

Major Species






Big Game

- Caribou
- Dall's Sheep
- Deer
- Elk
- Moose
- Mountain Goats
- Brown Bears
- Black Bears
- Wolves
- Wolverines





Furbearers & Small Game

- Beavers
- Lynx
- Marten
- River Otters
- Ptarmigan
- Spruce Grouse
- Snowshoe Hares

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Regional Leadership



Howard Golden
(Retiring April 30)



Cyndi Wardlow
(Dual Hire)

Co-Regional Supervisors



Tom Lohuis
Research Coordinator



Dave Battle
Management
Coordinator
(Acting)

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Regional Administrative Team



Sabrina Willis
Administrative
Officer



Elise Schapira
Administrative
Assistant

Currently Recruiting
for
Accounting
Technician

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Earthquake Damage

Anchorage Regional Office Building



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Anchorage Wildlife Information Center

Management & Research



Chris Harrington
Danner Shreve
Erik Bollerud
Wade Schock
Will Newberry

Technician Intern Technician Wildlife Technician Biologist

2018 Activities

- 25,255 public contacts (face-to-face, phone calls, e-mails)
- \$312,540 in sales
- 774 animals sealed



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A Day in the Life of an Area Biologist

Management Activities

- Wildlife surveys
- Intensive management activities
- Research projects
- Data analysis & preparing reports



Public Outreach

- AC meetings
- Community Council meetings
- Board meetings with other agencies (e.g., CSP)
- Commenting on agency projects & permits
- Community bear committees (e.g., ABC, KBBC)
- Law Enforcement coordination
- School & public presentations
- Media interviews

Wildlife-Human Conflicts

- Moose and bears
- TRASH & other food-related issues
- Wildlife safety

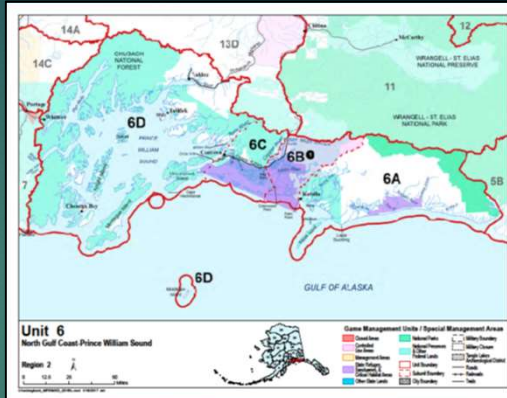


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Unit 6 Prince William Sound



Charlotte Westing
Area Biologist



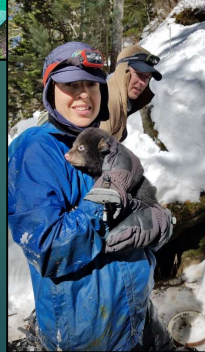
Samantha Renner
(& helper Lucas)
Program Technician

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PWS Black Bear Project



Dave Saalfeld
Steve Bethune
Milo Burcham



Cooperative Project
USDA Forest Service
Chugach National Forest

Objectives

- Feasibility of ground based black bear captures
- Habitat selection during the hunting season
- Home range data
- Habitat selection patterns

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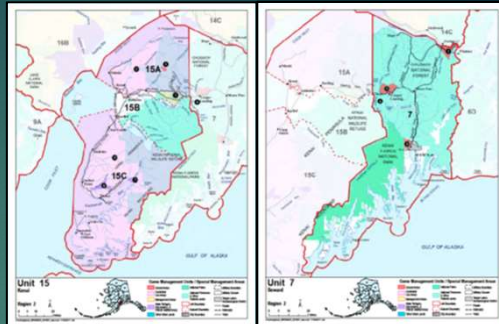
Units 7 & 15 Kenai Peninsula



Soldotna Crew

Lynn Smith Program Technician
Jeff Selinger Area Biologist
Kurt Strausbaugh Technician

