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EDUCATION: Little Rock Hall High School: 1971
B.S. Arkansas Tech University: 1975 (Fisheries & Wildlife Management)
M.S. Murray State University: 1977 (Biology)

EMPLOYMENT: 1977-1983: Arkansas Game & Fish Commission (Research Biologist)
1983-1986: Arkansas Aquatics, Inc. (President/Owner)
1986 to present: Keo Fish Farm, Inc. (Vice-President/Owner)

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS & COMMITTEES:

American Farm Bureau Federation: Member, 1995 to present
Aquaculture Commodity Advisory Committee: Member, 1997 to 2006 & 2010 to 2013; Chairman, 2002
Pest and Invasive Species Issue Committee: Member, 2014 to 2017
Environmental Regulations Issue Committee: Member, 2018 to present; Chairman 2018
American Fish Farmers Federation: President, 1988 & 1989
American Fisheries Society: Member, 1974 to present
Arkansas Chapter President, 1988
Certified Fisheries Professional, 1982
Southern Division Striped Bass Committee: Member, 1980 to 2000
Southern Division Aquaculture Committee: Member, 1987 to 2000
Professional Certification Committee (Experience Subcommittee), 2003 to present
Arkansas Bait & Ornamental Fish Growers Association: Member, 1998 to present
Vice-President, 1998 & 1999
Arkansas Biotechnology Association: Board of Directors: Member, 1996 & 1997
Arkansas Pollution Control & Ecology Commission: Board of Directors: Member, 2018 to 2021
Arkansas Development & Finance Authority: Board of Directors: Member, 1997 to 1999
Vice-Chairman, 1999

Arkansas Farm Bureau Federation: Member, 1995 to present
State Board of Directors: Member, 2009 to present
Aquaculture Division Chairman, 1997 to 2006 & 2010 to 2016
Lonoke County Board of Directors: Member, 1997 to 2016
Secretary 1999 & 2000; Treasurer 2001 & 2002; Vice-President 2003 & 2004;
President 2005 & 2006
Pulaski County Board of Directors: Member 2016 to present
Arkansas Game & Fish Commission: Commissioner July 1999 to June 2006
Vice-Chairman 2004/2005; Chairman 2005/2006
Arkansas Game & Fish Foundation: Board of Directors: Member, 2005 to 2012
Catfish Farmers of Arkansas: Member 1986 to present
Board of Directors, 2008 to 2014 and 2015 to present
Lonoke County CASA: Board of Directors: Member, 2007 to present
Lonoke County Extension Council: Member, 1998 to 2012
Chairman, 1998/1999
National Aquaculture Association: Board of Directors: Member, 1991 to present;
Treasurer, 1989; President, 1991, 1992 & 2011 to 2016; Vice-President, 2005 to
2009
Southern Farm Bureau Casualty Insurance: Board of Directors: Member 2015 to 2018
Striped Bass Growers Association: Member, 1988 to present
Board of Directors, 1988 to 1992 & 2009; President, 1992
UALR Institutional Biosafety Committee: Member, 2009 to 2015
UAPB National Advisory Committee on Aquaculture: Member, 1997 to 2015
Vice-Chairman, 1997 to 2015
USDA APHIS Subcommittee on Aquatic Animal Health: Member 2011 to 2014
USDA Arkansas State Farm Service Agency Committee: Member 2009 to 2017
USDA National Agricultural Research, Extension, Education, & Economics Advisory
Board: Member, 1998 to 2002; Executive Committee: Member, 1999 to 2002
USDA National Wildlife Services Advisory Committee: Member 1995 to 1998 and
2007 to 2009

AWARDS AND HONORS:

Farm Family of the Year for Lonoke County in 2004; presented by the Lonoke County
Farm Bureau and others
Joe Hogan Award for Individual Achievement in 1999; presented by the Arkansas
Chapter of the American Fisheries Society
Joseph Paul McCraren, Jr. Aquaculture Award in 1997; presented by the National
Aquaculture Association
Mike Freeze Excellence in Fisheries Conservation Award in 2006; presented by the
Arkansas Game & Fish Commission
Catfish Farmers of Arkansas Service Award in 2007; presented by the Catfish Farmers of
Arkansas
Catfish Farmers of Arkansas Service Award in 2014; presented by the Catfish Farmers of
Arkansas
Wattensaw Wildlife Management Area name changed to Mike Freeze Wattensaw
Wildlife Management Area by Arkansas Game and Fish Commission in 2007

England Community Fishing Pond name changed to Mike Freeze England Community Fishing Pond by the Arkansas Game & Fish Commission in 2007

Arkansas Governor's Award for Excellence in Global Trade in Agribusiness in 2011;
presented by Governor Mike Beebe

Inducted into Outdoor Hall of Fame by Arkansas Game and Fish Foundation in 2013

Inducted into the Arkansas Tech University Hall of Distinction in 2014

U.S. Aquaculture Society's Douglas Drennan II Industry Leadership Award in 2017