

Office of Subsistence Management **U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service**

Fisheries Division Chief

Position Title (s): Supervisory Fish Biologist

Previous Incumbent: Stewart Cogswell

Series(s): GS-190/401/482

Grade(s): 13/14

Number of Position: 1

Duty Station: Anchorage

Type of Position/Appointment: Permanent

Work Schedule: FT

The Supervisory Fish Biologist is the lead biologist of the Fisheries Division in the Office of Subsistence Management. The position currently supervises a staff of five people (two GS-482-13, two GS -482-9, one GS-499-6); addition seasonal staff of two people (one GS-449-07, one GS 404-2), which develop and manage a multi-million dollar Fisheries Resource Monitoring Program (Monitoring Program). The Monitoring Program funds about 69 fishery and social science research projects each year that provide important information to Federal and State management agencies, rural partners and the Federal Subsistence Board for Federal fishery management decisions. This program enhances the Federal capability to manage regulate subsistence fisheries on Federal public lands in Alaska. The program is implemented cooperatively with five Federal agencies, ten Regional Advisory Councils, the State of Alaska, and rural and Alaska Native organizations. The Supervisory Fish Biologist acts as the technical team lead ensuring the program produces scientifically defensible and statistically sound information to those responsible for management decision making. Occasionally, the Fisheries Division is tasked with interpreting fisheries data to evaluate stock status and trend information for other Federal agencies. The Supervisory Fish Biologist oversees communication and information sharing between the Federal agencies involved in subsistence fishery management.

The Supervisory Fish Biologist oversees development and implementation of the fisheries regulatory process administered under Title VIII of the Alaska National Interest Conservation Act (ANILCA). This position provides critical leadership to the fishery biologists concerning proposed changes to Federal regulations, policies, management plans and other subsistence fishery related issues on Federal public land. The principal regulatory function of the Fisheries Division is to analyze and interpret information to support the Federal Subsistence Board's decision making process to provide biological expertise on matters of policy and regulation. The Fisheries Division serves as the primary liaison to Federal agencies, the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, rural

organizations, Alaska Native organizations and other entities providing biological information necessary for effective management of fish on Federal public lands in Alaska.