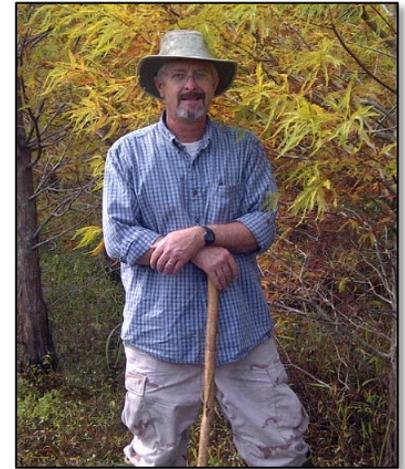




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David Lekson is Chief of the Washington Regulatory Field Office responsible for managing Department of the Army jurisdictional waters and wetlands resources within the 28 northeastern counties of North Carolina pursuant to Section 404 of the Clean Water Act, Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act, and Section 103 of the Marine Protection Research and Sanctuaries Act. Lekson also served four and half years as Regulatory Division Chief for the Savannah District in Georgia, and for six months in the Pentagon with the Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works where he provided technical expertise regarding environmental, tribal and regulatory affairs across the nation.

With over 34 years of Regulatory experience, Lekson has evaluated many large-scale commercial and residential developments, mining (phosphate, rock, sand, gold), energy (wind, solar, hydro), port and military projects, water supply reservoirs, landfills, utilities, and transportation projects (highway, airport, rail). He possesses extensive field work and teaching experience, and is a recognized subject matter expert in wetland delineation, stream and wetland mitigation, mitigation banking, and wetland function assessment. Lekson is a Certified Professional Wetland Scientist and has taught numerous wetland delineation and mitigation training courses to Federal and State agencies and the Military across the country.

Lekson graduated with honors from North Carolina State University (NCSU) with a Bachelor of Science degree in Wildlife Biology. Prior to joining the Corps, he served as a Regulatory Enforcement Specialist for the NC Division of Coastal Management, as a Biologist for the NC Wildlife Resources Commission, and as an Aquaculture Research Technician for NCSU.

Lekson's professional awards and recognitions include Savannah District's 2016 Supervisor of the Year; two Commander's Awards for Civilian Service for his work in the Pentagon and Wilmington District; two USACE Distinguished Service Awards for his teaching and educational work; the 2005 Wilmington District Team Member of the Year; two Achievement Medals for Civilian Service for assisting NC public utilities and citizens with post-hurricane disaster recovery; the Federal Highway Administration's 2011 National Environmental Excellence Award for his work with development of the NC Wetland Assessment Method; and awards from environmental organizations including the NC Coastal Federation's Brown Pelican Award and the Pamlico Tar River Foundation's Great Blue Heron Award recognizing his leadership and accomplishments in environmental regulation and enforcement.

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