

# Working with Outdoor Writers in the Northeast

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One of the primary roles of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's External Affairs office is to work with reporters and outdoor writers to communicate conservation stories to the public. The public affairs staff work with specific Service programs and can provide information on issues related to those programs. Feel free, however, to contact any one of them for assistance.

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Terri provides public affairs support to the National Wildlife Refuge System and the Federal Assistance program.

- Federal assistance to state sport fish and wildlife restoration programs
- Grant programs to tribes, states, and landowners for habitat protection and species recovery
- Hunting, wildlife watching and other recreational opportunities on refuges
- Managing national wildlife refuges with limited resources

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Jennifer provides public affairs support to the Migratory Birds program.

- "All-bird" management initiatives
- Atlantic Coast Joint Venture
- Avian influenza
- Managing overabundant bird species
- Setting waterfowl hunting limits

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Ron provides public affairs support to the Fisheries program.

- Controlling aquatic invasive species
- Providing fish passage
- National Fish Habitat Initiative
- Restoring American shad and other native fisheries

## Diana Weaver

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Diana covers the Ecological Services and Law Enforcement programs. She is the senior public affairs specialist for the region.

- Environmental contaminant remediation
- Inspecting wildlife shipments at U.S. ports of entry
- Enforcing international wildlife laws
- Recovering threatened and endangered species like Atlantic salmon
- Protecting coastal resources

## Northeast Region Online Newroom

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Stories featured this week on our homepage include:

*Falconer's Violations Net Jail Sentence*  
Service special agents ended a five-year investigation of import violations when a federal judge sentenced a New York falconer this week.

### *Cancer Confirmed in Chesapeake Watershed Bullheads*

Laboratory results have confirmed cancerous lip growths and liver tumors in bullhead catfish from Maryland's South River.

### *Bombay Hook National Wildlife Refuge Hosts Goose Hunt for "Wheelin' Sportsmen"*

A feature story about a special goose hunt co-sponsored with the National Wild Turkey Federation for hunters confined to wheelchairs.



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