

# DFG Climate College

## Lecture #4



- Title:** The National Response: What are other state and federal partners doing?
- Speakers:** Arpita Choudhury, Science and Research Liaison, The Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies, Washington, DC  
Richard Kearney, Assistant Regional Director, Science Application, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
- Date:** December 6, 2012 (Thursday)
- Time:** 1:00 – 2:00PM
- Location:** DFG headquarters in Sacramento, Natural Resources Agency building Auditorium
- WebEx:** Lecture also available to view via WebEx. We encourage DFG staff participating remotely to watch the lectures together by reserving a conference room with DSL. The powerpoint presentation will be posted in advance to minimize interruption for remote users due to WebEx or bandwidth complications.

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### Suggested reading materials recommended by the speakers

- Voluntary Guidance for States to Incorporate Climate Change into State Wildlife Action Plans & other Management Plans: [http://www.fishwildlife.org/files/AFWA-Voluntary-Guidance-Incorporating-Climate-Change\\_SWAP.pdf](http://www.fishwildlife.org/files/AFWA-Voluntary-Guidance-Incorporating-Climate-Change_SWAP.pdf)
- 2011 State Climate Adaptation Summary Report: <http://www.fishwildlife.org/files/AFWA2011StateClimateAdaptationSummaryReport.pdf>
- Center for Climate and Energy Solutions – State Adaptation Plans (map): <http://www.c2es.org/us-states-regions/policy-maps/adaptation>

### Speaker Biographies

#### *Arpita Choudhury*

Arpita Choudhury is the Science and Research Liaison for the Association of Fish & Wildlife Agencies (AFWA). She is staff support to the AFWA Science and Research Committee, the AFWA Climate Change Committee, and the Fish and Wildlife Health Committee. In addition to her staff support work she also works on a variety of science and research issues for the Association.

Prior to her current position Arpita was a National Research Council Post Doctoral Fellow at NOAA's Coastal Center for Environmental Health and Biomolecular Research in Charleston, South Carolina. Arpita received her Ph.D. at the University of Rhode Island in Environmental

Science. She received a BS at the University of Miami in Biology and Marine Science with a minor in Chemistry.

*Richard Kearney*

Rick Kearney is the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Pacific Southwest Region (Region 8) Assistant Regional Director for Science Applications. He is responsible for implementing the Service's climate change initiative and increasing the Service's science capabilities in California, Nevada, and the Klamath Basin of Oregon. He oversees the development and management of Landscape Conservation Cooperatives (LCCs) in the Pacific Southwest.

Prior to joining the Service in 2009, Rick served as national coordinator for the United States Geological Survey (USGS) Wildlife Resources program where he managed wildlife research and technical assistance activities involving more than 250 scientists at USGS science centers and cooperative research units nationwide. He was instrumental in forming and leading the joint federal-state H5N1 avian influenza surveillance program and establishing the USGS National Climate Change and Wildlife Science Center. He also previously served as migratory bird coordinator for the (then-International) Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies.

Rick developed his leadership skills during twenty years of military service as an Army officer. He served in numerous command and staff positions in Europe, the United States, and the Pacific. He holds a Bachelor of Science in wildlife sciences from Cornell University and a Master of Science in conservation biology from the University of Maryland, College Park. He is a graduate of the Department of the Interior Senior Executive Service Candidate Development Program.

**Optional additional companion webinars from the National Climate Academy**



- [National Fish, Wildlife & Plants Climate Adaptation Strategy](#), Mark Shaffer, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service