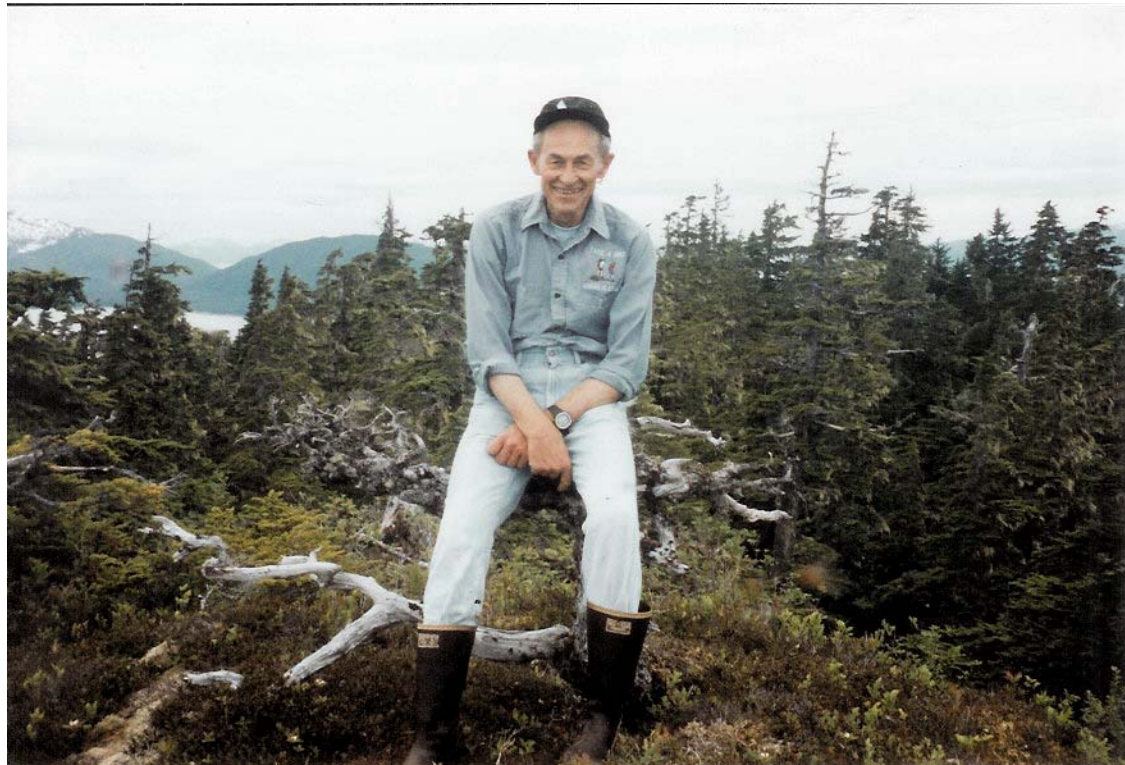


The 2010 Litter Free Cleanup is dedicated to our friend, Bob Garrison, who passed away March 8, 2010.



His life is proof that one person can make a difference.

All photos courtesy of Bob's photo collection.

Bob never tired of cleaning up - all over Juneau



A concerned citizen with follow-through

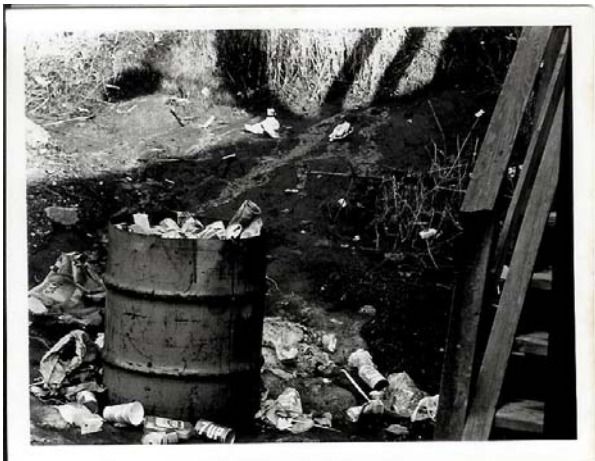
Lots of people complain,
but it is the extra-ordinary
person that puts concerns
into action. Bob was
a community watchdog,
pointing out problems, but
was also part of the solution!
He never gave up!



