

## North Slope Science Initiative Staff Biographies

**Ken Taylor** was appointed in January 2005 to serve as the Executive Director of the North Slope Science Initiative, a consortium of 10 federal, state and local agencies and land owners having land or resource management responsibilities on the North Slope. Prior to this position, Ken worked for the Department of Natural Resources as the state's Large Project Team lead for oil and gas projects where he coordinated state agency involvement through the NEPA and permitting processes for the ConocoPhillips Alpine Satellite Development Project. In April 2004, Ken was also appointed to serve as the state's Gasline Coordinator in the Joint Pipeline Office.

Ken Taylor worked 26 years of his professional career throughout Alaska as a wildlife biologist for the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, stationed in King Salmon, Juneau, Anchorage, Talkeetna, Dillingham and Fairbanks. Ken served as the Deputy Director for the Wildlife Conservation Division and as Director for the Habitat and Restoration Division.

During his career, Ken worked on many wildlife research programs throughout the state involving many different terrestrial and marine mammal species. Highlights of his career include designing and implementing a caribou transplant to the Togiak Refuge, working in Russia on three occasions to develop capture and satellite telemetry techniques for spotted seals and Pacific Walruses, and leading the capture teams for the FWS wolf reintroduction to Yellowstone National Park.

**John Payne** is the Wildlife and Endangered Species Program Manager, Remote Sensing Specialist (Special Sensitive Compartment Security)/North Slope Science Initiative Staff for BLM. Dr. Payne received his B.S. in Range/Wildlife Science and his M.S. in Wildlife Science from Utah State University, Logan, Utah and his Ph.D. in Public Administration from Southern Utah University, Cedar City, Utah.

Dr. Payne has held several positions over the course of his career throughout the country. He served as the Threatened and Endangered Species Specialist for BLM in St. George, Utah, as a Pilot/Refuge Manager/Law Enforcement Agent for the Fish and Wildlife Service, King Salmon, Alaska, a Range Conservationist for BLM in St. George, Utah a Research Reclamation Specialist for USDA in Logan, Utah and as an Analyst and Pilot for the U.S. Army Security Agency.

**Cleve Cowles** is the Chief, Environmental Studies Section (ESS), Alaska Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Region, Minerals Management Service (MMS). His responsibilities include leadership of MMS Alaska Environmental Studies Program. Dr. Cowles has been with the BLM / MMS Alaska OCS Region since 1979, serving as Wildlife Biologist (End. Species), Chief of the Environmental Studies Unit (1983-1994) Acting Chief of the Social and Economic Studies Unit (1992-1994), and Chief, ESS since 1995. Collateral responsibilities have included serving as the MMS Technical Representative to the OCSEAP program (1983-1992), to the MMS/UAF Coastal Marine Institute (1994-present), and recently to the North Slope Science Initiative and to the Pacific Northwest Cooperative Ecosystem Studies Unit. He received his B.S. in Wildlife Science from the University of Maine (1969) and M.S. (1974) and Ph.D. (1979) in Fisheries and Wildlife Sciences at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University. Design and analysis of management decision systems, environmental research monitoring, cooperative project development, and

information applications to decision making continue as his career interests. He has authored or co-authored articles in *J. of Environmental Management*, *Arctic*, *J. of Mammalogy*, *J. of Wildlife Management*, and elsewhere. Professional memberships include the Arctic Institute of North America and The Wildlife Society.

**Pat Galvin** is a Petroleum Land Manager for the Alaska Department of Natural Resources, Division of Oil and Gas. His responsibilities include managing the oil and gas leasing and licensing programs, lease administration, and oil and gas permitting for the division. His education background includes a Bachelor's degree in Visual Arts and Quantitative Economics from the University of California, San Diego, a Law Degree from the University of San Diego, and an MBA from San Diego State University. Prior to his position at DNR, Mr. Galvin served as Director of the Division of Governmental Coordination, overseeing the Alaska Coastal Management Program. Previously, Mr. Galvin was a private practice attorney focusing on municipal, corporate, and tribal law.

**Tim Jennings** is Program Supervisor for Fisheries and Ecological Services in the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. He oversees operations for three Fish & Wildlife field offices: Fairbanks, Juneau, and the Conservation Genetics Laboratory. He received his B.S. in Biology from Whitworth College in 1977 and M.S. in Fisheries Biology from the University of Alaska, Fairbanks in 1983.

Mr. Jennings has worked on fisheries and wildlife issues in Alaska over the last 30 years, serving variously as a State employee, private consultant, and as a manager for two Federal agencies. His North Slope experience includes the Endicott and West Dock fisheries monitoring studies, subsistence surveys and fisheries work at Nuiqsut on the Colville River, and a dozen years as Permitting Chief for northern Alaska for the Corps of Engineers. He also served as the Corps Project Manager for completion of the Northstar offshore oilfield Environmental Impact Statement project review. Over the last 7 years with the Service, Mr. Jennings has been a manager in the Federal Subsistence Management Program. In his current position, he contributes to a variety of fish and wildlife management and policy issues related to fisheries, endangered species, environmental contaminants, habitat restoration, and project planning.