

## **JAMIE RAPPAPORT CLARK**

Jamie Rappaport Clark is Senior Vice President for Conservation Programs at the National Wildlife Federation, one of the nation's leading conservation education and advocacy organizations. In that position she directs conservation advocacy programs emanating from the organization's headquarters in Reston, Virginia, the Congressional and Federal Affairs Office and International Affairs Office in Washington, D.C., and 9 field offices, which are implemented in partnership with NWF's 46 state affiliate organizations and grassroots volunteers nationwide.

Before assuming NWF's lead conservation post in May, 2001, Clark was Director of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) from 1997-2001. As head of the principal federal agency responsible for conserving, protecting, and enhancing fish, wildlife, plants, and their habitats, she oversaw the management of more than 530 national wildlife refuges and 66 national fish hatcheries. She also directed the administration and enforcement of the Endangered Species Act, Migratory Bird Treaty Act and other wildlife laws.

Prior to being named Director, Clark served the agency as Assistant Director, Ecological Services (1994-1997); Chief, Division of Endangered Species (1993-1994); Deputy Assistant Regional Director, Endangered Species/Permits, Southwest Region (1991-1993); and Senior Staff Biologist, Division of Endangered Species (1989-1991).

Some of the major conservation successes achieved during Clark's lengthy tenure with the FWS include the spectacular recovery of the gray wolf, bald eagle, and peregrine falcon; and the passage of the National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act, which ensures that activities on refuges are consistent with sound wildlife conservation principles.

Before joining the FWS, Clark was Fish and Wildlife Administrator for the Department of the Army; Natural/Cultural Resources Program Manager for the National Guard Bureau; Research Biologist, U.S. Army Medical Research Institute; and Wildlife Biologist, National Institute for Urban Wildlife.

Clark holds a M.S. in Wildlife Ecology from the University of Maryland. She received a B.S. in Wildlife Biology degree from Towson State University in Towson, Maryland, where she also did post-graduate work in environmental planning.

Clark lives with her husband, Jim and son, Carson (named after Rachel Carson) James Leopold in Leesburg, Virginia.