A northwest native, when I’m not growing food, I love to work and play in the mountains, forests, and rivers that make this region so magnificent.

My name is Claudine Reynolds, I’m the Director of Wildlife and Environmental Policy at Port Blakely, a family-owned forestland company with properties in Washington and Oregon. In this role, I oversee all aspects of wildlife and fisheries resources; providing guidance on habitat conservation, protection, research, and restoration efforts. I also lead the company’s environmental policy and education programs, and oversee the development and implementation of federal and state conservation agreements.

I began as a wildlife biologist nearly 20 years ago. Gaining a foothold in the streams and forests gave me an appreciation for our northwest ecosystems and fostered my understanding of the challenges and opportunities faced in natural resources management. I love participating in wildlife research and habitat restoration but find that my work in the policy space is critical to ensure science is at the table during the regulatory process.

I’ve worked as a wildlife biologist in the federal, state, and private sectors of managed forests. The complexity of issues we strive to solve underscores the need for collaboration and partnership. The most interesting project I’ve led recently is the development of a multi-species Habitat Conservation Plan for our Oregon forestlands. Endeavors like this would not be successful without the expertise and contribution from many internal and external partners.

Engaging professionally in the community is important, one thing I do is serve on the Washington Natural Heritage Advisory Council, which provides guidance to state natural resource agencies on the designation, conservation, and management of natural areas composed of quality habitat that are teaming with diversity and are host to rare flora and fauna.

As a first-generation college student, I’m grateful to have had the opportunity to pursue an education. I have a Master of Environmental Studies degree from the Evergreen State College. My education as an undergraduate student focused on salmon and the aquatic environment, while my graduate work focused on biodiversity and the terrestrial environment. I’m also grateful to have been able to participate in the Washington AgForestry Leadership Program.

I would be honored to serve the Washington Chapter of The Wildlife Society. Thank you for your consideration.