



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
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David Witherell, Executive Director
North Pacific Fishery Management Council
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Anchorage, AK 99501-2252

Dear Dave:

We would like to nominate Dr. Anne Marie Eich as the Sustainable Fisheries Division (SFD) representative for the Bering Sea Fishery Ecosystem Plan Team. Dr. Anne Marie Eich is the Ecosystem Branch Chief for the Alaska Region's SFD. Anne Marie came to SF in 2014 from the Southeast Region and has proven herself an expert in our ever so complicated regulatory processes. She has greatly enhanced our role in addressing seabird bycatch since she joined us.

Prior to her current position, Anne Marie served as the Alaska Region lead for seabird/fisheries interactions. Her resume is enclosed for your consideration.

We appreciate the opportunity to provide support for the NPFMC plan teams.

Sincerely,

/s/ Glenn Merrill
Assistant Regional Administrator, NMFS Alaska Region

Attachment



Anne Marie LeBlanc Eich
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Education

Ph.D. in Biology, The University of Alabama at Birmingham, Birmingham, AL, 12/2009
Dissertation Title: Evolutionary Implications of Sex Determination and Hatchling Predation for the Kemp's Ridley Sea Turtles in Rancho Nuevo, Mexico.

Master's Degree in Biology, Georgia Southern University, Statesboro, GA, 08/2004
Thesis Title: Temperature-dependent Sex Determination in *Caretta caretta* on Two Georgia Barrier Islands.

Bachelor's Degree in Biology, The University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, AL, 05/2002

Experience

Supervisory Fishery Management Specialist
NOAA Fisheries, Alaska Region Sustainable Fisheries
September 2018 – Present

- Serve as the Ecosystem Branch Chief for Sustainable Fisheries Division (SFD).
- Supervise the successful completion of Fishery Management Plan (FMP) amendments and implementing regulations.
- Ensure all Endangered Species Act (ESA) section 7 consultations are completed for North Pacific Federal fishery actions.
- Coordinate Alaska Region Ecosystem Based Fishery Management issues.
- Negotiate exempted fishing permits to allow testing of new fishing methods and gear types.

Fishery Management Specialist
NOAA Fisheries, Alaska Region Sustainable Fisheries
August 2014 – September 2018

- Served as the Alaska Region SFD Seabird/Fishery Interactions Lead.
- Prepared documents required to issue proposed or final regulations for FMP amendments and regulatory amendments that will be published in the Federal Register.
- Assisted in SFD ESA consultations.

Technical Writer (Fisheries Policies and Regulations)
NOAA Fisheries, Southeast Region Sustainable Fisheries
August 2011 – August 2014

- Prepared documents required to issue proposed or final regulations for FMP amendments and regulatory amendments that will be published in the Federal Register.
- Served as a member of Interdisciplinary Planning Teams, which consisted of NMFS Southeast Regional Office staff and regional Fishery Management Council staff. Collaborated to write and implement amendments to FMPs for the Gulf of Mexico, South Atlantic, and Caribbean. Drafted actions and alternatives and considered biological, economic, social, and administrative effects of proposed actions.

Other Experience

- Lecturer - Human Anatomy and Physiology; The University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, AL; 06/2011 - 08/2011
- Contractor, Division of Fisheries and Habitat Conservation; Branch of Aquatic Invasive Species, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service c/o Gap Solutions, Arlington, VA; 03/2011 - 06/2011
- National Sea Grant College Program Knauss Fellow (Marine Policy Fellowship) with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Branch of Aquatic Invasive Species, Arlington, VA; 01/2010 - 02/2011
- Graduate Assistant, Laboratory Instructor - General Biology, Environmental Biology, Mammalian Physiology, Vertebrate Zoology; The University of Alabama at Birmingham, Birmingham, AL; 08/2004 - 12/2009
- Adjunct Faculty, Instructor – Biology; Birmingham-Southern College, Birmingham, AL; 08/2007 - 12/2007 & 08/2009 - 12/2009
- Teaching Assistant, Instructor - Biology and Conservation of Marine Turtles; Dauphin Island Sea Lab, Dauphin Island, AL, 05/2006 - 05/2007
- Graduate Assistant, Laboratory Instructor – Environmental and General Biology; Georgia Southern University, Statesboro, GA; 08/2002 - 08/2004
- Research Assistant, Georgia Southern University; Blackbeard Island National Wildlife Refuge; GA, 05/2002 - 08/2002 & 05/2003 - 08/2003

Publications & Presentations (Some publications are under A.M. LeBlanc)

- **Eich, A.M.**, J. Roberts, and S.M. Fitzgerald. 2018. Seabird Bycatch Estimates for Alaska Groundfish Fisheries: 2016 through 2017. U.S. Dep. Commer., NOAA Tech. Memo. NMFS-F/AKR-18, 32 p. doi:[10.25923/vb9g-s503](https://doi.org/10.25923/vb9g-s503).
- **Eich, A.M.**, K.R. Mabry, S.K. Wright, and S.M. Fitzgerald. 2016. Seabird Bycatch and Mitigation Efforts in Alaska Fisheries Summary Report: 2007 through 2015. U.S. Dep. Commer., NOAA Tech. Memo. NMFS-F/AKR-12, 47 p. Available at: <https://repository.library.noaa.gov/view/noaa/12695>
- **LeBlanc, A.M.**, D.C. Rostal, K.K. Drake, J. Robinette, K. Williams, M.G. Frick., and D. E. Barnard-Keinath. 2014. The Influence of Maternal Size on the Eggs and Hatchlings of Loggerhead Sea Turtles. *Southeastern Naturalist* 13(3):587-599.
- **LeBlanc, A.M.**, D.J. Shaver, J.S. Walker, and T. Wibbels. 2012. Temperature-dependent sex determination in the Kemp's ridley sea turtle: effects of incubation temperatures on sex ratios. *Endangered Species Research* 19:123-128.
- **LeBlanc, A.M.**, K.K. Drake, K.L. Williams, M.G. Frick, T. Wibbels, and D.C. Rostal. 2012. Nest temperatures and hatchling sex ratios from loggerhead turtle nests incubated under natural field conditions in Georgia, USA. *Chelonian Conservation and Biology* 11(1):108-116.
- **LeBlanc, A.M.** and T. Wibbels. 2009. Effect of daily water treatment on sex ratios in a turtle with temperature-dependent sex determination. *Journal of Experimental Zoology* 311A(1):68-72.
- Served as an invited peer reviewer of numerous scientific articles prior to journal publication.
- Delivered numerous presentations at public meetings, conferences, and workshops which addressed subject matters related to invasive species, endangered species (specifically the loggerhead and Kemp's ridley sea turtles), and seabirds.