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### 142 DM 10

**10.1 Regional Offices.** There are twelve unified regions in the Department of the Interior common to all bureaus, including the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service). The twelve unified Regional Offices are largely operational in nature. They are responsible for implementing national policies in a line operation reporting to the Director. The Regional Offices appraise and monitor their operations to ensure effectiveness and goal attainment for the Service, and recommend to the Washington Office revisions in national policies, plans, and procedures. Appendix 1 contains a map that shows the outline for the Interior Regional Boundaries. See 105 DM 3 for a full description of all the Unified Regions.

A. Regional activities are carried out under the managerial and technical direction of Regional Directors who are responsible to the Director for all Service operational activities within their Region.

B. Each Region is headed by a Regional Director who is assisted by Deputy Regional Directors and Assistant Regional Directors. Regional Directors are responsible for managing the Regional refuge and wildlife, ecological services, fisheries, administrative, and law enforcement activities. They are responsible for ensuring the accomplishment of all assigned, scheduled, and budgeted activities through efficient utilization of available resources, maintaining liaison with States, local interest groups, and the public within stated areas of responsibility; supervising subordinate Regional organizational components that are established on a geographical or functional basis, and supervising a geographically dispersed number of field offices.

C. Regional Coordination. Regional offices may arrange to share resources, coordinate on regional office supervision, or conduct activities across geographic areas when such arrangements support common mission needs and/or achieve efficiencies in service or resource utilization.

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10.2 Regional Offices and Areas of Responsibility.

Interior Region Name	Area of Responsibility	Interior Region Number
North Atlantic-Appalachian	Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Kentucky, Massachusetts, Maryland, Maine, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Virginia, Vermont, West Virginia	1
South Atlantic Gulf	Alabama, Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, Puerto Rico, South Carolina, Tennessee, US Virgin Islands	2
Great Lakes	Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio, Wisconsin	3
Mississippi Basin	Arkansas, Iowa, Missouri, Mississippi	4
Missouri Basin	All of North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, and Kansas; those portions of the State of Montana which includes the Montana counties and those to the east of Glacier, Pondera, Teton, Lewis and Clark, Jefferson, Madison, and Beaverhead	5
Arkansas-Rio Grande-Texas Gulf	Oklahoma, Texas	6
Upper Colorado Basin	Colorado, New Mexico, Utah, Wyoming	7
Lower Colorado Basin	Arizona, Clark County of Nevada, and the southern portion of California (including islands) as delineated by the county boundaries of San Bernardino, Los Angeles, Ventura and Santa Barbara, and all California counties lying south	8
Columbia-Pacific Northwest	Washington; Oregon, excluding Klamath county; the State of Idaho; a portion of the State of Montana including the counties of Deer Lodge, Flathead, Granite, Lake, Lincoln, Mineral, Missoula, Powell, Ravalli, Sanders, and Silver Bow	9
California-Great Basin	Klamath County of Oregon, Includes the central and northern portion of California as delineated by the counties of San Luis Obispo, Kern, and Inyo and all California counties lying north. In Nevada, includes the counties of Lincoln and Nye and all counties lying north	10
Alaska	Alaska	11
Pacific Islands	American Samoa, Guam, Hawaii, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and other U.S. Possessions in the Pacific.	12



# DOI Unified Regions



*\*Region 12 Includes: Hawaii, Guam, American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and other US possessions in the Pacific*

**Puerto Rico  
and US Virgin Islands  
(Region 2)**

