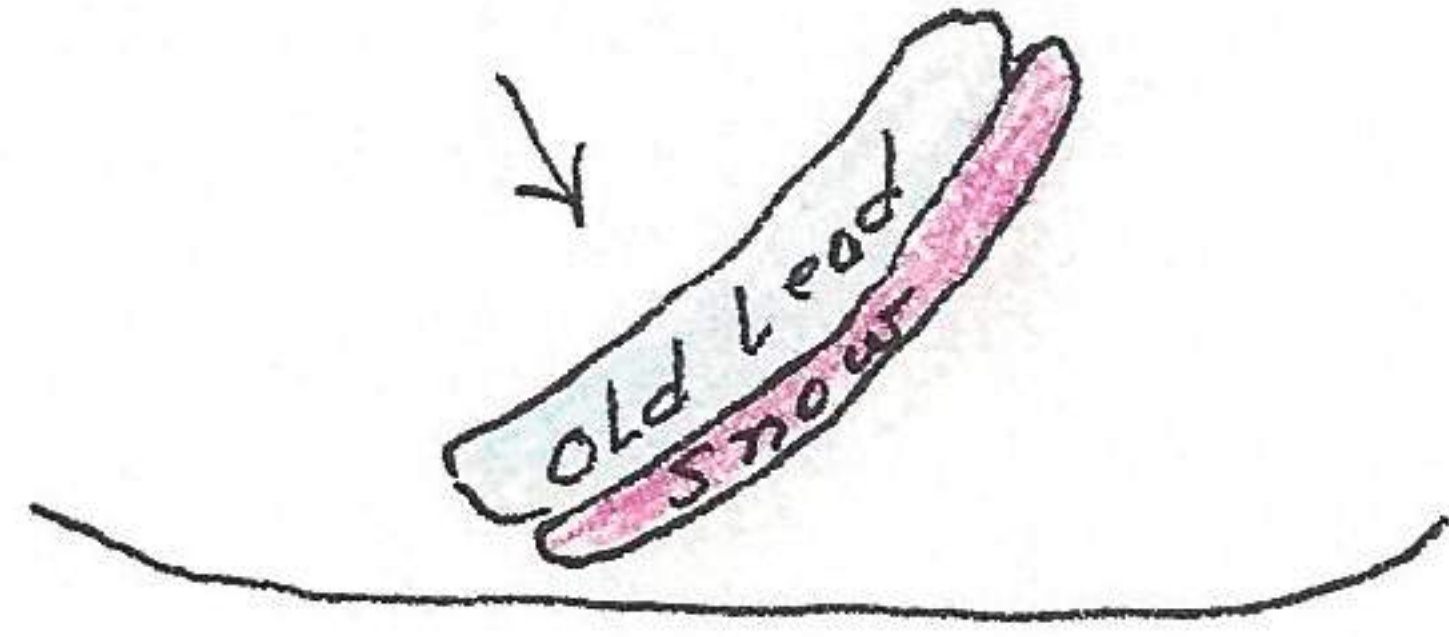
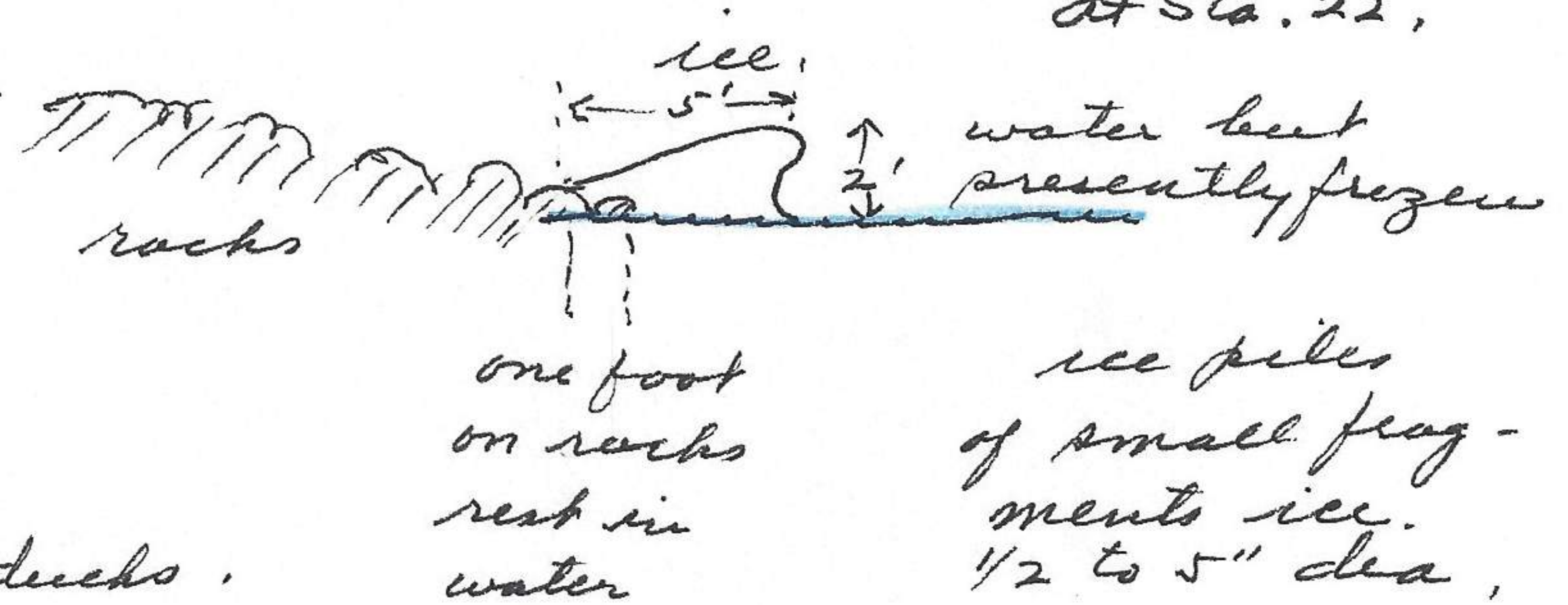


