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## Fwd: Dillingham again has no State Wildlife Biologist

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**Alice Ruby** <alice.ruby@dillinghamak.us>  
To: Lori Goodell <lori.goodell@dillinghamak.us>

Thu, Oct 7, 2021 at 1:13 PM

Hi Lori:

Can you put this communication in the information section of the next council packet. Thanks.

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From: **Alice Ruby** <alice.ruby@dillinghamak.us>  
Date: Thu, Oct 7, 2021 at 1:12 PM  
Subject: Re: Dillingham again has no State Wildlife Biologist  
To: Dan & Marjorie Dunaway <dlgdunaway@gmail.com>  
Cc: City Manager <manager@dillinghamak.us>, Edgmon Rep Bryce <Rep\_Bryce\_Edgmon@legis.state.ak.us>

Hi Dan:

Thanks so much for staying engaged . That vacancy is something that could easily slip past our radar until we need some help. It's disappointing to see the position vacant again so soon.

The issue of housing has come up at the City many times and most recently it is mentioned in the City Assessment as a problem for recruiting/retaining staff. I don't know exactly how we'll work to address it but it's on our list. .

Is this something that you'll bring to the attention of the local advisory committee? Formally I know that it's probably not something they can fix but informally each of the representatives is probably associated with other organizations that could potentially be partners in a plan. It'll be good for folks to be thinking about how housing and recruitment/retention of staff is a widespread problem.

Thanks again Dan.

On Thu, Oct 7, 2021 at 11:21 AM Dan & Marjorie Dunaway <dlgdunaway@gmail.com> wrote:

If you haven't heard already I thought I'd let you know that Bryan Riley who was hired last spring to be the GMU 17ADFG wildlife biologist has left his position.

I talked to Todd Rinaldi, supervisor of the position yesterday. ADFG is currently recruiting for an assistant position to be stationed in Dillingham,

And they are in the process of getting approval to again recruit for the vacated position as soon as possible.

But recruitment is difficult as you well know.

In addition to the modern lack of interest in working in remote communities like Dillingham, the difficulties in obtaining affordable decent housing is an obstacle.

Pay may not be very competitive as well.

Its my impression the departed person was not very committed to this job from the beginning.

This is not good for the management for our area wildlife resources nor for the people of the area who use and depend on them.

Certainly the area is not getting the State services it needs.

I don't know if this is worth mentioning to the public during the council meeting or not but I thought the council might want to be aware of this situation.

Dan Dunaway

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