



Environmental Institutions Seminar Series

Presents

Stuart Pimm, Doris Duke Professor of Conservation Ecology
interviewing

Maureen Finnerty

From Homestead, Florida

on

The Management of Environmental Issues

Thursday, March 18, 2004
12:30 – 2:00 pm

158 A LSRC, Research Drive, Duke University



Abstract

Professor Pimm has invited Maureen Finnerty to participate in our Environmental Institutions Seminar series. Finnerty will share with us her unique experiences in making day-to-day decisions about the fate of the biologically richest group of national parks in our nation. Putting her official hat aside, she has agreed to come to answer our questions.

Pimm will start the discussion by asking her about the challenges involved in managing highly controversial projects. Each involved multiple stakeholders and unique strategies for decision-making. He will ask her to evaluate the extent of her success. She will answer those questions for 20 to 30 minutes, and from there, she will answer additional questions from the audience.

As Superintendent of Everglades and Dry Tortugas National Parks, she has been at the center of the largest ecological restoration project ever attempted: the \$8 billion Everglades project and protection of coral reef ecosystems in the Tortugas--the largest marine protected area project in the US.

Biography

Ms. Finnerty started her career with the National Park Service in Washington in 1974, and held three different jobs there over a nine-year period. In 1983, she moved to Everglades National Park as Assistant Superintendent in charge of operations. She also supervised Fort Jefferson National Monument in the Dry Tortugas. Ms. Finnerty moved to the Mid-Atlantic Region of the National Park Service in 1986 where she served as regional Associate Regional Director, Management and Operations. Her regional responsibilities covered all aspects of operations. In January, 1990, she became Superintendent at Olympic National Park; the position she held until October 1994.

From 1994-2000 she served as Associate Director for Park Operations in the National Park Service headquarters in Washington, D.C. and was responsible for policy direction and oversight of Service-wide park operations. In 1996, Finnerty received the Department's Meritorious Service Award. She assumed duties as Superintendent, Everglades and Dry National Parks in September, 2000.

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