Currently Recruiting for
Soldotna Technician

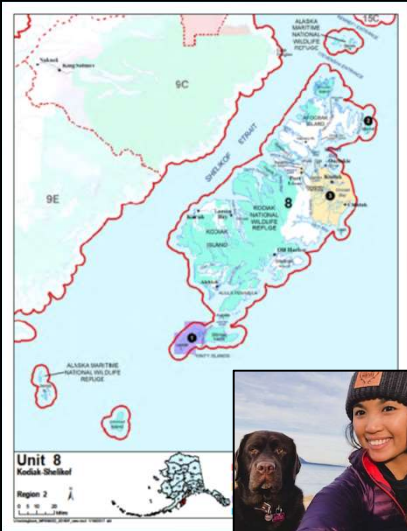


Homer Crew

Carolyn Bunker Program Technician
Andy Pollak Technician
Jason Herreman Assistant Area Biologist

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Unit 8 Kodiak Archipelago



Nate Svoboda
Area Biologist



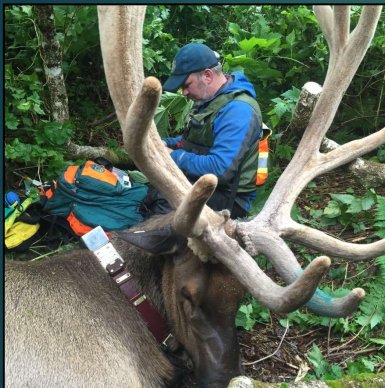
Kevin White John Crye
Region 1 Wildlife Biologist
Research Biologist



Katrina Wandersee
Program Technician

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Afognak Elk Project



Cooperative Project
State University of New York College
of Environmental Science and Forestry

Objectives

- Habitat and forest stand characteristics for elk and brown bear distribution
- Map distribution, movements, and spatial and temporal shifts
- Determine elk diet and seasonal shifts in forage use
- Develop reforestation strategies



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Unit 14C Anchorage Area



Dave Battle
Area Biologist



Cory Stantorf
Assistant Area Biologist



Unit 14C
Anchorage Eagle River

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Kyle Smith
Regional Wildlife Biologist




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Anchorage Moose Survey

Project Outline

- Innovative research attempt to estimate moose numbers in the Anchorage area
- Ground-based technique uses DNA taken from moose to get the estimate
- Moose sighting reports from Anchorage residents are key to the survey's success

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Kenai Peninsula Moose Research



Thomas McDonough
Research Biologist

Units 15A & 15C Moose
Population dynamics, pregnancy and twinning rates, and nutritional status

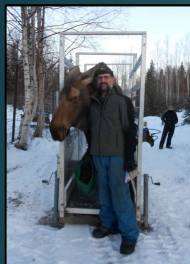


Ori Badajos
GIS Analyst



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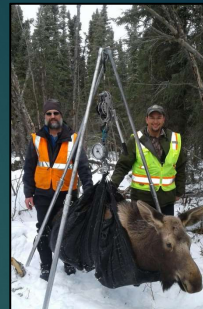
Moose Research Center



John Crouse
Wildlife Physiologist

MRC Projects

- Nutritional requirements for pregnancy and lactation
- Thermal stress - use of shade to conserve energy



Dan Thompson
Research Biologist

Fieldwork in Units 15A & 15B

- Response to and use of recent burn areas on the Kenai
- Body condition, pregnancy, and nutritional status



Matt King
Technician

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Brown & Black Bear Research

Kenai Brown Bear Project

- Determine reproductive rates, recruitment rates, and survival
- Long-term data set



Sean Farley
Wildlife Physiologist



Jeff Selinger
Kenai Area Biologist

PWS & Lower Kenai Black Bears

Genetics based project will attempt to estimate:

- Exploitation rate, movements, and vulnerability to harvest
- Population numbers in Unit 6 and Unit 15C

Dall's Sheep Research



Tom Lohuis
Research Coordinator

Kyle Smith
Regional Wildlife Biologist



14C Nutrition & Habitat

Assess habitat use, nutritional quality, reproduction and survival with respect to changing weather patterns

Disease Presence & Prevalence (Talkeetna Mtns)

