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## NORM BERG COLLECTION

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GARY MARGHEIM

America has lost a great conservation leader and scholar—an individual—who helped weave a conservation ethic into the fabric of our society. To that end the American public owes him a great debt for his accomplishments.

Norm Berg was a long-time mentor of mine and over the past 25 years provided invaluable guidance to me that profoundly affected my professional as well as personal life. We shared a very special bond in that we had our birthdays on the same date, March 14. On that day for the past 20 years we would exchange birthday greetings. This year was no exception. Norm called me and wished me happy birthday, and I congratulated him on his 90<sup>th</sup>. He responded he was looking forward to the next 90 and seeing how the conservation landscape would change. Those were the last words I heard from Norm.

I will greatly miss Norm and his counsel, but most of all I will miss him as a close and dear friend.