



Debra S. Harrison **Commissioner**

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Ms. Debra S. Harrison is the Director of World Wildlife Fund's (WWF) Florida Program, based in Marathon, Florida. She is a member of WWF's Climate Program and works on Florida's climate change, energy, natural resource conservation and adaptation, land-use and sustainability issues. She was named Director of WWF's Florida Program in 1996.

Prior to joining WWF, Ms. Harrison worked with The Wilderness Society, where she was involved in helping craft the Monroe County comprehensive land-use plan and securing conservation for endangered species, including the federally-protected Key Deer. She also served as a land use planner in Monroe County as well as a project manager for Florida Keys Land and Sea Trust, where she performed environmental assessments and comprehensive plan reviews.

Ms. Harrison has served on a number of councils and task forces for the State of Florida. Most recently, Ms. Harrison was appointed a member of the Governor's Action Team on Energy and Climate Change in 2007. She also serves on the Everglades Foundation Environmental Advisory Council as well as the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council. Previously, she served on the Monroe County Land Authority Advisory Council; South Florida Ecosystem Restoration Working Group CSOP Advisory Council; Tortugas 2000 Working Group; South Florida Regional Planning Council; and Commission for a Sustainable South Florida.

Throughout her years of service, Ms. Harrison has been recognized with the Chevron Conservation Award in 1998, the nation's oldest conservation award for conservation achievements by an individual; NOAA's Environmental Hero in 1996; and The Nature Conservancy's Conservation Colleague Award in 1993. In 2007, she was honored as Conservationist of the Year by Audubon of Florida.

Ms. Harrison received a Bachelors of Science from Central Michigan University and a technical diploma in energy processing from the Lambton College of Technology in Ontario, Canada.