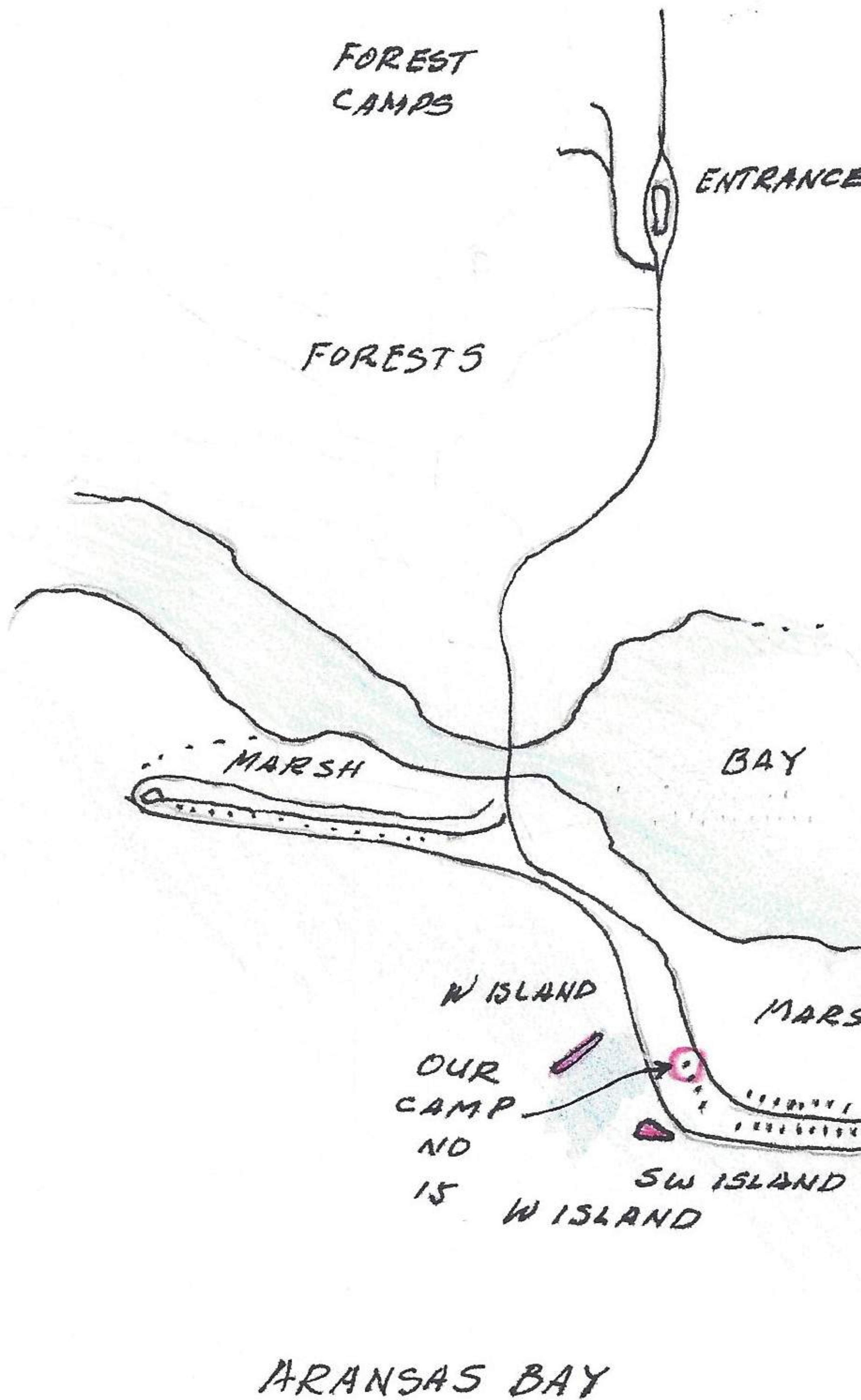


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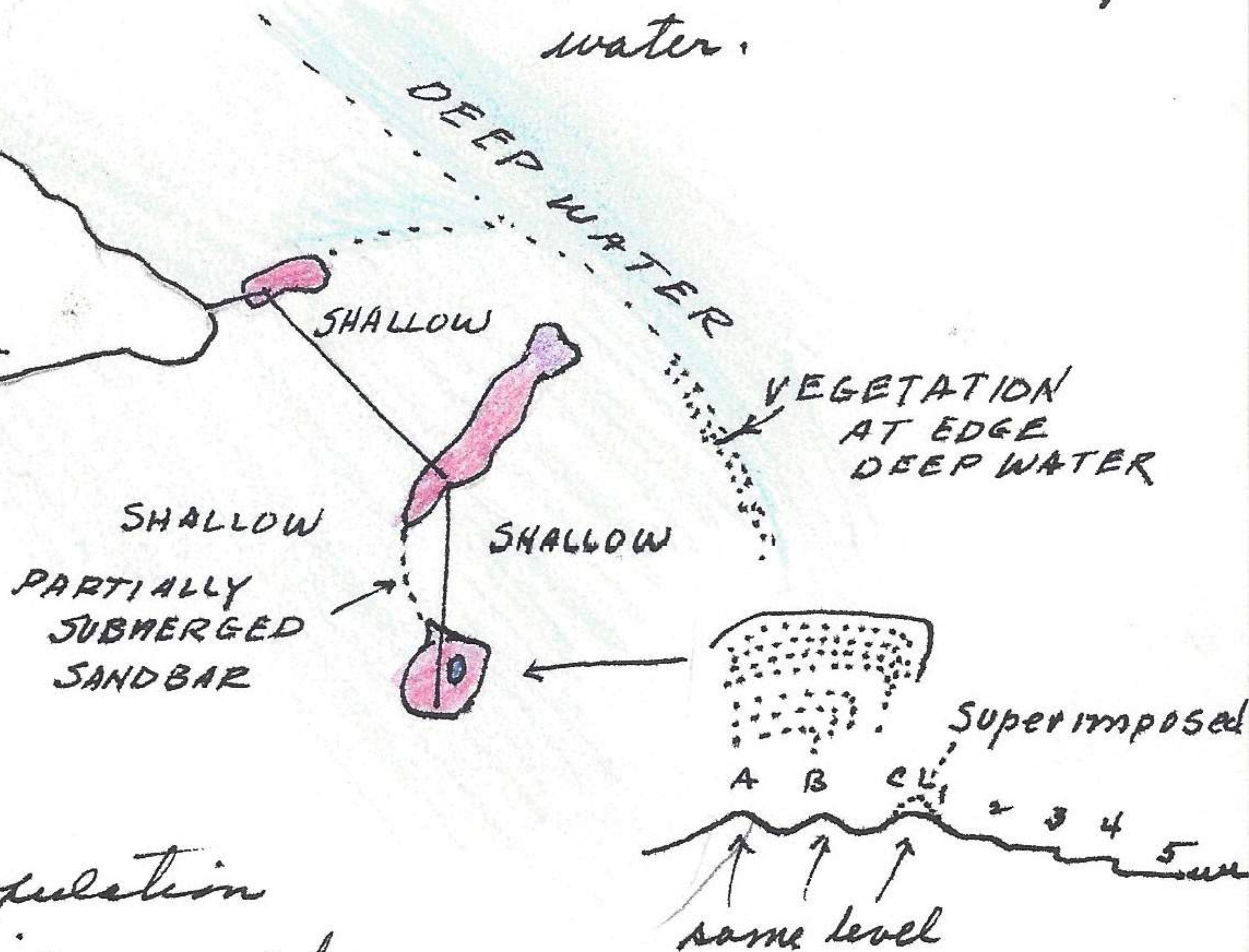
met Mr. Ory on pier on 3 occasions. He is an amateur ornithologist and spent some time on the pier at different times of the day. He recognized most of the birds. Made census of pier area this AM at 7:00 AM: 3 eared grebes, 4 sandwing, 1 laughing gull, 2 ruddy turnstones. Birds flying over area were: 1 royal tern, 3 laughing gulls, 1 least tern which had a small fish in its mouth and may be nesting, 1 great blue heron. The pier is 1620 ft long and is used by fishermen both from the pier and wading out east beyond the islands to deep water.



Two censuses show effect of man on birdlife. Census made ^{sundown} April 14 when not so many people in area was 12 species and 84 individuals

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On April 16^(Sat) at 7:00 AM were 4 species and 10 individuals with 4 more species of 4 individuals flying overhead in passing thru. Fishermen were already tromping over the islands to reach deep water.



If all activity could be confined to pier and no feeding of gulls, the population of herds should improve and the pier would produce a much better value to all concerned.

Using the reefs and island destroys the value of birds viewing in the area. Feeding gulls is depressing as the gulls are taken out of their natural position in the community and makes them garbage scavengers. Hydrogen di-sulphide from organic decomposition on beach (from storms blowing sea weed onto beach) was almost unbearable.