Early Attempts at Litter Removal in Juneau - Nice Try!



...in the can
...then the can must be emptied...



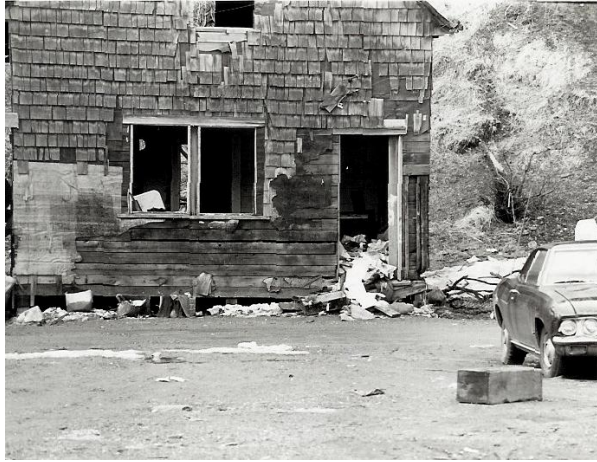
Litter Free Applauds CBJ's Decision to Invest in Bear Proof Trash Containers!



Over the years, Bob volunteered to supervise kids who needed to do community work service and took them all over to clean up litter and dump sites.



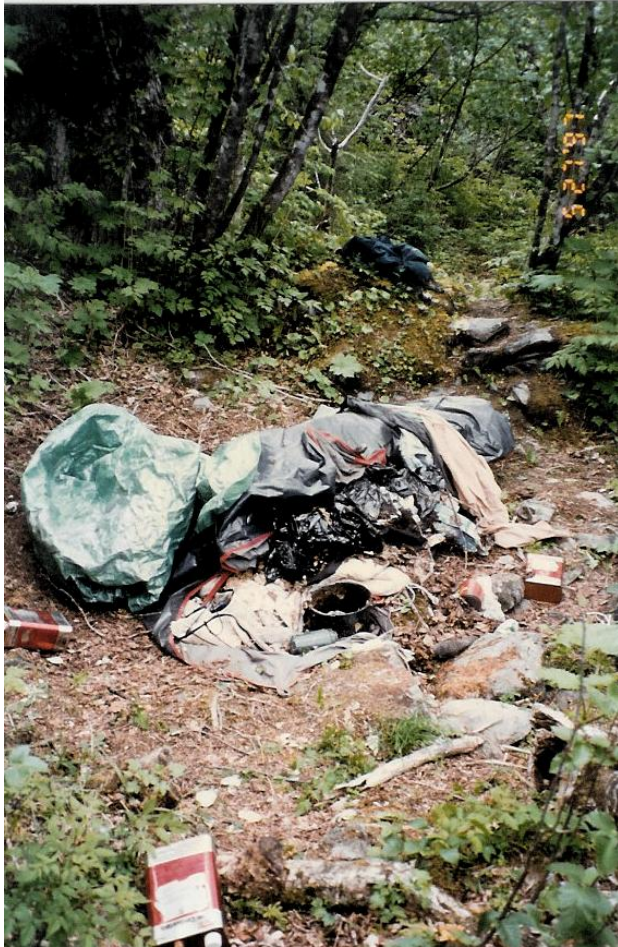
One lot at a time.