- Focus is on *Mycoplasma ovipneumoniae* (M. ovi.) and other potential diseases
- Measure current disease status and track how that status changes through time
- Assess home range and movement to determine risk of disease transmission
- Habitat, nutrition, reproductive rates, and survival rate data

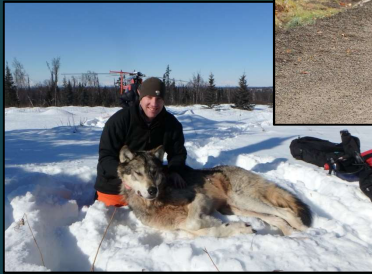


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Technician

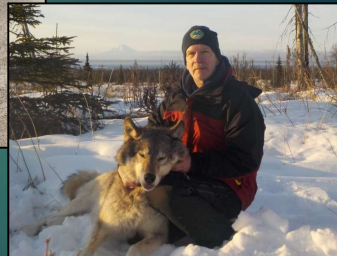
Kenai Wolf Research

Objectives

- Pack dynamics, rates of human harvest, and survival rates of wolves in the Kenai Peninsula Intensive Management Harvest Area in Unit 15C
- Currently being expanded into Units 15A & 15B



Dave Saalfeld
Research Biologist



Jeff Selinger
Kenai Area Biologist

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Regional Biometric & GIS Support



Earl Becker
Biometrician

- Biometric review of projects
- Assistance with project design
- Research project consultation
- Sampling technique development

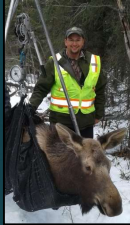


Ori Badajos
GIS Analyst

- Data preparation
- Database organization
- Spatial analysis support
- Data mapping

Graduate & New Research Projects

Current Graduate Projects



Dan Thompson
Kenai Moose
Ecology



Kyle Smith
Dall's Sheep
Habitat Selection



Nicole Deluca
PWS Deer Habitat

Region 2 Staff Position



Currently Recruiting for
Deer & Coastal Ungulate
Research Biologist



Luke Metherell
Dall's Sheep Forage

Planned Graduate Projects



Danner Shreve
Unit 14C Wolves

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ADF&G Firearms Policy Wildlife Safety Policy Boating Skills and Safety



Mike Harrington
Chief Firearms
Instructor for
DWC & ADF&G



Cory Stantorf
Kyle Smith
Erik Bollerud
Jason Herreman
Region 2 DWC Instructors

Mike Harrington
Boating Safety Instructor



Lead Research Technician



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Public Information & Media Support



Ken Marsh
Public Information Officer

Primary Activities

- Spokesperson for DWC issues in Regions 2 & 4, and often statewide
- Public information, publicity, and outreach
- Cooperative information exchanges with news media statewide
- Questions and comments from public, media, and government officials
- DWC liaison with internal public affairs staff

Wildlife Education Program



Brenda Duty
Statewide Teacher Training



Recent Activities

- Meat Salvage rack card
- Unit 14 Small Game Hunting handout
- Alaskans Afield – hands-on learning of outdoor skills
- *M. ovi* outreach and communication
- Understanding the Board of Game process
- Wildlife Safety – Anchorage staff provided wildlife safety information to over 15,000 people in 2018



Ellen Grover
Wildlife Education



Tom Griffin
Wildlife Safety

Threatened, Endangered, & Diversity Program



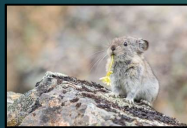
Tracey Gotthardt
TED Program
Coordinator



Katie Christie
Research Biologist

Research Projects in Region 2

- Little brown bat acoustics, activity, and habitat
- Long-term trends in common and Pacific loon populations
- Lesser yellowlegs migration, population structure, and demography
- Collared pika population ecology

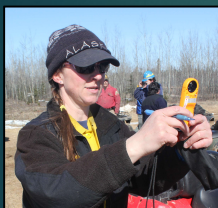


Marian Snively
Wildlife Biologist



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Wildlife Habitat Enhancement & Spatial Analysis Program



