

## **Jim Heffernan**

Jim Heffernan received a B.S. in Wildlife Biology from Colorado State University in 1983. He worked seasonally for the U.S. Forest Service in timber sale layout and preparation in Idaho, Southeast Alaska and Northern California for a few years before returning to school for a law degree. He earned a Juris Doctor and Certificate in Environmental Law from the Northwestern School of Law at Lewis and Clark College (now Lewis and Clark Law School). Jim started at CRITFC as a legal intern in 1989 and was hired by the Commission to work as an advisor to the U.S. Section of the Pacific Salmon Commission in 1990, continuing to serve in that capacity until 2006. In 2007, Jim began researching the origins of the Columbia River Treaty and its impacts on the tribes and their resources and has been supporting the process to modernize the treaty since then. Jim is an avid walker, occasional cyclist and still gets out to catch some punk rock music on weekends.