



## **Louisiana Department of Natural Resources**

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### **Scott A. Angelle**

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## **BIOGRAPHY**

Scott Angelle was appointed Secretary of the Department of Natural Resources by Governor Bobby Jindal in 2008. This is his second term of office in state government. He had served as the department's Secretary under past Governor Kathleen Babineaux Blanco from 2004 to 2007.

Serving as head of DNR, he is charged with the operations of three primary offices: Office of Conservation, Office of Mineral Resources, and Office of Coastal Restoration and Management. The department was created in 1976, as part of the executive branch of state government.

In 1987, Angelle, at the age of 25, began his public service as an elected member of the St. Martin Parish Police Jury. At age 30, his colleagues elected him president of that body, making him the youngest person in parish history to hold that title. He concentrated his efforts on the environment, health care, fiscal reform, infrastructure improvements, economic development, tourism, parks and recreation; and generally making government work smarter for the taxpayers. In 1999, when the voters changed the form of government in St. Martin Parish, Angelle, was elected the first Parish President. He was re-elected without opposition in 2003, and continued to serve in that capacity until his appointment as DNR Secretary. Before his years of public service work, his business career in the private sector included specializing in mineral research, working on acquisition and management of oil and gas leases, and landowner issues.

As Secretary of DNR, he has brought a spirited and high energy work ethic to the department. He has worked with major business and industry groups, science and engineering groups, and with the state's Congressional Delegation and the Louisiana Legislature to affect significant changes in existing laws and in operating procedures that have enhanced economic development and benefited the state's environment. Secretary Angelle has helped champion legislation in 2005, 2006 and 2007, particularly, the dedication of Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Revenues to fight for Coastal Restoration; Levee Board Reform, Environmental Legacy Site Reform, and the creation of the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority (CPRA).

Since 2004, Angelle has also served as chairman of the State Mineral Board. He has advanced the business functions of the department by expanding the agency's website for complete computerized online business transactions with clients, partners, and the public.

In his leadership role, he has testified before the United States Congress and has traveled across America speaking on environmental, coastal restoration, hurricane protection, and energy security topics.

Angelle currently serves on a number of community, governmental, and professional boards. He is a member of the Division of Administration's Information Technology Board, LSU's School of the Coast and Environment Advisory Board, White Lake Advisory Board, the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority, National Association of Environmental Professionals, and the Farmers & Merchants Bank and Trust Board, to name a few.

Angelle is a 1983 cum laude graduate of the University of Southwestern Louisiana (now ULL) with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration. He and his wife, Dianne, are the parents of five children, Zach, Alexandra, Simone, Jean-Paul, and Marissa and are members of St. Bernard Catholic Church in Breaux Bridge, Louisiana.