



## U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

# Ren Lohofener

## *Regional Director, Pacific Southwest*



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**R**en Lohofener serves as the regional director of the Pacific Southwest Region.

From headquarters in Sacramento, Calif., Lohofener oversees Service programs in California, Nevada and Klamath Basin that administer the Endangered Species Act and Migratory Bird Treaty Act, and manages 51 national wildlife refuges, and three national fish hatcheries.

The Service established the California, Nevada Operations Office in 1998 in recognition of the unique natural resource challenges facing California, Nevada and the Klamath Basin. Many of these challenges evolve from the inherently rich biodiversity of this area, coupled with many of the fastest growing communities in the nation.

The CNO was renamed Region 8 of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in November 2007. In Region 8, decision-making is placed at the local level, where managers are in a better position to develop partnerships with external groups and organizations.

Prior to coming to Sacramento, Lohofener served as the regional director of the Pacific Region of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, based in Portland, Ore.

Lohofener joined the Fish and Wildlife Service in 1989 after working for six years as an ecologist for the National Marine Fisheries Service. Before that, he was a Research Associate and Adjunct Professor at Mississippi State University. Since joining the Fish and Wildlife Service,

Lohofener has been a field biologist, the agency's Texas State Administrator and Assistant Regional Director of the agency's Southwest Region. He served as the Service's Assistant Director for the Endangered Species Program in Washington, D.C.

A native of Kansas, Lohofener received his Bachelor of Science and Master of Science degrees from Fort Hays State University in Kansas and his Doctorate degree from Mississippi State University. He is also a veteran of the U.S. Army.

Lohofener believes that cooperation and collaboration are essential to all conservation efforts.