

## **Probasco moves to USF&W**

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Former Kodiakan Peter Probasco has been approved as the assistant regional director for subsistence management for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Probasco replaces Tom Boyd.

Prior to joining Fish and Wildlife, Probasco worked for 22 years with the State of Alaska Department of Fish and Game, beginning as a fishery biologist and advancing to regional supervisor in Kodiak.

As regional supervisor, he was responsible for all commercial, subsistence, and personal use fisheries for the Western Gulf of Alaska and the Aleutian Islands, and shellfish fisheries of the Bering Sea.

Probasco worked for the Fish and Wildlife, Alaska Region Office of Subsistence Management for the past six years. He began as a liaison, representing the federal subsistence program to the State of Alaska Board of Fish.

For the last two years, Probasco was deputy assistant regional director for the federal subsistence program. He has been acting assistant regional director in the six months since Boyd's retirement.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is the principal federal agency responsible for fish wildlife conservation and habitat protection. The service manages the national wildlife refuge system. There are 545 national wildlife refuges and thousands of small wetlands and special management areas in the 95-million acre system.

The agency also enforces federal wildlife laws, administers the Endangered Species Act, manages migratory bird populations, restores nationally significant fisheries and assists Native American tribal governments with conservation efforts.