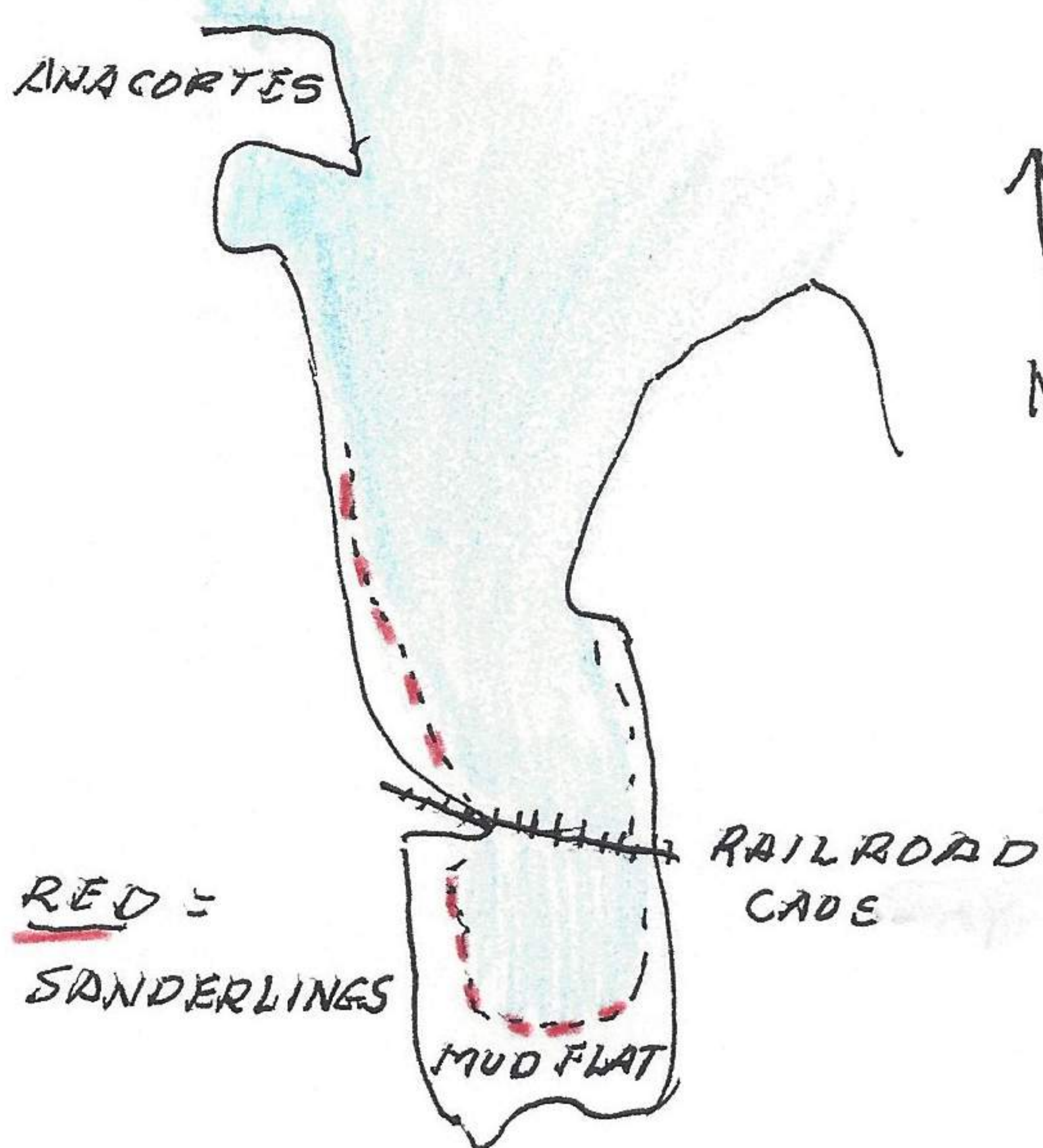


Yesterday (4th) drove to Anacortes. At S end of bay E of town noted approx. 3,000 sanderling on recently exposed mud flat of bay. On return noted at least 20x that number or approx. 60,000 sanderling. They were all associated with edge of water - mud flats. Some masses were 50' x 20' of almost solid sanderling and appears as if vegetation growth. Masses of sanderling moved on the beach with as much synchronization as in flight, an extraordinary site for sanderling behavior and appearance. no sanderling have been observed as yet at Le Conner Preserve.

