

Wyoming Game & Fish Wildlife Forensic and Fish Health Laboratory Staff

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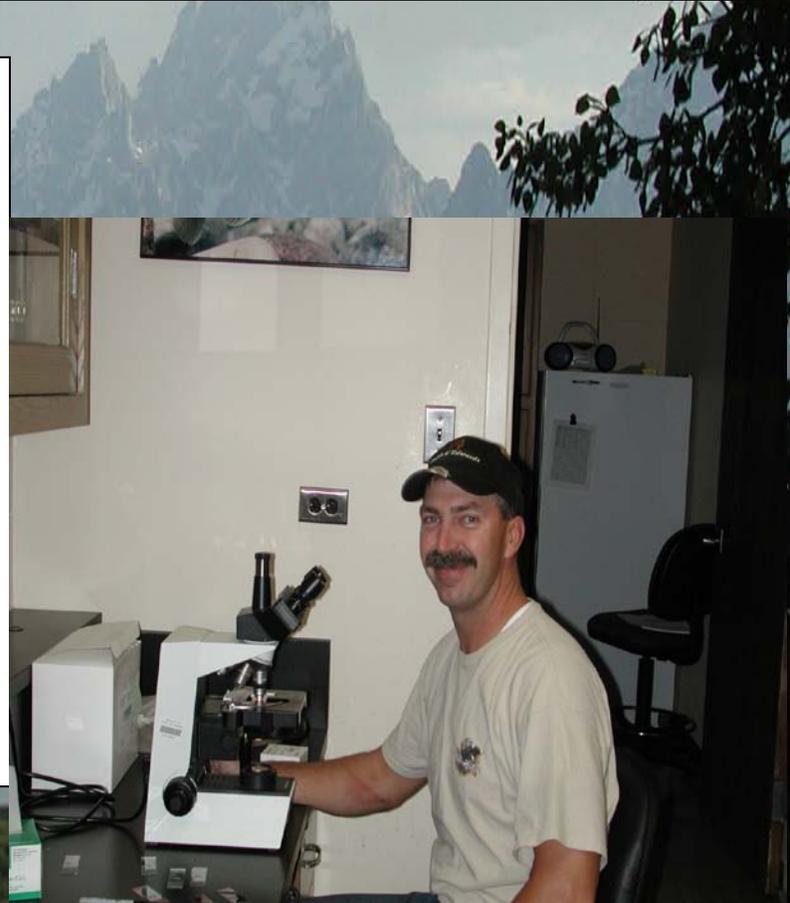
Dee Dee Hawk-Laboratory Director:

She has been with the department since August of 1994. A majority of her time with the state has been spent working in the forensic program, but she is well versed for her duties in both forensics and as an American Fisheries Society certified Fish Health Inspector. Her specialty areas include: DNA genotyping, Li-Cor automated sequencer, electrophoresis, and she is currently court qualified as a wildlife forensic expert in Wyoming, Colorado, New Mexico, Missouri and Ohio. Her formal education includes a Master's of Science in Pathobiology, a Bachelor's in Microbiology and Medical Technology.



Brandon Taro-Fish Health Program Manager and Fish Health Pathologist:

Brandon has been with the department since November 2009. Brandon is currently working towards his American Fisheries Society certificate to inspect hatchery populations of fishes as well as feral populations throughout the state. Brandon's formal education includes a Master of Natural Resources, a Bachelor's degree in Molecular Biology and is working towards a PhD in Bioveterinary Science.





Kim Frazier- Forensic Specialist:

She has been with the department since May of 1999. She has spent all of her time working with law enforcement to solve poaching cases. She is considered a national expert in wildlife forensics and is court qualified in Wyoming and Montana as a DNA expert. She also has specialty training in DNA genotyping, Li-Cor automated sequencer, and electrophoresis. Kim's formal education includes a Master of Science in Forensic DNA and Serology and a Bachelor's of Science degree in Molecular Biology.

Tasha Bauman- Forensic Analyst:

Tasha has been with the department since December of 2006. During this time, she has assisted in all three sections of the laboratory, but most of her time is spent doing forensic work and the tooth-aging project. Her specializations include: DNA extraction protocols, polymerase chain reactions, and cementum annuli aging of big game. Tasha's formal education includes a Master of Science in Forensic Science/ Criminalistics and a Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice with a minor in Chemistry.





Linda Cope- Aquatic Animal Health Inspector: Linda has been with the department since July 2009. She is working towards her American Fisheries Society certified Aquatic Animal Health Inspector certification. Her specializations include: aquatic nuisance species and cementum annuli aging of big game animals. Linda's formal education includes a Bachelor in Wildlife Biology with a minor in Fisheries Biology.

Troy Tobiasson- Forensic Biologist: Troy has been with the department since March of 2009. During this time, he has assisted in the fish health program, forensic science program and the tooth-aging project; specializing in areas of DNA Standards, databases, and dynamic snare testing. Troy is also a certified Aquatic Animal Health Inspector. Troy's formal education includes a Bachelor's degree in Human Biology and Molecular Biology with a Minor in Physics.





Carl Smith- Tooth Aging Coordinator: Carl has been with the department since September 2010. He is currently gaining skills in the cementum annuli aging of big game animals. Carl's formal education includes a Bachelor of Science in Wildlife Biology Management.

