

The Conservationist Walkway

at the John E. Pechmann Fishing Education Center



About John E. Pechmann

John E. Pechmann was appointed to the N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission in 1993. Elected chairman in 1999, he was serving his fourth term when he passed away unexpectedly in July 2006. An avid fisherman who could be found on many weekends fishing the blackwater rivers of eastern North Carolina, Pechmann was a steadfast supporter of fisheries management, and conservation and education.

He supported youth fishing programs and presented lifetime licenses to many children in conjunction with National Fishing and Boating Week celebrations. Pechmann was a driving force behind the planning, funding and construction of the new fishing education center in Fayetteville that now bears his name. The fishing education and outreach programs conducted at the center and coordinated throughout the state exemplifying Pechmann's efforts to create more outdoor recreation opportunities for North Carolinians.