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Since our last EFH Consultation report, HCD has selected Jodi Pirtle and Sean McDermott as new supervisors in the Habitat Conservation Division.

**Dr. Jodi Pirtle is the new supervisor in Juneau and will serve as the Deputy ARA for HCD.** Dr. Pirtle has been with us since 2016. Many of you know her exemplary work on habitat science and integrating habitat into Ecosystem Based Fisheries Management. Jodi's work is integral to how we identify, describe, and map essential fish habitat. A key part of that has been Jodi's keen ability to develop projects that advance habitat science, secure funding, and manage those projects to achieve results. Through this work, Jodi has hosted and supervised three postdoctoral research associates and an Alaska Sea Grant Fellow. Her passion, expertise, and commitment to teamwork and collaboration will help us chart our future course in HCD.

**Sean McDermott is the new supervisor for HCD in the Anchorage Office.** Sean joined the Alaska Region on March 15, 2021. Sean was the Hydropower Coordinator in the Greater Atlantic Region and he has a broad professional background across regulatory, program, scientific, and policy areas. With Sean's training, mentorship, and team-oriented leadership, the hydropower review activities in the Greater Atlantic Region have become a model of success for cross-divisional coordination and producing results. We were lucky to have Sean join us for a five month detail in 2019 to help us in strategic and succession planning for our AKR Hydropower Program. Sean will apply these skills to managing the essential fish habitat consultation and related work in the Anchorage Office.