



## **Cynthia K. Dohner**

### **Regional Director, Southeast Region, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service**

Cynthia K. Dohner (Cindy) currently serves as the Regional Director of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Southeast Region. In this position, she provides vision, leadership, and oversight for Service activities in Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands. She also oversees the management of approximately 120 national wildlife refuges covering more than 3.2 million acres, 14 national fish hatcheries, five fishery assistance offices, and 17 ecological services field offices.

Ms. Dohner previously served as the Deputy Regional Director for five years overseeing daily Service operations. She was also responsible for the supervision of the five Assistant Regional Directors, the Chief of Refuges, and a Special Assistant for the Councils and Commissions. Before moving to the Deputy position, she was the Assistant Regional Director for Ecological Services (ES) in the southeast. In this position, she managed the Region's 16 ecological services field offices with more than 325 staff members. The ES program is responsible for implementing numerous programs, such as the Endangered Species Act, Coastal and Partners for Fish and Wildlife programs, Federal water resource development activities, National Wetlands Inventory, and the Environmental Contaminants program. She also assisted with budget formulation, was responsible for allocating a multi-million dollar budget to the field offices, and ensured the budgets were properly executed each year.

Before coming to the Southeast Region, Ms. Dohner worked with the Fish and Wildlife Service in the Division of Fish Hatcheries in the Washington, D.C. office. There she worked on issues such as fisheries imperiled species, mussel propagation, broodstock management and cryopreservation. Through a natural progression, she moved to the Endangered Species Program, where she first served as the national coordinator for the development of the Habitat Conservation Planning program. She then became the Chief, Branch of Recovery and Consultation in the Washington Office. In this position, she coordinated numerous national issues for the Endangered Species program, such as recovery, section 7 program, Habitat Conservation Plans, and other private lands initiatives.

Ms. Dohner has worked a variety of environmental jobs within the private sector and environmental groups, as well as with a few States and other Federal agencies. She earned her Bachelor of Science degree in Marine Biology from Millersville University in 1982, and a Master of Science degree in Fisheries and Aquaculture from the University of Rhode Island in 1984. She is married and has two boys.