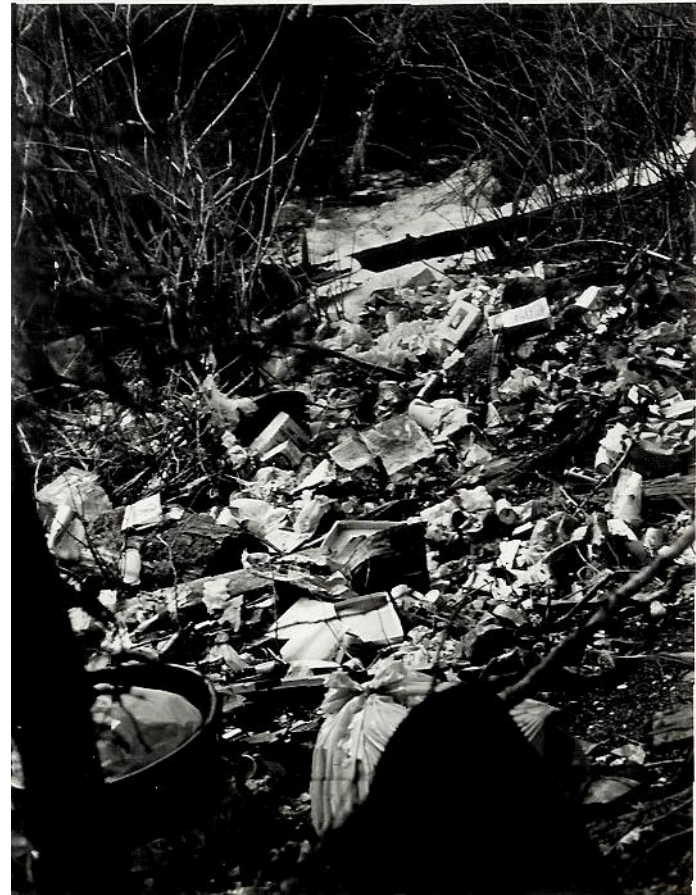
Bob scouted and cleaned up many illegal dump sites



and camp sites...and waterways



no amount of trash was too big or
too small for Bob!



“Litterbug cleanup”

Brian Wallace, Juneau Empire, April 24, 2005

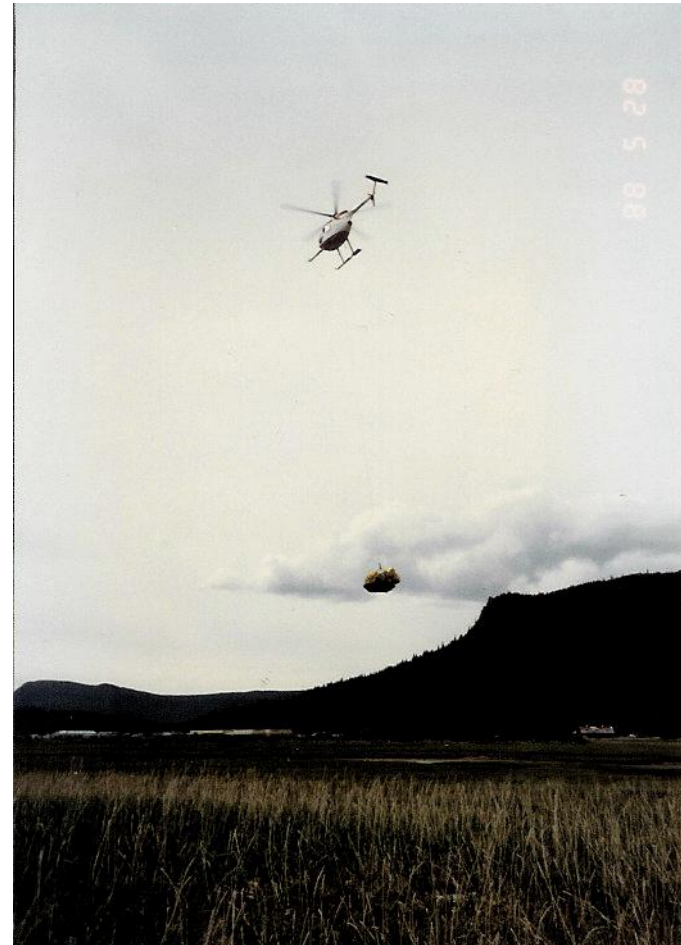


from the Juneau Empire...”Bob Garrison, 84, cleans up garbage Wednesday near mile 36 of Glacier Highway. Litterbugs have been taking advantage of a small access road to dump garbage. Garrison says the garbage is on state land and he has been trying to get the state to clean it up for several years. “It's more than I can do,” Garrison said about cleaning up the mess. He is also on the board of Litter Free Inc. Its mission is creating a cleaner environment and encouraging recycling within Juneau.”

