



David Lynn Grimes has howled with wolves, run from bears and cavorted with killer whales. From Ozark roots this wandering fool and bozo bard has migrated in and out of Alaska most of his adult life, working as a commercial fisherman, whale researcher, wilderness river guide and conservationist to protect habitat for wild critters. In the wake of the 1989 Alaska Good Friday Exxon oil spill, songs began to pour out of David, good songs, and he was the only one who had heard them! So he began recording his music, which has Celtic, folk, blues, jazz and bossa nova influences. Dave Para remembers first hearing him one afternoon at practice room of the Chez Coffeehouse in Columbia playing a beautiful John McLaughlin piece, “Follow Your Heart,” Sometime in the 1990s, on one of his visits back to Columbia, Bob Dyer brought him over to Dave and Cathy’s house for some music and lore, and an engaging friendship began. A past performer at the Big Muddy, David believes the world is the poet and we are all the scribes. (His adopted Eyak Indian name *Yaxadili£axayinh*, the Thinker, literally translates as “He who causes his mind to involuntarily roam in an indeterminate direction.”)