

Island, 8 of which are territories or at least where they had nested last year. This is the first sign of this activity this year.

10:30 Pete Hanson - Song Wind and 8 fishermen spent last hour trawling and jig fishing 150' E Bee House. Boat from Neah Bay. no catch in that period of 1 hour. 11:30 A.M. still in area.

Feb. 24, 1992

This A.M. at feeding ground for mule deer at Bee House, a two year ♂ mule deer with knob antler bases, displaced 6 other deer at feeder (all females, 1, 3 year old, 3, 2yr old and 2 last years fawns. A dominant ad. ♀ arrived and without challenge

at 11:05 A.M. 4 hooded mergansers fed in front of Bee House <sup>area out 160'</sup>. One was injured (see 12:35 P.M. of Feb. 14, 1992). An adult bald eagle flew <sup>75' above water</sup> past mergansers and dropped abruptly down to within 20' above mergansers and then gained altitude and dove again and separated one bird from the other 3. The merganser was unable to fly and moved progressively E, diving underwater whenever eagle approached it. It ended up approx 1/10 mi to E where, after repeated diving of the eagle captured the bird and flew to trees on E side Humphrey Head. The eagle pursued the merganser by low angle flight approach or when directly overhead darted down in abrupt change of flight. The systematic maneuver was circle 2 or 3 times to gain altitude and far enough from merganser to produce a fast, <sup>straight</sup> low angle dive and then lifted up at a sharp angle if bird dove. The final capture was by fast low angle dive. The flight was circles and straight low angle dives. The entire event lasted until 11:31 A.M. or 26 minutes of continuous pressure of pursuit. During the entire period a glaucous-winged gull and a mew gull harassed the eagle but the eagle did not react to the gulls. Also at this same time were 2 ad. bald eagles on upper ridge of Flower Island.

Feb. 26, 1992

To Anacortes and return. Left 7:55 A.M. Talked to John Saul on ferry. He said bald eagles occasionally observed carrying large limbs past his place and flying to N end Humphrey Head. He does not know where <sup>new</sup> nest is located since old one flew down last year.

On mainland alder in Colkins, small flowering trees, white, purple, in full blossom.

On return observed only 6 glaucous-winged gulls & 2 mew gulls.