

# Past President & CEO of National Wildlife Federation to Speak at SWOSU

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The former president and CEO of the National Wildlife Federation will speak at Southwestern Oklahoma State University on Wednesday, October 29, as part of a biology seminar series on the Weatherford campus.

Larry Schweiger will speak on “The Nature of Tomorrow: Biodiversity in a High Carbon World” at 4 p.m. in Room 212 of the Old Science Building. The public is invited to the free presentation.

Conservation has been Schweiger’s lifelong passion since spending much of his boyhood in the landscape of western Pennsylvania. Schweiger, winner of many conservation awards, experienced some of Pittsburgh’s notorious air pollution episodes and witnessed the collapse of Lake Erie’s fishery including the extinction of the famed Blue Pike. As a teenager, he vowed to spend his life fighting the degradation of nature. At the age of 14, he received the Pennsylvania Game Commission’s Wildlife Conservation Award for his conservation involvements.

During Schweiger’s tenure with the NWF, the federation became a leading voice for warning of the many threats caused by a rapidly warming world and urging the administration and Congress to act on carbon pollution. He worked with leaders across the United States to foster a greater understanding of the urgency of climate change.

Schweiger has served on more than 50 governing boards, commissions and advisory committees. He serves as a board member of the Climate Reality (formerly Alliance for Climate Protection) and The H. John Heinz III Center for Science, Economics and the Environment. He has won numerous awards for his conservation achievements.

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