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Tom Paragi  
Chair, Awards Committee  
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This letter is in support of Mr. Doug Larsen's nomination for a Wildlife Society, Alaska Chapter, Lifetime Achievement Award.

I have known Doug for about 14 years meeting him first when he was the Assistant Division Director working on Strategic Planning for the Division of Wildlife Conservation. More recently I have had the fortune to work for Doug as an Area Biologist and Management Coordinator for the Southeast Region. Without a doubt I believe Doug's greatest skills lie in his ability to work with people and their views, opinions, and suggestions as they relate to wildlife management. Human dynamics is a term we hear often in discussions concerning resource management; Doug is the epitome of human dynamics and how this concept translates into wildlife management. Some notable examples include strategic planning for DWC; black bear management planning in Southeast Alaska; timber management and wildlife in Southeast; and leading Region I as the regional supervisor. In hopes of not getting too far away from what brought Doug to ADF&G, his knowledge and abilities as a wildlife biologist serve him well in the various roles he's served in by allowing him to bring a solid wildlife management background to any conversation he finds himself in concerning wildlife in Alaska.

I count Doug as a friend and mentor, and I believe many people across the state would echo these feelings. I believe Doug is very deserving of the award he is nominated for and I strongly support the nomination. 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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