

FORUM ON MANAGING WILDLIFE, FISH, AND RECREATION INTERACTIONS ON ALASKA'S NATIONAL FORESTS

February 3–4, 2003, at Centennial Hall, Juneau, Alaska

Agenda

Monday, February 3:

(Sheffield Ballroom #1)

Moderator: *Pete Griffin, Juneau District Ranger, Tongass National Forest, USDA Forest Service.*

1300–1315 Welcome and Objectives: *Pete Griffin.*

Opening comments: *Dave Cross, Fisheries Program Leader, and Gail Vanderbie, Assistant Director for Recreation, Heritage, and Wilderness; USDA Forest Service, Washington, D.C.*

1315–1430 Keynote speakers: Establishing the interdisciplinary context for wildlife, fish, and recreation interactions.

Biological context: *Dr. John M. Marzluff, Associate Professor, College of Forest Resources, University of Washington.*

Economic context: *Dr. Guy C. Robertson, Regional Economist, Alaska Region, USDA Forest Service.*

Social context: *Dr. Linda E. Kruger, Research Social Scientist, Pacific Northwest Research Station, USDA Forest Service.*

1430–1450 Refreshment Break.

1450–1615 Panelists: Overview of patterns, trends, and emerging conflicts and opportunities. Drawing from existing data sources, each panelist will endeavor to answer the following questions:

- What patterns and trends are evident in the demand for wildland recreation in southeast and south-central Alaska?
- How important are wildlife and fish in the experiences sought by recreational users?
- To what extent do recreational activities overlap or conflict with other uses of wildlife and fish resources? What information sources exist, or need to be developed, to address existing or potential conflicts?
- Under the projected trends, what opportunities and problems should professionals in wildlife, fisheries, and recreation management be preparing to address in the next 5–10 years?

Panelists:

Ginny Fay, Independent Consultant, Missoula, Montana.

Dr. Richard W. Haynes, Program Manager, Social and Economic Values, Pacific Northwest Research Station, USDA Forest Service.

Sarah Leonard, Watchable Wildlife Program Coordinator, Alaska Department of Fish and Game.

Dr. Pat Reed, Regional Social Scientist, Alaska Region, USDA Forest Service.

Douglas Vincent-Lang, Assistant Director for Sport Fish Division, Alaska Department of Fish and Game.

1615–1645 Questions and Discussion.

1645–1700 Leaders’ response to keynote and panel presentations. In light of projected trends, what are appropriate directions and actions for the Alaska Region and PNW Station?

Dennis E. Bschor, Regional Forester, Alaska Region, USDA Forest Service; and Dr. Robert C. Szaro, Deputy Director, Pacific Northwest Research Station, USDA Forest Service.

1700–1900 Reception with awards presentation. Please join us for light refreshments at the Goldbelt Hotel, Cedar Room.

Tuesday, February 4:

(Sheffield Ballroom #1)

Moderator: *Dr. Sandy Boyce, Alaska Issues Coordinator, Juneau Forestry Sciences Lab, Pacific Northwest Research Station, USDA Forest Service.*

0800–1200 Contributed oral presentations.

0810–0830	J.J. Piccolo, P. Schneider, D. Martin	Watchable fish: using underwater video to enhance education applications and improve recreation opportunities
0830–0850	E. Cooper, A. Poe, D. Youkey, M.I. Goldstein	Evaluating mountain goat response to helicopter overflights on Forest Service lands in Alaska
0850–0910	J. Denton	Goats and helicopters: 7 years of monitoring by the Bureau of Land Management.
0910–0930	M. Kirchhoff and K. White	Balancing hunting and wildlife watching in southeast Alaska
0930–0955	J. Neary & J. Humphrey	Should we habituate bears to humans? A case study
0955–1010	Break	

1010-1030	Sean Farley	Management of the Kenai Peninsula brown bear: success requires collaboration between research, management and recreation
1030-1050	C. Van Ormer	Exploring the applications of GIS to integrate social and biological sciences for resource management applications
1050-1110	P. Hennon	Challenges in balancing aesthetics, wildlife habitat, and public safety in recreation sites with structurally diverse old-growth trees
1110-1130	P. Meyers, D. Logan	Potential impacts to black oystercatchers and other shore-nesting birds from recreational increases in Prince William Sound.
1130-1150	B. Tremblay	Recreation Carrying Capacities – expectations, delusions, and reality

1150-1330 Lunch.

1330-1600 Facilitated small group discussions. Each group is challenged to envision how to achieve the following goal which will help the Forest Service Alaska Region prioritize its investments in the next 5-10 years. Group work will be facilitated by *Sara Baldwin, Neil Hagadorn, Kristi Kantola, and Becky Nourse.*

GOAL: Fully integrated and compatible programs in wildlife, fisheries, and recreation management.

Groups will “brainstorm” on two key questions:

- What changes in organizational structure, professional culture, and working relationships would accelerate progress toward the goal? How or why?
- What current and future information needs are most important with respect to this goal? (E.g., research, inventory and monitoring, assessments, modeling.)

1600-1650 Group reports.

1650-1700 Forum closeout: What we heard.

Dr. Winifred Kessler, Director, Wildlife, Fish, Ecology, Watershed and Subsistence, Alaska Region, USDA Forest Service.

Beth Pendleton, Director, Recreation, Lands and Minerals, Alaska Region, USDA Forest Service.

Dr. Sandy Boyce, Alaska Issues Coordinator, Juneau Forestry Sciences Lab, Pacific Northwest Research Station, USDA Forest Service.

Wednesday, February 5

- 0800–1200** **Joint meeting of RHWTR and WFEW personnel for “District Showcase” presentations. (Egan Room)** Using an interdisciplinary, 10-minute powerpoint presentation, each District will highlight activities or accomplishments that demonstrate cooperation between recreation and wildlife, fisheries, and/or rare plants.
- 1330–1700.** **Break-out sessions for RHWTR and WFEW programs. (See separate agendas)**

Thursday, February 6

- 0800–1700** **Break-out sessions for RHWTR programs, continued.**
- 0800–1700** **WFEW and other interested staff begin short-course on “Telling Our Story: Communication Skills for Natural Resource Professionals.” (Egan Room)** Instructors are Dr. Rachel Holloway and Dr. Robert Denton, Department of Communication Studies, Virginia Polytechnic & State University. Today we’ll learn about communication principles, audience receptivity, and practical “do’s and don’ts” for delivering great oral presentations.

Friday, February 7

- 0800–1200** **Completion of communications short-course.** Today we’ll learn how to work with the local media to get our stories out. Includes tips for creating key messages, developing visuals, and preparing for interviews.