

Bald eagles interfere with fishing activity of aquatic birds by gradually displacing them

1:30 P.M. to 2:05 P.M. An imm. bald eagle left Douglas fir tree on Lichen Point and flew down to rounded rocks below on the point at a point 2 feet above water. It moved 10' up rocks to top of prominent rock, faced the water and remained for the period indicated above (35 mins.) At one time a group of 54 common merganser flew past point some 25' out from shore. The eagle did not react.

Jan 24, 1988

7:20 A.M. First bald eagle flew S past Bee House at approx. 60' above water. Beautiful red clouds before red sunrise.

To Agate Beach S end Lopez Island between 1:20 P.M. - 3:00 P.M. Birds at Humphrey Lagoon, 3 glaucous-winged gulls, 2 American crows, 4 buffel-heads.

At Swift Bay at Low Beach: 25 glaucous-winged gulls, 12 mew gulls, 42 American crows, 3 American baldpate, 8 mallards, 3 northern pintails, 1 great blue heron.

Swifts Lagoon: 13 ^{northern} pintails, 8 green-winged teal.

no crows on island to Agate Beach.

Mackaye Harbor (along beach) 7 buffleheads.

Barlow Bay 1 ad. bald eagle on tree on E side bay at point. 8 buffleheads.

Agate Beach on Outer Bay: 2 common loon, 8 glaucous-winged gulls, 6 American crows.

Returned Bee House on Humphrey Head.

3:30 P.M. 4 river otter swim S in front Bee House at 15' from shore.

4:05 P.M. 8 river otter deliberately swimming and diving and fishing. moved N past Bee House. From shore to 10' from shore. 2 of the otter came ashore and checked two plastic artifacts.

Jan 25, 1988

This A.M. an imm. bald eagle flew S past Bee House and alighted in tallest tree (at top) on Lichen Point

2:00 P.M. ad. bald eagle on Leo Reef beacon. no other birds but harbor seal. 12 cormorant on Leo Rocks no 10 and 11.

2:08 P.M. 4 mew gulls diving in area 5'x5' 150' SE Bee House.

2:09 P.M. now 6 mew gulls and 5 glaucous-winged gulls at above (5'x5') area.