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TO: Tom Paragi, Alaska Chapter of TWS Awards Committee
FROM: Layne Adams

SUBJECT: Letter of Recommendation to Support Nomination of Perry Barboza for the Wildlife Conservation Award

I happy to second the nomination of Perry Barboza for a Wildlife Conservation Award as submitted by Keith Oster and Rachel Shively and dated 9 March 2015. I think it is great to see his students join together to put this nomination forward. It is a strong indication of their respect for him as a researcher and educator.

During the 18 years Perry has been with UAF Wildlife Biology Program, I have had the good fortune to work with him while he served in various capacities. I have served with him on graduate committees and observed his abilities as a consummate educator and mentor. I have collaborated with him on a couple research projects and benefitted from what he brings to the table as a scientist and research partner. Finally, as chairman of the UAF Wildlife Biology Program, Perry directed a review of the program by an advisory committee of wildlife professionals, including me, that in part laid the groundwork for the new Life Sciences building at UAF. During his tenure in Alaska, Perry Barboza has made substantial contributions to the wildlife and wildlife profession of Alaska through his teaching, research and service.

In my opinion, Perry epitomizes the type of professional that this award is intended for and it is a fitting honor to give him as he moves on to a new job at Texas A&M. While each of the 4 criteria that the Alaska Chapter established for this award is sufficient for earning the award, Perry certainly qualifies under 3 of them (outstanding professional achievement during the last 5 years, lifetime achievement, and distinguished service to students).