he was a logger and worked on a US Forest Service Hot Shot firefighter crew for 5 years. Jake comes from a stellar tradition and family of law enforcement officers. He is a Third Generation Fish and Game Warden whose father died on the job. His brother was a deputy sheriff in California and Nevada, his sister works in the California University Police system. Warden Bushey's son, daughter-in-law, a nephew, and his nephew's wife are all officers with the California Highway Patrol. Another nephew is a city police Sergeant and other cousins work for LAPD. Bushey is a former Baton Instructor and Field Training Officer. Jake is married and also has a daughter teaching in Siskiyou County.



## **Bob Farrell- Regional Director**

Warden for 10 years, Lieutenant Specialist based in Humboldt County. Currently a Masters Degree candidate, Emergency Services Administration, CSU Long Beach. BS Professional Studies, CSU Long Beach. AA Biological Sciences, College of the Redwoods. Certified United States Coast Guard licensed Master NMT 100T, Mate; Inspected vessels NMT 1600T, Uninspected Fishing Vessels NMT 5000T. Prior experience as a Deputy Sheriff (R) Contra Costa County, Mate aboard Fish and Game patrol vessel, Commercial Fisherman in the Bering Sea and Gulf of Alaska, Foreign Fisheries Observer with the National Marine Fisheries Service. Certified Open Water Diver and SCUBA Instructor. Teaching credential in Law Enforcement Occupations. Glock Factory-Certified Armorer. Married with two children.



## **Ben Thompson- Regional Director**

Warden for 9 years. Currently works as a Warden in the Office of Spill Prevention and Response (OSPR) based in San Diego. Duties are enforcement of laws designed to prevent oil spills in marine waters. Prior Warden assignment ranged from enforcing commercial fishing regulations on the ocean to trapping laws in the desert. DFG certified Rangemaster and Field Training Officer. Certified Open Water Diver. Married with a two-year old daughter.



## **Richard Coelho- Regional Director**



## **Joe Mello- Past President**



## **Gary Combes- Treasurer**

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