Sue Rodman
Program Coordinator



Mary Jo Hill
Wildlife Biologist

Objectives

- Enhancing habitat for moose, bison, and grouse using mechanical treatments and prescribed fire
- Analyzing spatial wildlife data to establish relationships between animal movement, harvest, and population dynamics
- Projects ongoing & planned for the Kenai Peninsula



Miles Spathelf
GIS Analyst

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Small Game Program



Rick Merizon
Wildlife Biologist



Activities in Southcentral

- Spring breeding surveys for ptarmigan in Units 7, 14, & 15
- Statewide wing collection program for all grouse and ptarmigan
- Assist staff with regulatory proposals, A&Rs, and deliberations
- Teach Alaskans Afield classes in Anchorage and Soldotna
- Working with Regions 2 & 4 staff to develop a Unit 14 Small Game Hunter Handout by fall 2019



Marine Mammals Program



Mike Rehberg
Research Biologist

Steller sea lions

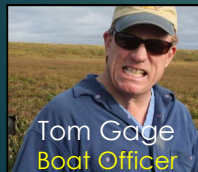
- Prince William Sound – Branding and marking with satellite tags, and monitoring
- Barren Islands and Kodiak area – Brand resight and reproductive monitoring



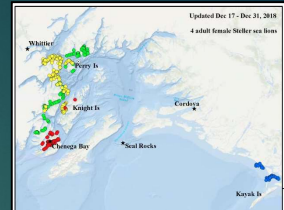
Sue Goodglick
Research Biologist

Beluga Whales

- Cook Inlet – Support two federal research projects to attempt to count critically endangered Cook Inlet beluga whale



Tom Gage
Boat Officer



Greg Shedgen
Technician



Waterfowl Program



Jason Schamber
Waterfowl Program
Coordinator



Tyler Lewis
Research Biologist



Michael Guttery
Research Biologist



Tasha DiMarzio
Technician

Southcentral Projects

- Monitoring waterfowl during winter in Kachemak Bay
- Tule greater white-fronted goose monitoring
- Dusky Canada goose banding and collaring
- Dusky Canada goose brood monitoring
- Population delineation of Pacific Flyway scoters

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Lands & Refuges Program




- Joe Meehan
- Ed Weiss
- Doug Hill
- Ryan Morrill (Round Is)
- Margarete Archibald (Round Is)
- Tom Griffin (McNeil)
- Beth Rosenberg (McNeil)
- Ray Pohl (McNeil)

- Potter Marsh Boardwalk
150,000 visitors per year
- Interpretive panels in Homer
Information on Critical Habitat Areas
- Developed pop-up banner display about refuge program
Advocates use of refuges for hunting, trapping, fishing, viewing, etc.
- Waterfowl interpretive panels
Explain waterfowl ID and role hunters and conservationists have taken to protect waterfowl and their habitats




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Hunter Education & Shooting Ranges




Ginamaria Smith
Program Coordinator


Kirk Lingofelt
H.I.T. Project Assistant



Ben Matthews
RCSP Range Technician



Katelyn Zonneville
Outreach & Education Coordinator



Outreach Projects


- Southcentral BOW
429 participants
- Youth Shotgun League
140 participants
- Outdoor Youth Days
60 participants
- Potter Marsh Day
Archery activity
- Great Alaska Sportsman Show
Laser Shot

Volunteer Instructors


- 503 Active Certification Course Instructors
- 15 Range Safety Officers
- 25 Youth Shotgun League Coaches

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ANILCA & Access Defense Programs



Brad Palach
Natural Resource Manager



Katie Sechrist, Marla Carter, Adam Dubour, Ashley List, Mark Fink, Jason Cheney, Jennifer Nolan Wing



Dave Ryland

- Hunter Access Projects – Parking areas/trailheads
- DNR land use reviews – e.g., reducing effects from heli-skiing
- RS2477 ROWs/Navigable Waters Assertions – e.g., Klutina Lake Road public access

- State management authority on federal lands — NPS & USFWS wildlife regulations lawsuit & revisions
- Federal land use reviews — Advocating for public access on federal lands, and for ADF&G research and management access

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Division of Subsistence

Southern Region Overview

Presented Next by

Robin Dublin
Southern Region Program Manager

Questions?

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