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Bee Estate, Humphrey Head, Lopez Island, San Juan Co., Washington.
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9:20 A.M. At Bee House feeder, ♂ mule deer with antlers shed. Deer at feeder include: 2 ♂ mule deer, 6 adult ♀, 5 young of the year.

Jan. 2, 1990

10:30 A.M. Swift Lagoon on Port Stanley Road: 19 mallards, 8 northern pintail.

Jan. 3, 1990

11:10 A.M. Swift Lagoon: 43 American widgeon. at SW beach of Swift Bay: 18 American widgeon. Careful examination has not revealed the Eurasian widgeon although it is not uncommon in the Padella Bay region E of Anacortes. Newspaper reports 4 trumpeter swans have been killed by rifle on San Juan Island.

Jan. 4, 1990

10:00 A.M. Waves in front Bee House 29 per minutes, wind from S.

On an average, 2 ad. bald eagles and 2 immatures have been observed daily in the Bee House area, generally flying N & S past house or resting in trees along shoreline. One immature has 60% white in tail.

11:05 A.M. Rain and windy. One young of the year mule deer assumed copulation position on its mother who did not resist for 20 seconds.

Jan. 5, 1990

mule deer of all ages become nervous when wind reaches 15-25 MPH and above,

wind ^{from the S.} also brings more gulls, mews, ^{Bonapartes,} but especially glaucous-winged gulls that sail in the updraft finds in front of Bee House. I would estimate that the numbers increase at least double or triple when the winds are favorable. Wind also produced more bald eagle in the area above the shoreline at 400'-1000' above water.

1:24 P.M. 68 Common mergansers fed and travelled as a group approx 100' E of Flat Point at the same time 2 river otter swam and fished southward and out into the direction