Bob's passion, a clean wetland refuge.

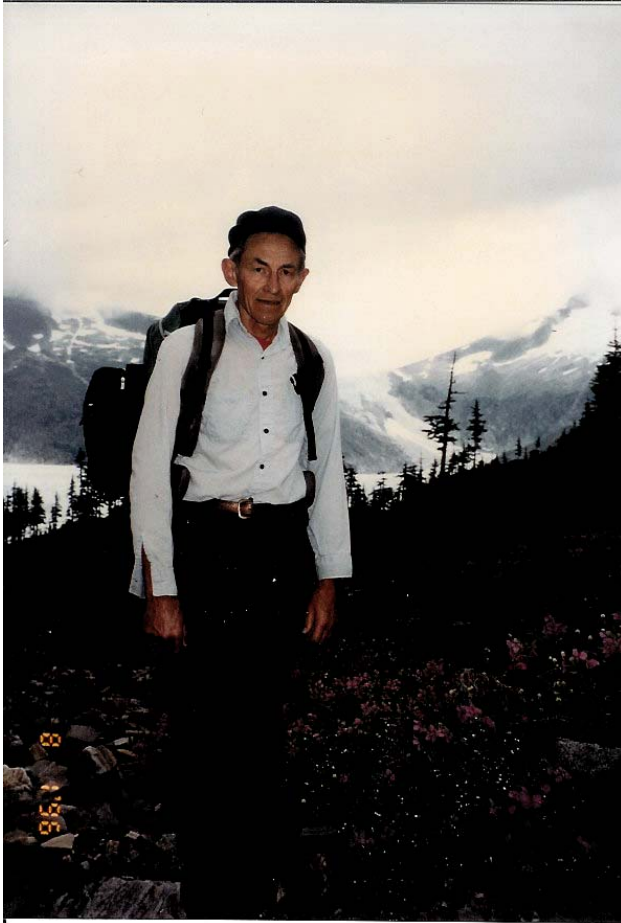


Bob was nicknamed “Janitor of the Wetlands” for organizing several clean up events.



“Self-appointed Litter Man looks for successor”

By Ann Chandonnet, The Juneau Empire, April 25, 2000



If Bob Garrison were going to award a Nobel Prize, he definitely wouldn't consider the inventor of the plastic snuff can.

Garrison has been the self-appointed janitor of the Mendenhall Wetlands State Game Refuge since 1988. Stumps of 600-year-old trees don't get his goat, but snuff cans, which resemble hollow hockey pucks, do. In about five minutes of trudging across tidal creeks and eel grass flats on a recent Saturday, Garrison found three snuff cans. And, of course, they're only part of the trash.

In 1988, Garrison oversaw the cleanup of 200 giant bags of wetlands debris. Since then, he's collected about a bag a week. More than a bag full of junk will be picked up on Litter Free Clean-Up Day on Saturday, when volunteers will scour the wetlands. The litter includes everything from pingpong balls with cruise ships' names on them to Gatorade bottles, anti-freeze containers, chunks of plywood and foam insulation, entire walls of chicken-coop-size dwellings, infrared light bulbs, bits of plumbing and fish tote lids.

In recent times, however, Garrison has suffered a couple of heart attacks and been diagnosed with prostate cancer.....

Bob never let heart attacks or cancer get in the way of his efforts to make Juneau a nice place to live. Please join us at this year's clean up on May 8. Let's keep Bob's spirit alive!