

Nathan Stone

Nathan is a member of Engle-Stone Aquatic\$ LLC, consulting on the economics of aquaculture and regulatory issues affecting fish farming. He retired in 2015 from the Aquaculture/Fisheries Center of Excellence, University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff, where he worked as an Extension Fisheries Specialist IV & Section Leader. Arkansas produces and ships billions of live bait and ornamental fish each year, and Nathan worked with the Arkansas Bait and Ornamental Fish Growers Association on biosecurity and inspection programs to prevent the introduction or spread of diseases and aquatic nuisance species. He assisted the producer association and the Arkansas Department of Agriculture in the development of the bait and ornamental fish certification program. The program provides for third-party verification of farm-level fish disease inspections, biosecurity plans, and farm inspections for aquatic nuisance species. Nathan also served on the national Asian Carp Working Group, the Mississippi Basin Panel of the Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force, the National Aquaculture Association ANS Committee, and on the core group of the Arkansas ANS Task Force.

A native of up-state New York, Nathan received his B.S. from Cornell University and his M.S. and Ph.D. degrees from Auburn University. He served as a Peace Corps volunteer in the Philippines, and worked as a visiting professor in Nicaragua and Panama. In his twenty-seven years in Arkansas, he enjoyed the privilege of working with fish farmers, county Extension agents, and farm pond owners. Nathan is married to Dr. Carole Engle, with whom he has had numerous professional and personal collaborations, including three children: Reina, Eric and Cody.