

## Biographical notes for EDWARD SMITH

Edward Smith is the Director for the Office of Ecosystem Projects with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). In this role, he oversees Everglades restoration efforts for the State of Florida, which includes planning, permitting and compliance assistance, as well as being responsible for securing resources for future restoration projects. Prior to his current position, he worked for the DEP at the Division of Water Resource Management in various roles ranging from Program Administrator for the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Stormwater Program, statewide Compliance Coordinator for wastewater facilities, and Permit Writer in the power plant group.

Originally from Tallahassee, Edward is an Eagle Scout that grew up exploring, hunting and fishing the forests and lakes of north Florida and south Alabama. His love of the outdoors was the driver for him to seek degrees in biology and education from the University of South Alabama. He taught science and mathematics in high school and middle school settings before pursuing a master's degree in Environmental Health from East Tennessee State University.

He returned to Tallahassee in August 2006 to join the DEP and currently resides there with his wife, Sydney, and daughter, Harper..