



Nathan Lagerwey, Assistant Director of NOAA's Office of Law Enforcement, Alaska Division, retires at the end of this year. Nathan dedicated his 27-year career to tirelessly safeguarding our nation's marine resources and habitat, as well as supporting the observers who collect fishery-dependent data vital to fisheries management.

After graduating from Michigan State University in 1996, Nathan dived headlong into fisheries as an observer in Alaska. He transitioned to OLE in 2000 as an Enforcement Officer in Kodiak. In 2005, he was promoted to Special Agent Liaison to the North Pacific Observer Program, based in Anchorage. In this capacity, Nathan resolutely

supported and trained observers, fostering stronger relationships between OLE, observers, and the observer program. He spearheaded innovations to enhance the flow of potential violation information between observer programs and enforcement, both in Alaska and nationally.

Recognizing his contributions and leadership, in 2015 Nathan was appointed as Alaska OLE's Deputy Special Agent in Charge in Anchorage, a role he fulfilled for seven years. In 2022, Nathan selflessly accepted the Assistant Directorship of OLE's Alaska Division in Juneau, ensuring a seamless transition for the Division in his final years before retirement.

Nathan looks forward to devoting his time to his family, his hobbies, and his growing dog sled team. Nathan, we look forward to your Public Comments, Testimony, and engagement on future management actions that come before Council...and perhaps we'll even see you in the Iditarod in the future! Nathan, thank you for dedicating your illustrious career to public service for our country! We wish you the best in the future pursuits of your passions.