

# ***Nathaniel Reed, 84, Champion of Florida's Environment, Is Dead***

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Nathaniel Reed, an environmentalist who led conservation fights throughout Florida and helped turn the Endangered Species Act into law while serving as an assistant secretary of the Interior in the 1970s, died on Wednesday in Quebec City. He was 84.

His son Adrian said he died in a hospital of a brain injury he received when he fell while fishing on the Grand Cascapédia River in Quebec.

“He had many times told my brother, sister and me, ‘If I could choose to leave this earth, I would catch one last beautiful salmon and it would be lights off,’ ” Adrian Reed said in a telephone interview.

On July 3, Mr. Reed caught his final salmon — a 16-pounder — and soon after that, he slipped and his head hit a rock, causing traumatic injury.

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