

# MPA Enforcement International

Michael Bauer, Ph.D., J.D.

## BIOGRAPHY

Mike Bauer is the Natural Resources Manager for the City of Naples, Florida. His work includes all aspects of environmental issues facing the City -- on both land and water. This includes such matters as Naples Bay restoration, pass maintenance, beach renourishment, coordination with federal, state, and regional agencies, and responsiveness to citizens' advisory groups.

Mike was appointed by the Governor to the State of Florida Environmental Regulation Commission in 2011. He was the 2009 State Recipient of the Florida Local Environmental Resource Agencies (FLERA) Environmental Leadership Award for Outstanding Leadership in Local Environmental Protection. He has been nominated for the 2012 National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Coastal Steward of the Year, a national award. He is a member of the board of the Southwest Florida Land Preservation Trust (Gordon River Greenway) and Collier County SeaGrant. He is a former Board member of the Southwest Florida Watershed Council, the Friends of Rookery Bay, and the Water Resources Advisory Commission, South Florida Water Management District. He is an adjunct professor at Florida Gulf Coast University and a graduate of the Leadership Collier Class of 2002.

Mike is a former lead project manager with the South Florida Water Management District where he was responsible for a series of watershed restoration projects stretching from Charlotte Harbor to Naples Bay. Prior to working for the Water Management District, Mike was the Southwest Florida Policy Director for Audubon of

Florida. Before that, he was an adjunct faculty member and Ph.D. student at Virginia Tech where he taught environmental policy and planning courses.

Before beginning work on his Ph.D., Mike was an environmental law attorney and policy analyst for the Yakama Indian Nation of Washington State. He had legal responsibilities with respect to the Yakama Nation's management of water, forests, fish, wildlife and other natural resources within their 1.2 million acre reservation and extending over an area of approximately 11 million acres within which the Tribe has reserved Treaty rights.



Prior to earning a law degree, Mike was an assistant refuge manager with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. His responsibilities involved management, planning and evaluation of natural resources on a federal barrier island/estuary coastal complex.

## EDUCATION

Mike has a Ph.D. in Environmental Policy, a J.D., a M.S. in Wildlife Biology, and a B.S. in Biology.

## HOBBIES

Mike has been a mountain man (backpacked in the Rockies, Cascades, White, Green, and Adirondack Mountains); a cowboy (owned his own horse and saddle); and surfer (9 ½ ft longboard in the garage). Having successfully completed the 2011 Naples Triathlon in 2011, he now considers himself a triathlete.