

Ken Fischman was born and brought up in Brooklyn, New York. He graduated from Erasmus Hall H.S., Brooklyn College, and received his Masters in Zoology from the University of Arkansas and his Ph.D. in Genetics from New York University. He taught and did research in Genetics for 27 years, specializing in the effects of environmental agents on Chromosomes and DNA. During the bulk of that time, he worked at Columbia University, College of Physicians and Surgeons.

Ken has been married twice and has two sons from my first marriage. He has a long-term interest in nature and out-of-doors activities. Ken has been a white water kayaker and instructor in primitive wilderness survival and ancient stone-age skills.

His passion for nature has also impelled him to write and lecture on a wide variety of environmental issues, activities that he increasingly turned to after retiring from Columbia in 1995.

At that time Ken and his wife bought a truck camper and wandered homeless throughout the West for six years. He believes that this role as an outsider brought him a unique perspective on man's relationship with the earth.

In 2001, they settled in Sandpoint, a small town in Idaho's Panhandle, a few miles south of the border from Canada. "There", he says, "I have taken my stand."