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This letter is in support of Mr. Rod Flynn's nomination for a Wildlife Society, Alaska Chapter, and Lifetime Achievement Award. I first met Rod in 2005 when I joined the Douglas Area Office staff. I've never worked directly for Rod but have been involved in some research projects he's lead and overseen. Two things stand out when I think about Rod and his role as wildlife research biologist; his analytical skills and willingness to serve in leadership positions in the Region. During the opportunities I had to work on projects Rod lead I quickly noticed his attention to detail, desire to collect the best data possible, and his willingness to discuss the project and let others assist. To me Rod is the package deal we look for in wildlife biologists; smart, meticulous, and open to help and suggestions.

I've had the privilege of working alongside Rod for the last few months in the leadership of the regional wildlife staff. Enough cannot be said about a person willing to take a leadership position that will likely remove, or at least reduce, the amount of direct research work. But I think this highlights another great quality in Rod; his ability to administer projects with the same analytical mind as a field biologist, complimented with his experience and desire to see next generation biologist take on the projects he has focused on for many years. Many have learned valuable lessons from Rod and are proud to say they've worked beside him.

I support Rod's nomination for the achievement award based on his long term dedication to the wildlife resources in Southeast Alaska. As many professional wildlife biologists retire or prepare for retirement across the state it is important to recognize and thank those who have committed so much time and energy to understanding wildlife in Alaska. Rod is clearly one of those people, and while we will surely miss his experience and analytical abilities, we wish him well on his future endeavors. This award is an excellent way to tell Rod thank you for a job well done. If you have any questions or if I can be of further assistance, please contact me at the phone number listed below or email at [ryan.scott@alaska.gov](mailto:ryan.scott@alaska.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ryan Scott".

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