

Jan Curtis Biography

Jan Curtis received his BS Degree in Meteorology from the City University of New York (1974) and his MS Degree in Air-Ocean Sciences at the Naval Post Graduate School in Monterey, California (1989). During the first half of his professional life, he served as a career Naval Officer (meteorologist and physical oceanographer) where he provided weather and oceanographic forecasts and warnings. In 1995, Jan started his 2nd career by working at the [Alaska Climate Research Center](#) in Fairbanks where he co-authored several Journal Papers on climate and climate changes over Alaska and became famous for his aurora borealis photos. In 2001, he was appointed [Wyoming's State Climatologist](#) during one of the state's worst drought on record and forged a strong working relation with the [National Drought Mitigation Center](#) in Lincoln, Nebraska. In 2006, Jan moved to the Federal Government and began work for Natural Resources Conservation Service as an applied climatologist and meteorologist at the [National Water & Climate Center](#) in Portland, Oregon. He serves on the Executive Board of the [American Association of State Climatologists](#). He is also the Program Manager for the development of spatial climatology products known as PRISM; working with Oregon State University and the [PRISM Group](#) headed by Dr. Chris Daly. In his spare time, Jan is the Multnomah County Coordinator for CoCoRaHS in Oregon.

