John Arway

Executive Director Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission

John Arway began his career in 1980 with the PA Fish Commission as a semi-skilled laborer working on stream habitat improvement projects. He was strongly influenced by Ralph Abele and his Resource First philosophy. He has worked tirelessly his entire career to protect, conserve and enhance the water quality, habitat and aquatic resources of Penn's waters. He spent his first 30 years as a fisheries biologist who advocated science in the development of laws, regulations and public policies. He has testified over 100 times as an expert witness in state, federal and administrative courts to punish polluters and seek compensation for damages to the Commonwealth's aquatic natural resources. Since taking the helm of the PA Fish and Boat Commission in 2010, he has worked vigorously to raise public awareness of the plight of the Susquehanna River and seek remedies to fix it, assess wild trout streams so they can be protected from harm, create innovative ideas to fund agency programs into the future and lead national discussions to get more people fishing.

John has a B.S. in biology from the University of Pittsburgh and a M.S. in aquatic biology from Tennessee Tech University and is a member of many national boards and committees involved in conservation and recreational sportfishing..

Mr. Arway will deliver a plenary address entitled "40 Years a Biologist" at 9:15 - 9:45 a.m. on Saturday, October 27, 2018 in the Forum (Room272), Elaine Langone Center, Bucknell University.

