
Jim Larson Retires As PNR Chief Scientist

Jim Larson, who retired May 3, 1994 as Pacific Northwest Regional Chief Scientist, is laying down the capably held reins of responsibility for a life of reading, biking, contemplating, and generally enjoying the good things he has had to squeeze into the cracks of life up till now.

Larson began his Park Service career in 1959 as a ranger in Mount McKinley (now Denali) NP. He served as park naturalist at Rocky Mountain and Haleakala NPs. In 1967, Larson joined the Office of Natural Science Studies under NPS Chief Scientist Robert Linn in Washington, DC. Since then, he has served as Regional Chief Scientist in the Southeast, Midwest, Alaska, and Pacific Northwest Regions. He began his PNR tour of duty in 1983.

It is the hope of this editor, who also is retiring, that Jim will continue to read extensively in the science and resource management field, and will share his readings with new *Park Science* editor Jeff Sellick, as he has done so generously over so many years to the benefit of this editor and Information Crossfile readers.

Larson has been a mainstay of the *Park Science* editorial board, holding the post of chairman continuously since the board was formed in 1983. He will be missed.

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Joep Appointed Acting

Kathy Joep, PNR Chief of Natural Resource Management, has been named Acting Chief Scientist in an interim action and will carry on the job of developing a working partnership with the National Biological Survey as it staffs its new eco-regional office in Seattle. Shirley Clark will continue as Assistant Regional Chief Scientist.