

JOB APPLICATION OPENING SOON

INDIGENOUS KNOWLEDGE LIAISON

US FISH & WILDLIFE SERVICE, ALASKA REGION



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The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), Alaska Region is excited to begin outreaching for a critically important and innovative new position who will work as a part of the Science Applications Program.

In the Alaska Region, we have an obligation to build, strengthen, and nurture relationships with Alaska Native and rural Alaskans to safeguard fish, wildlife and their habitats and increase the integration of Indigenous and Traditional Ecological Knowledge (ITEK) in ways that help the USFWS collectively understand a more complete picture of ecological systems and improve people's lives.

Alaska Native peoples have stewarded the lands since time immemorial, and in working together, we can increase Indigenous participation and leadership in scientific research while also uplifting critical ITEK, research, and analysis, and produce technical and culturally relatable content that can be used to ensure the protection of the water, lands, and resources of Alaska.

The Indigenous Knowledge Liaison will be instrumental in:

- Advocating for the inclusion and consideration of ITEK to support the alignment and advancement of conservation priorities with tribal nations, as well as internal and external stakeholders and partners.
- Increasing the understanding on how ITEK can work alongside western-based research and natural resource management to further the mission of the USFWS and support locally led stewardship of natural and cultural resources.
- Indigenizing the way information is being collected, analyzed, used and shared – in order to respect Alaska Native self-determination, cultures, languages, and ways of living, being, and knowing.

The Science Applications Program is a part of the shared leadership for the science, international and migratory birds – Alaska (SIMBA) program. The program provides an opportunity to regularly engage and collaborate on cross-cutting international conservation issues, to identify decision support tools that can aid diverse conservation initiatives, and to facilitate partnerships needed to address specific conservation needs.

We do this by:

- Promoting an inclusive collaborative approach to conservation
- Fostering science excellence, integrity, and innovation
- Developing data-driven decision support tools that make collaborative conservation achievable

This position is being offered as a GS-11/12, 0301 Series (Miscellaneous Administration and Program) with a preferred duty location of Anchorage, Alaska (but negotiable). The position will work for the Strategic Conservation and Coastal Plain Coordinator while working hand-in-hand with our Regional Tribal Liaison.

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