

## **Biographical Resume**

### **Angela Somma Director, Endangered Species Division National Marine Fisheries Service**

Angela Somma became the Director of the Endangered Species Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service in 2005. As Division Director, she oversees national programs and policies to implement the Endangered Species Act for marine and anadromous species. Those programs include recovery of threatened and endangered species, placing species on the threatened and endangered species list, designating experimental populations, critical habitat designations, protective regulations for threatened species, and cooperative programs with States. In addition, the Division coordinates with the National Marine Fisheries Service's regional offices and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to ensure consistent implementation of the Endangered Species Act.

Ms. Somma joined the National Marine Fisheries Service in 1992 as an international affairs specialist, coordinating the agency's international sea turtle recovery programs, serving as the agency's program manager for its trade and the environment program, and providing staff support to international organizations such as the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES), the Pacific Salmon Commission, and the United Nations' Food and Agriculture Organization's Committee on Fisheries.

In July 2000, she became the Snake River salmon recovery coordinator. In that capacity, she coordinated habitat restoration and species recovery programs for threatened and endangered Snake River salmon and steelhead in Idaho, Oregon and Washington, and helped develop a draft recovery plan for those species. In 2004, she was appointed special assistant to the National Marine Fisheries Service's Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs. In that position she reviewed, tracked and monitored all of the agency's regulatory actions, including those to support protected resources, sustainable fisheries, and habitat conservation.

Ms. Somma received Bachelor's of Arts degrees in political science and Spanish from the State University of New York at Albany (1989), and an M.S. in Environmental Science from the State University of New York College of Environmental Science and Forestry (1992).