

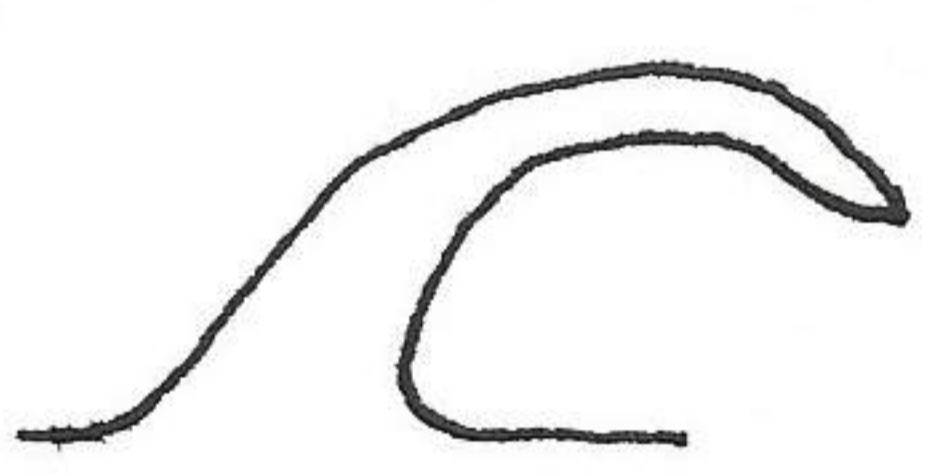
most gulls (90%) are immatures. At 8:30 60 gulls left area, ^{by flying,} to S in one group. 12 red-breasted mergansers flew down creek. 40 more gulls left at 8:35 A.M. to S. and by 8:40 all but 3 gulls had left the area. approx. 70 crows circled S. at about 200' high. at 11:35 A.M.

usual complement of gulls back again in area. An adult bald eagle searched stream and then alighted in tree. Three photos of clouds and mts and the spawning creek below the bridge are: 831001-1, 831001-2 and 831001-3. 831001-4 peaks of some photos as above. Some gravel slides below in canyon are white boulders and flow out like a snow slide covering current shrubs on the talus fan.

Visited with some people in Hyder. met a Mr. Dulsky who is the post master at Hyder and who lived in Topeka before he came to Hyder. He has been in Hyder for the last 4 years with wife, who runs a gift shop, and 2 or 3 sons. He reports the following:

1. Snows Dec, Jan, Feb and first part of March but practically leaves ground by late March.
2. Snow 4-5 feet deep but temperature is only a few degrees below freezing. Has been down to 15°F.
3. Snow is from large ice crystals 1 to 1 1/2 inch diameter and lay on ground as a slush which freezes into solid ice. at 15°F the bay and rivers freeze. Sometimes 3' of slush on ice freezes to a thick layer of ice and can support cars.
4. Winters are humid.

5. Harbor seal, killer whales and dolphins are occasionally seen, especially the harbor seal. In about 1978 a Risso's dolphin was grounded at Stewart and died on the beach. A photo shows a long tapering dorsal fin bent down at end which could



have been a post-mortem change. The dolphin tissue was heavily infected with parasites.

6. mink, weasels, marten, otter are always present but difficult to find and see.
7. wolves are in area and in winter stay on the outskirts of town where they frequently call at night.
8. Grizzly bears occasionally come into town, black bears commonly do so, especially in winter.
9. moose and mule deer are further to E on E side range. In Stewart area the snows are too deep.
10. There are no mt. lions but many lynx.
11. Rentals for homes are practically non-existent. If mines close there should be many places available in Stewart.