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LILLIAN PETERSHOARE TRIBAL GOVERNMENT RELATIONS SPECIALIST



Lillian Petershoare has been the Tribal Relations Program Manager for the Alaska Region since 2004. In her capacity, she provides advice and counsel to the regional leadership team and forest Tribal Relations Specialists. She addresses issues of mutual interest between the Forest Service and Alaska Native tribal entities, working to build government-to-government relationships and partnerships and to improve tribal consultation on natural resource issues.

Previously, Petershoare worked for 11 years as the library manager for the Juneau Forestry Sciences Laboratory, a unit of the Pacific Northwest Research Station.

Petershoare successfully completed the Forest Service's Senior Leader Program in November 2010. Petershoare received the Deputy Chief's Business Operation's Multicultural Organization Award in 2009 and the Regional Forester's Hector Gandara Memorial Award for Civil Rights in 2008. These awards were in recognition of Petershoare's significant contributions to the Acknowledgement Ceremony regarding the Forest Service's removal of Alaska Native smokehouses and fishcamps in the mid 20th Century.

In 2005, Tlingit Elders recognized Petershoare for her invaluable assistance in revising and expanding the Forest Service's publication by Richard Newton and Madonna Moss, *The Subsistence Lifeway of the Tlingit*. The revision *Haa Atxaayí Haa Kusteeyíx Sitee*, or *Our Tlingit Food is Our Way of Life*, which includes a CD that provides instruction in Tlingit for food, wildlife and plant terms.

Petershoare earned a Master's of Arts degree in Library Science from the University of Arizona at Tucson, a Bachelor's degree in History from Yale University and an Elementary Education Credential from the University of Alaska Southeast. She was nominated by the School of Information Resources and Library Science for the University of Arizona's Centennial Achievement Graduate Award. Petershoare spent one year studying at the London School of Economics and one year in Norway with the American Field Service. Her education includes the traditional teachings of the Eagle/Wolfe clan to which she belongs.

The Tongass and Chugach are the two largest single national forests in the nation. The Tongass National Forest stretches the 500-mile length of the Alaska Panhandle. The Chugach National Forest makes the 210-mile arc around Prince William Sound. The beauty and bounty of these forests draw attention from around the nation and the world.