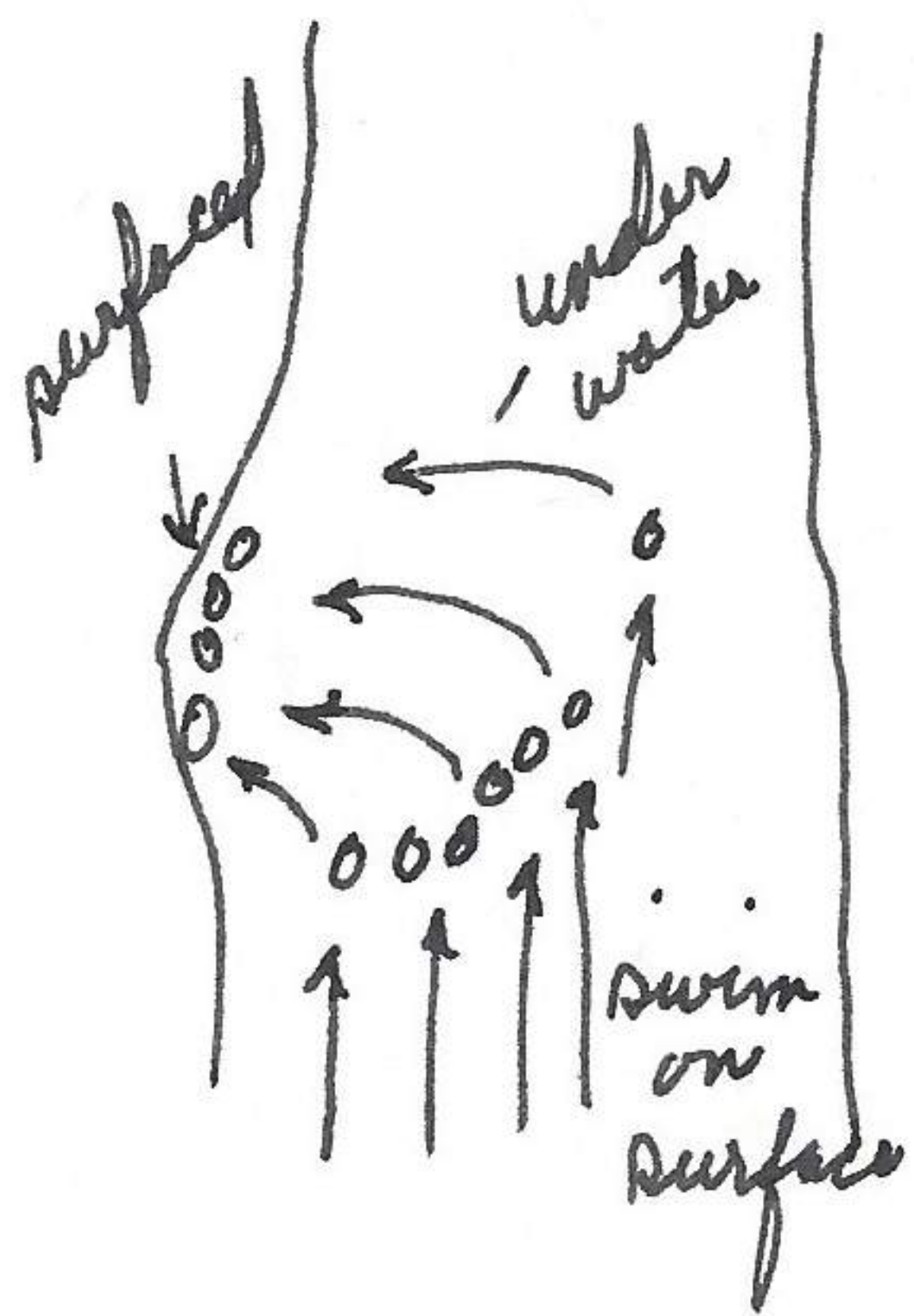


times the common loon but not alighting. Spotted sandpiper in same general area as last night. Fewer fish feeding this A.M. than at twilight last night. 3 black-capped chickadees calling at camp. The chevron active. Other warblers in area but not identifiable. There are no gulls at this time of morning (6:00-6:30). First gull at 6:45. 6:50 25 young and 1 adult red-breasted merganser swam from N to S past camp. As they entered small shallow bays or along shore at rock island to W, they placed their bill and part of head directly down into the water as if to attract the fish to the bill or to see the action below ~~surface~~. Local descent was indicated by bills thrust upward generally involving 3 or 4 birds at a time. They crossed to channel to S and at a precise moment the entire group of birds dove into the water and turned, underwater, toward the cliffs where they surfaced with splash-  
ing action at the base of the cliff, obviously driving the fish against the rock barrier. In all their surface or underwater action indicates a close group cooperation. In moving on the surface they frequently go in single file. Fewer larger fish feeding after 6:45 A.M. Blue jay called several



times this A.M. from different locations. At 7:05 5 black ducks flew S to channel, one left group and flew to W. Raven called for first time. A beaver swam S in front of camp to bay to SW where they were noted to leave last night on their movement to the N. It swam 100' and then dove for 20-30 feet, alternating across the lake. A merrill called at camp (red-breasted?). 7:10 Canada jay flew into camp and alighted on a branch 3 feet from where I was standing before the open fire. It had an insect (3/4" long) in its body and about every 10 seconds would thrust it out toward the end of its bill and then swallow it again. Crows have called almost continuously this A.M. from the time they started. 7:30 2 adult bald eagles were noted in top of tall dead pine on west side of lake 3. ~~with~~ This sunny perch is just SW of channel that leads to N out of Lake 3. They remained for about 10 min. Then left and returned again & then left again in a period of about 20 minutes.

