Kim Frazier- Laboratory Director

Kim has been with the Department since May of 1999. She started her career in wildlife forensics and is considered a national expert in the field and is a Certified Wildlife Forensic Scientist. Kim is also an AFS Certified Aquatic Animal Health Inspector. 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- Wildlife Forensic Program Manager

Tasha has been with the Department since December of 2006. She has been a Certified Wildlife Forensic Scientist since 2013. Tasha completed her Master of Science at the University of California and her undergraduate studies at the University of Wyoming. Tasha is the quality assurance manager for the laboratory and she is a certificate ISO/IEC 17025 Auditor.

Carl Smith- Fish Health Program Manager

Carl has worked in the laboratory since September of 2010, beginning as the Tooth Aging Coordinator and moving into his current position in January 2021. He is an AFS Certified Aquatic Animal Health Inspector. He loves hunting, exploring the outdoors and spending time with family and friends.
Shawna Svoboda - Aquatic Animal Health Inspector

Shawna has been working with the Department since January 2018. Her formal education includes a bachelor’s degree from the University of Wyoming in Wildlife and Fisheries Biology and Management. She is also an AFS Certified Fish Health Inspector.

Laura Johnson - Forensic Analyst

Laura has been a Forensic Analyst with the lab since October 2021. She has a M.S. in Applied Biology from Saint Mary's University and a B.S. in Zoology from the University of Guelph. Before joining the lab, Laura worked as a lab manager at the University of Wyoming where she worked on a variety of wildlife population genetics projects.
Molly Bredehoft - Tooth Aging Coordinator

Molly has been with the Department since 2019. She has a Bachelor’s of Science degree in Animal and Veterinary Sciences and a minor in Chemistry. She loves spending time with her family in the outdoors hiking, skiing, and horseback riding.

Megan Smith - Fish Health Scientist

Megan has been with the department since September of 2021. She has bachelor degree in both Biomedical Science and Forensic Science with a minor in chemistry from the University of Central Oklahoma.

Kyle Downey - Wildlife Forensic Database Coordinator

Kyle is originally from San Diego CA, however has been living in Laramie since 2016. Kyle went to the University of Wyoming and graduated with a bachelors of science in Wildlife and Fisheries Biology and Management in 2021. Kyle loves spending time in the outdoors fishing, hiking and hunting all throughout the mountain west.