
Ted H. Spraker, Wildlife Biologist (retired)

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Summary of Qualifications and Experience

Mr. Spraker moved from Wyoming to Alaska in 1973 and worked briefly for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service then for the Alaska Department of Fish and Game as a wildlife biologist - primarily involving studies on caribou, moose, bear, sheep, goat and wolf. Mr. Spraker retired from the Department of Fish and Game after 28+ years of service and was appointed to the Board of Game in 2003.

Education

Master of Science, Range Science, University of Wyoming, 1973
Bachelor of Science, Wildlife Management, 1970

Continued Education and Training

First-Aid and CPR
Instructor Bear Safety Training
Firearms Safety Education Instructor

Representative Project Experience

Area Wildlife Biologist, Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Soldotna – 1978 to 2002

Performed management and research functions such as developing operational and sampling plans and procedures, experimental designs and quality control of data. Determined biological wildlife goals, population compositions, and wildlife harvest efforts; determined harvest rates of specific wildlife populations, and developed programs to achieve allowable harvest. Lead or supervised project work of professional and technician staff to ensure compliance with operational plans, quality control of data, and project objectives.

Assistant Wildlife Biologist, Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Glennallen – 1974 to 1978

Planned, designed and conducted wildlife surveys, population censuses, harvest counts and other studies to gather data necessary to determine distribution, abundance, productivity, sex and age composition, mortality factors, habitat use and selection or to address a specific problem.

Compiled and analyzes biological data using standard computer software and specialized computer programs to support recommendations for regulatory changes, area closures and harvest limits, to assess human impact, for maintenance, enhancement or restoration of wildlife resources and habitat.

Prepared technical reports and divisional publications including preliminary/progress reports, project summaries, post season and annual management reports, and research findings for scientific journals. Drafted regulatory proposals to be presented at Board of Game meetings. Prepared and issues news releases.

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1978

Lead biologist on a brown bear capture program in the Nelchina Basin north of Glennallen to determine the role of brown bears in predation on moose calves. Captured, radio collared and monitored 23 bears.

1979

Assisted on the brown bear capture and removal project in the upper Susitna River to determine level of brown bear mortality on moose calves. 47 bears were captured and relocated a minimum of 100 air miles.

1982-84

Lead biologist in the investigation and treatment of wolves on the Kenai Peninsula infested with lice. Resulted in the live capture and treatment of over 100 wolves. Assisted on a similar project in the Palmer area in 1999, resulting in the capture and treatment of 41 wolves.

1985-1986

Lead biologist in reintroduction of caribou on the Kenai Peninsula. Established three new herds. Resulted in the capture and release of eighty animals.

1986-87

Initiated and designed new selective harvest strategy for hunting moose, commonly known as the spike/fork – 50 regulation. It was first adopted on the Kenai Peninsula and subsequently adopted in most of the road system Game Management Units and in Southeast Alaska.

1995-1997

Lead biologist in the introduction of ruffed grouse on the Kenai Peninsula. Captured 243 grouse north of the Alaska Range and of these 232 grouse were trans-located and released at 1 of 3 sites on the northern portion of the Kenai Peninsula.

2003

Assisted Department of Fish and Game staff in the capture and relocation of 81 bears from the McGrath area. Bears were captured using helicopter-darting and foot snares.

2004-present

Employed by Professional Wildlife Services as a wildlife guard. Primary duties include protection of seismic and survey workers from bears and to identify potential human hazards in the field.

Alaska Board of Game – 2003 – Present

Mr. Spraker was appointed by Governors Murkowski, Palin and Parnell. He served as Vice Chairman for two terms and is currently Chairman. Mr. Spraker also serviced as the Board of Game representative on the Big Game Commercial Services Board from 2004 to 2012. This Board regulates the Big Game Guiding and Transporting industry in the state.

Publications

Annual report of wolf survey-inventory activities. Alaska Department of Fish and game, federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration (Spraker T.H., 1997)

Infestation of Lice among Wild Canids in Alaska (Golden et al. 1999)

Several publications on record with the Alaska Department of Fish and Game including annual management reports for all game and furbearer species on the Kenai Peninsula.

Awards

Lifetime Achievement Award in Conservation, SCI 2002
Biologist of the Year, AOC 2001
Conservation Award, F&G 1992, 1996, 1999, 2002
Hunting Heritage Vanguard Award, SCI 2003
Trapper Ethics Award, KPTA 2012
Conservation Award, US Fish and Wildlife Service 2002

Affiliations

Alaska Trappers Association
Safari Club International
National Rifle Association
Official Measurer for the Boone and Crockett Club
Mentor – Take a Kid Hunting
Women-on-Target and Teens-on-Target Firearms Instructor

Reference page for Ted H. Spraker

Denby S. Lloyd – Commissioner of F&G (retired)
ADF&G

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Doug Larson – Regional Supervisor in SE
Alaska Department of Fish and Game
Division of Wildlife Conservation

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Wayne Regelin – Former ADF&G Director
Division of Wildlife Conservation

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**Paul E. Johnson - Big Game Commercial
Services Board - Former Chair**
Gull Cove Lodge

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Dick Burley – Board of Game Member
Former Chairman

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**Mike Fleagle – former Chairman of the Board of Game.
Former Chairman of the Federal Subsistence Board.**

A lifelong Alaska resident, Fleagle is an Alaska Native (Inupiaq/Athabaskan) who has served on the McGrath Native Village Council and as a Tribal First Chief of the council as well as on the McGrath City Council and School Advisory Board.