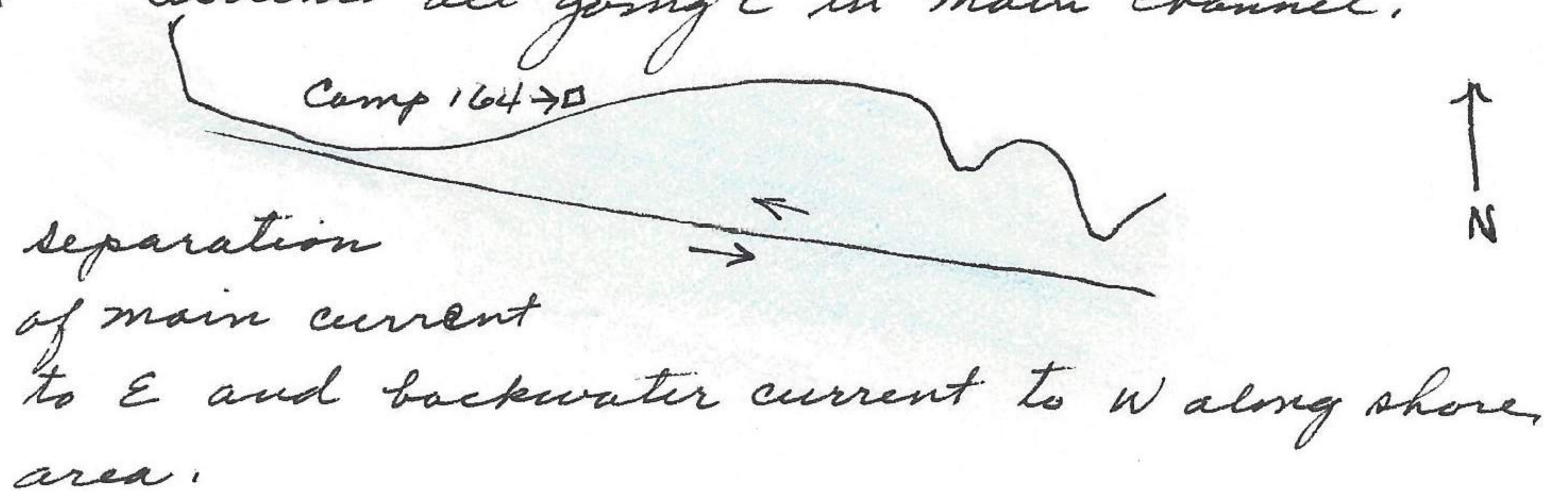


In Anacortes noted 6 robins. Strong wind today and late at night 60MPH. Limbs of Douglas fir on all roads in preserve and woods outside area. 3 large trees fell in preserve area.

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Tide height ("Heron rock, top) between 8:00 A.M. and 8:30 A.M. Receded 8:30 A.M. and at 8:40 A.M. completely covered.

8:45 14 oyster catchers flew E to bay, at 9:30 they fed W along beach. This is a constant number in area. Sometimes 10 or so with be in area and later joined by equivalent number to equal 14 birds. Currents all going E in main channel. at 9:00 A.M.



Buffleheads land on web of feet (2-3' glide) and maintain erect body until motion stops.

This afternoon drove to Anacortes. No sanderlings on mud flats.

Jan 7, 1986

Quiet last night but wind developed this A.M. from SE.

14 black oystercatchers arrived from W and alighted on beach to E. Slack at 1:00 P.M. but high wind kept it there until 2:10 P.M. At 2:30 ebb is already started (down 2")