

Scott J. Cameron

Mr. Cameron has thirty-seven years of experience working with federal natural resource, energy, and environmental issues and agencies. He is the founder and President of the Reduce Risks from Invasive Species Coalition (RRISC), a 501(c)(3) charitable organization whose mission is to educate Americans on the risks posed by invasive species to the economy, environment, and public health of the United States, and to promote cost-effective strategies to reduce those risks. RRISC works very closely with the Congressional Invasive Species Caucus, and is implementing a Memorandum of Agreement with USDA/APHIS to improve international compliance with phytosanitary standards for wood packaging material.

Scott is a Fellow of the National Academy of Public Administration, and an elected Director of the Northern Virginia Soil and Water Conservation District, serving Fairfax County's 1.1 million residents.

Mr. Cameron served as a Deputy Assistant Secretary at the Department of the Interior. He was heavily involved with the Department's leadership of the interagency National Invasive Species Council, and was the architect of an annual OMB-endorsed interdepartmental budget crosscut on invasive species that involved five different cabinet agencies. He testified on behalf of the Administration before several Congressional Committees, including testimony on invasive species issues before the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, and on public lands issues before the House Resources Committee.

Scott was the first Director of Government and Regulatory Affairs for CHEP, a multi-billion-dollar global company in the materials handling business that reduces environmental impact while improving economic efficiency.

On behalf of the State of California, Scott wrote and negotiated the first National Governors Association policy on invasive species, which required achieving unanimity across all 50 States.

At the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, he planned, coordinated, and executed strategy in dealing with Congress and the Administration to secure appropriations and improve Federal natural resource agency programs, and highlighted invasive species for greater attention.

At the Office of Management and Budget, Scott exercised OMB-wide lead on endangered species, invasive species, wetlands, and Pacific salmon. He oversaw the \$2B budget, legislation, policy, and regulations of Interior's Fish & Wildlife Service, National Biological Survey, and US Geological Survey. Earlier at OMB, he oversaw EPA's \$3B water and research programs.

Scott has Congressional experience in both the US Senate and the House of Representatives. He began his career in the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, where he formulated endangered species, fisheries, and wetlands policies.

Scott earned an MBA from Cornell University, and an AB in Biology from Dartmouth College. He is married, with a son in college, and is owned by two Siamese cats, which are not allowed outside in order to prevent them from behaving like invasive species.