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Re: Doug Larsen nomination for Wildlife Conservation Award

Nominator: Anthony Crupi

Nominee: Doug Larsen - Wildlife Biologist with ADF&G for 30 years and longtime TWS member

I wish to nominate Mr. Doug Larsen as the inaugural recipient of the Alaska Chapter of the Wildlife Society's Wildlife Conservation Award. I believe that this award would appropriately recognize Mr. Larsen for his professional excellence and achievements for wildlife conservation.

Mr. Larsen recently retired from his 30 year career with the Alaska Department of Fish and Game. Mr. Larsen's first came to the Department in 1984 after completing his graduate degree studying river otters in Southeast Alaska. Mr. Larsen quickly advanced through the biologist series as Assistant Area Biologist, Area Biologist in Kotzebue, and Area Biologist in Ketchikan. The unique nexus of his skills between interpersonal relationships and biology became recognized by the Department's leadership team where Mr. Larsen continued on to serve as Assistant Director, Regional Supervisor, and Division Director in Juneau.

Throughout his career with the Department, Mr. Larsen persevered through many challenging wildlife management issues such as an endangered species petition for Southeast Alaska wolves, conflicts between timber management and wildlife conservation, and strategic planning efforts for the Division of Wildlife Conservation. Many members of the Wildlife Society are familiar with Doug and his contributions to the resources of the State and would likely agree that one of Doug's greatest assets is his ability to work with the people who are involved in wildlife management and research. Mr. Larsen is genuinely committed to the people and actively keeps people engaged in the wildlife management process in Alaska. For his outstanding service to the public and the wildlife resources of Alaska, Mr. Larsen is deserving of the Wildlife Conservation Award.

Thank you for your consideration of this nomination.

Sincerely,

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