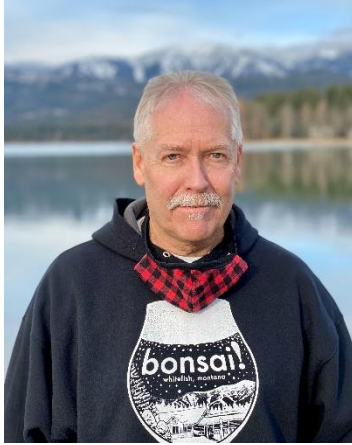## Board of Directors

Jim Williams is an award-winning, professionally certified wildlife biologist who has worked for Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks for the last 30 years. He received an undergraduate degree in biology with an emphasis on marine biology from San Diego State and Florida State universities and his graduate degree in wildlife biology from Montana State University in Bozeman. Jim studied mountain lion ecology for his master's degree on Montana's Rocky Mountain Front and has focused on mountain lion and other wildlife conservation issues in various roles ever since. As a wildlife biologist in central Montana, Jim managed big game populations ranging from pronghorn antelope and elk to mountain goats, worked with private agricultural landowners on wildlife tolerance issues, developed new conservation easements, wildlife management areas and other habitat conservation projects. Later as the FWP Wildlife Program Manager, Jim supervised and led a talented group of research and wildlife management biologists and his team developed grizzly bear monitoring and research programs, initiated western Montana's first wolf conservation program, and provided program support and leadership on wildlife habitat conservation projects. Most recently as the current Regional Supervisor for northwestern Montana, Jim provides leadership and support for parks, wildlife, fisheries and enforcement and administration divisions. Jim has also been working with wildlife biologists in Chile and Argentina on a variety of wildlife conservation projects. In 2018, Patagonia Inc. published his autobiography, *Path of the Puma,* which shares some of those adventures and the story of mountain lion conservation in the Americas. Penguin Random House Audio recently published the audio version of *Path of the Puma* which Jim personally narrated. Jim enjoys swimming and kayaking in Whitefish Lake, mountaineering in Glacier National Park and downhill skiing. Jim and his wife Melora reside in Whitefish in the City Beach neighborhood.