

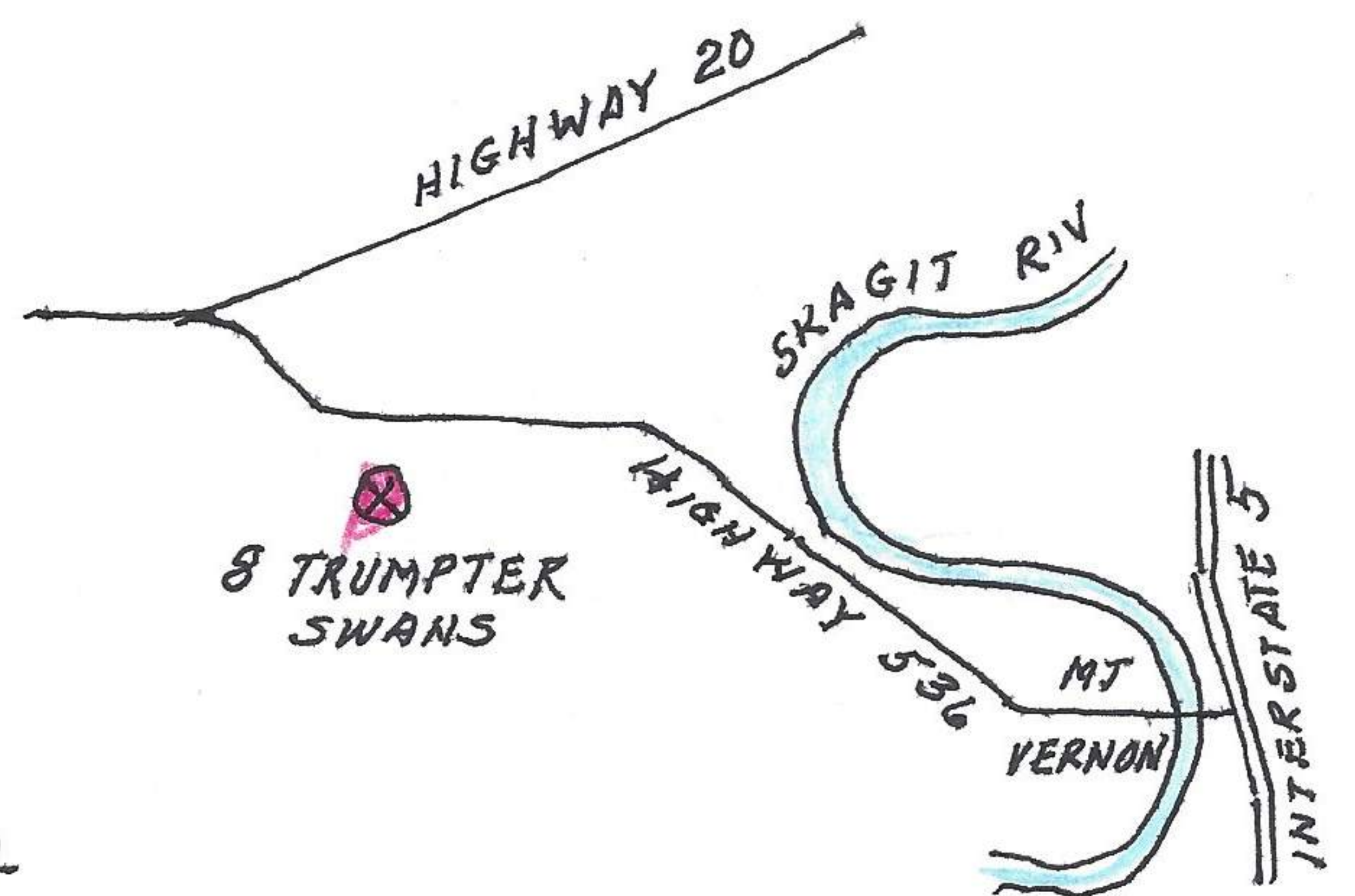
Jan 13, 1992

at Lopez Island ferry terminal at 7:45 A.M. when morning lights weak, observed adult bald eagle circling terminal bay between ferry landing & N end upright head. It circled low (30') 4 times.

7:52 A.M. Left Lopez Island for Anacortes. Will keep complete census. 2 pelagic cormorants, 1 pelagic cormorant, 12 mew gulls, 8 cormorant below Bee House. Leo Reef just emerging, no cormorant or harbor seal. 5 common murres Willow Island. Pigeon guillemot, 2 bufflehead ducks, 4 marble murrelets, 8 common murres, 11 common murres, 6 glaucous-winged gulls. W Thatcher Pass. groups of 4, 6, 8 common murres, 2 marbled murrelets, 3 rhinoceros auklets, 4 rhinoceros auklets, glaucous-winged gull. middle Rosario Straits. 2 double-crested cormorants. Arrived Anacortes.

Observations on marsh Point Road between Fidalgo and Podella Bay. At S end Fidalgo Bay groups of 85, 25, 8, 7 lesser scaup, no birds on W side peninsula from here to N end. Across N end 8 lesser scaup, 7 lesser scaup, 14 bufflehead ducks. From NE mark Point with binoculars can see approx 150 brant mainly in singles or 4-5 and generally distributed in length and width of bay. They increase in number from Hat Island S to S end Podella Bay. On east side of Podella Bay approx 2,000 brant in long narrow raft paralleling shore. 1 bald eagle at marsh Point,

on highway 536
NW Mt Vernon observed
8 trumpeter swans resting
in field.
Returned to Lopez Island.



Jan. 14, 1992

at Bee House observed that common mergansers move faster and greater distances than other marine birds in the area. When there is minnow activity 10'-12' ahead they will paddle and flap wings to more rapidly reach the activity.

Approx 120 double-crested cormorant rest on Leo Reef and remained today until afternoon, ^{2:30 P.M.} No harbor seal used the reef. When they do the numbers are generally below 8.

no bald eagles at nest on Frost Island, one ^{ad.} resting on Flower Island.
after 2:30 P.M. no gulls, cormorants or harbor seal on Leo Reef.