



Doug Domenech
Secretary of Natural Resources
Commonwealth of Virginia

Doug Domenech (DOM-en-etch) was appointed Virginia's Secretary of Natural resources in January 2010 by Governor Robert F. McDonnell and confirmed by the Virginia General Assembly.

In this role he manages six state agencies including the:

- Department of Environmental Quality
- Department of Conservation and Recreation
- Department of Historic Resources
- Department of Game and Inland Fisheries
- Virginia Marine Resources Commission, and
- Virginia Museum of Natural History

Prior to his appointment, Secretary Domenech was the Senior Vice President of Artemis Strategies; a Washington, DC based government relations and strategic communications firm. He was also a principal at Chrysalis Energy Partners, an energy consulting firm focused on conventional and renewable energy sources.

Domenech served in the George W. Bush Administration at the U.S. Department of Interior in Washington, DC from 2001 to 2009. While there he held positions as Deputy Director of External and Intergovernmental Affairs, White House Liaison, and in 2005 he was appointed Deputy Chief of Staff to the Secretary of the Interior, the number two staff position in the Office of the Secretary. In this position he worked with senior managers for all nine Interior Bureaus, had senior oversight of the US/UNESCO World Heritage Program administered by the United Nations, and oversaw the Interior Crisis Action Team.

Secretary Domenech also served as the Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary of Insular Affairs where he managed U.S. relations with seven insular areas including US Territories of the Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands and the US Freely Associated States of Palau, Federated States of Micronesia, and the Marshall Islands. Policy issues addressed in this role included energy, security, economic development and health. He also served as the Secretary's Appointee on the Advisory Council of the Conservation Trust of Puerto Rico.

A 1978 Forestry and Wildlife Management graduate of Virginia Tech, he worked in a number of forest products related jobs including ITT Rayonier, the US Forest Service and as the Acting Director of the Timber Harvesting Management Program at Alabama A&M University where he conducted field research funded by the USDA Forest Service, the Department of Energy, and Tennessee Valley Authority.

In 1981 he went to work for the Forest Resources Association serving as Division Forester in Jackson, MS, and then Charleston, SC. In 1990 he became the Director of Forestry Programs at the FRA's headquarters in Washington, DC.

Secretary Domenech was appointed by Virginia Governor George Allen to the Goose Creek Scenic River Advisory Board and the Commonwealth Competition Council. Virginia Governor Jim Gilmore appointed him to the Virginia Board of Forestry.