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Re: Rodney Flynn nomination for Wildlife Conservation Award

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Nominee: Rodney Flynn - Wildlife Research Biologist with ADF&G for 30 years

Mr. Rodney Flynn has contributed 30+ years of service to the Alaska Department of Fish and Game and recently indicated his intentions to retire. Mr. Flynn began his career with the Department in the early 1980's as a research biologist in Southeast Alaska. Mr. Flynn has worked to better understand and conserve a variety of species including mountain goat, brown bear, wolverines Sitka-black tail deer, and marten. Mr. Flynn is best known for his advancement of research techniques and publications on marten and brown bears, as well his participation in the strategic planning of the Tongass National Forest. Current regional management strategies for brown bear and marten are largely a result of the research efforts coordinated by Mr. Flynn.

In addition to his biological knowledge and skill, Mr. Flynn has consistently demonstrated his unique administrative skills, as observed in his tenure as the Southeast Regional Supervisor, and his current position as the Southeast Research Coordinator. Mr. Flynn supervises and directs a team of researchers including biologists, programmers, and biometricians investigating brown bears in Yakutat, marten on Kuiu Island, mountain goats and moose in northern Southeast Alaska, and wolves on Prince of Wales Island. Throughout his career Mr. Flynn has demonstrated his abilities and commitment to collect and provide accurate and biologically relevant data to ensure the appropriate management of Southeast Alaska's wildlife resources. As Mr. Flynn prepares to conclude his service with the State, the Wildlife Conservation Award would be an excellent way to recognize his dedication and lifelong commitment to the wildlife resources of Alaska. Thank you for your consideration of this nomination.

Sincerely,

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