



**ALASKA CHAPTER OF THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY
2013 WILDLIFE CONSERVATION AWARD**

Dr. Dave Yokel
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Dave has had consistent participation at state chapter meetings and volunteering for numerous committee tasks over the prior decade. The award recognition was most notably for his initiative to track state and federal legislation pertinent to wildlife and habitat conservation for periodic updates to the Executive Board during the legislative sessions. This allowed Chapter officers to judge when to offer public comments, sometimes with substantial detail when the situation warranted. Thus, the information Dave provided voluntarily on his own (there was no “legislative committee”) was valuable for judging whether to convene a committee to draft detailed comments. Former officers have thanked Dave individual, and the present board wanted to more formally acknowledge a sincere appreciation.