at Sta. 20 examined mink den (4 feet 5 of rock with sawt no. In hole protected from sun was smooth ice. It did not seem to be used and may have been a temporary den while mink were in dam. Placed 5 sticks in front of hole to see if animals might still be using den. no odor. Coyote tracks in muddy soil all along road, both vac. Some long drift lines of snow on ice and have accumulated as a result of lead freezing and thus allowing snow to easily drift to old ice. also there were snow drifts on ice where rough ice had accumulated on sides of old leads now refrozen. The rough areas capture moving snow. Examined ice piles along edge of lake against dam



at Sta. 22,

at Sta. 24 2 crows flew over dam to ice and after drinking left to W to where ducks were resting. 3 gulls also with ducks. Snowy owl feathers still every 200' or so.



at Sta 25 2000 ducks (mallards) flew over dam to E. at Sta. 25 + 60' good digging on W side of road, mink scat at Sta 31 + 30', largest diameter 12, 60 length, end curled. At 32 + 150 mink scat 15 wide & 150 mm in segments, at Sta. 34 began open water but still 500' out from shore, then open all across lake to W side. at 36 + 150 snowy owl feathers (3 together as if pulled from skin. Some ice and snow in deep recesses of rocks. From Sta 36 to 38 snowy owl feathers ^(single mainly) every 20 feet. These feathers have been stopped by ^{dry} weed stems mainly on W edge of road. I examined the rocks between the road & lake between 41 and 34 sta. but did not find any concentration of feathers like a prey kill. I am of the opinion that the small down feathers are from preening of owl and the area of concentration is place where owl mostly stayed during the winter. However it would have been a precarious for the owl to have remained with the increase in mink activity on the dam.

Logs along the beach have been abraded by action of waves during ice-free periods of fall and look like beaver gnawing in many cases, Returned to N end dam starting at 4:20