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Distinguished Wildlife Conservationist Appointed to Key Chesapeake Watershed Protection Post

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Northeast Regional Director Marvin Moriarty announced today that Mike Slattery has been appointed as the Chesapeake Bay Coordinator for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Slattery currently serves as the Director of the Eastern Partnership Office for the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, where he is responsible for a 24-state region that extends from Maine to Texas. He will begin his new position August 1.

“Mike has many years of experience in the watershed, so he understands where we have come from, and where we need to go, to bring back this national treasure,” said Moriarty. “Under his leadership, the Service will be an active partner to implement the President’s vision for restoring the health of the Chesapeake Bay.”

The Service collaborated with other federal agencies to develop the Strategy for Protecting and Restoring the Chesapeake Bay Watershed released in May. This blueprint for restoring the watershed’s health was the result of an executive order issued by President Obama in May 2009, which declared the Chesapeake Bay a national treasure and ushered in a new era of shared federal leadership, action and accountability.

The Service has more than two dozen field offices throughout the 64,000-square-mile Chesapeake Bay watershed. Slattery’s office will bring these offices together to target the Service’s conservation activities to meet the milestones identified in the Chesapeake Bay strategy. He will coordinate with other federal agencies to implement the strategy, and work closely with states, communities, and non-profit groups as part of the Department of the Interior’s Chesapeake Treasured Landscape Initiative.

Prior to joining the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, Slattery served as Assistant Secretary for Forests, Parks, Fish and Wildlife, Maryland Department of Natural Resources, where he was responsible for administration and management of Maryland’s Park Service, Forest Service, Fisheries Service, Wildlife Service and Natural Resources Police. From 1986 to 2007, Slattery held a number of other positions within the Maryland Department of Natural Resources, including directing the state’s wetlands and waterways regulatory programs, Natural Heritage and Wildlife Diversity Programs, and the Wildlife and Heritage Service. He also served as coastal program leader for the Chesapeake Bay Field Office of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service from 2001 to 2003.

Past professional affiliations have included the Maryland Agriculture and Resource-Based Industry Corporation Board of Directors, the Director’s Associations for the Northeast and Southeast Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies, the Society of Wetland Scientists, the Association of State Wetland Managers, and the Maryland Threatened and Endangered Species

Committee. He currently serves on the Management Board of the Atlantic Coast Joint Venture, the Partnership for the Delaware Estuary Alliance for Comprehensive Ecosystem Solutions, and the National Conservation Leadership Institute's Selection Committee.

Slattery will be located in Eastport, Maryland at the Environmental Protection Agency's Chesapeake Bay Program.

Slattery received a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Virginia in 1986, where he was biology major with a minor in environmental sciences. Slattery is also a 2006 graduate of Leadership Maryland. He lives in Severna Park with his wife, Britt, and their two children, Madison and Harry.

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