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Dale Hall

Dale Hall is the Director of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. He was nominated and confirmed into that position in October 2005, while Regional Director for the Service's Southwest Region, Albuquerque, New Mexico. He brings a wealth of experience to the Director position as a career Service employee.

While Regional Director of the Southwest Region, Hall was responsible for directing the Service's fish, wildlife and habitat conservation, protection and enhancement activities for Arizona, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Texas.

In 1997, Hall was appointed as the Deputy Regional Director of the Service's Southeast Region, Atlanta, Georgia. There he assisted the Regional Director in the oversight of the Service's work in 15 ecosystems, ranging in diversity from the hardwoods of the lower Mississippi to the tropics of the Caribbean.

From 1991 to 1997, Hall worked in a number of Service posts with the Pacific Region, Portland, Oregon, and earned the Department of Interior's Meritorious Service Award for the role he played in the President's Northwest Forest Plan.

Hall began his work in the Pacific Region as the Assistant Regional Director for Ecological Services, managing activities related to the northern spotted owl, desert tortoise, endangered Hawaiian birds and other listed species.

He was responsible for the regulation of the region's wetlands and environmental contaminants issues and federal water projects. Under his guidance, more than 300 new species were placed under the protection of the Endangered Species Act, and settlements totaling nearly \$200 million were reached for environmental contaminants cleanup with parties responsible for pollution.

From 1994 to 1997, while still in the Pacific Region, Hall directly supervised all Service activities in the Klamath Ecoregion and in the State of California, apart from law enforcement. His duties included managing the implementation of the Central Valley Project Improvement Act and water resource settlements under what is now known as the CALFED/Bay-Delta program.



From 1987 to 1991, Hall was the Deputy Assistant Director for Fisheries in the Service's Washington, D.C. office. While there he played a key role in developing the Service's policy for management of the nation's fisheries facilities, including 75 fish hatcheries, 48 fish and wildlife management assistance offices, four technology development centers and 11 fish health centers.

In 1982, Hall became the senior staff biologist and was later promoted to Field Supervisor and ran the Houston, Texas, field office. He also was honored as one of the Service's 10 Most Outstanding Merit Pay Employees for 1986.

Hall began his Service career in 1978. During his first assignment with the Service, he worked in the wetlands of the Lower Mississippi Valley.

A Kentucky native, he also served four years in the United States Air Force and later managed catfish farms in the delta region of Mississippi.

Hall holds a master's degree in fisheries science from Louisiana State University and is also the author of published papers on wetlands and fisheries ecology and other topics. He earned his bachelor of science degree in biology and chemistry from Cumberland College, Williamsburg, Kentucky.

He is joined in his current job by his wife Sarah, from Bunkie, Louisiana. They have three children.

Quick Facts

- Confirmed October 2005
- Began U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service career in 1978
- Worked in three Regions of the Service and Washington D.C.