

Rock Star of Public Service Award

Charlene Bringhurst embodies the very best of Alaska's public servants. Her work has consistently demonstrated an unwavering commitment to upholding Alaska's stringent environmental policies while also championing the miners and communities who depend on the responsible development of our resources.

Charlene has earned a reputation across Alaska's hard rock and placer mining industries for her ability to balance regulatory oversight with a deep respect for the challenges faced by miners. She works tirelessly to ensure that projects not only comply with environmental standards but also thrive under them—proving that responsible resource development and environmental protection are not at odds, but partners in creating a sustainable future. Through her safety leadership and steadfast commitment to environmental integrity, she has inspired both miners and agencies to aim higher.



What sets Charlene apart is her heartfelt ability to bring people together. She has actively worked to bridge gaps between miners and state agencies, fostering collaborative communication, camaraderie, and trust. By listening to all voices and cultivating mutual respect, Charlene has broken down barriers that too often hinder progress. Her gift for diplomacy has made her a trusted partner for miners, regulators, and stakeholders alike, creating an atmosphere where solutions—not conflicts—define the path forward.

Charlene's leadership qualities shine through in every endeavor. Known for her perseverance, grit, and her signature "can-do, get-it-done" attitude, she exemplifies what it means to lead by example. Her long-standing integrity is recognized across the industry and within the Department of Natural Resources (DNR). She has demonstrated not only loyalty to the mission of the DNR and the objectives of the APMA Team, but also to the miners she serves—standing shoulder to shoulder with them as they strive to keep drills turning and sluice boxes wet.

Beyond her official duties, Charlene has played an active role in the Alaska Miners Association for many years and has contributed to the mining industry as a whole, both professionally and personally. She is admired not only as a regulator and leader but also as a colleague and friend to those she serves. Her loyalty—to the DNR, to Alaska’s miners, and to the future of the industry—remains unwavering. In recognition of her exceptional service, tireless dedication, and remarkable leadership, I recommend Charlene Bringhurst as most deserving for the 2025 Rock Star of Public Service Award.

