

Homer, Alaska

July 13, 1992

Mary Bee (Polly), Annette and I left Homer Spit 9:08 A.M. for Gull Island, Peterson Bay and return on Rainbow Boat. Enroute approx 50,000 common murres in rafts W of Gull Island. At Gull Island as close as 30' from boat observed 1 sea otter floating on back with hind feet clasped. did not move when approached by boat at 40' away. Birds on island; (S side)

glaucous-winged gull	(x by 2 for both sides) approx.	200 x 2 = 400
black-legged kittiwake (all cliff exposures)		10 - 15000 x 2 = 20-30,000
horned puffin (on soils near top)		40 x 2 = 80
tufted puffin (ibid)		60 x 2 = 120
pigeon guillemot (in water surrounding island)		10 x 2 = 20
red-faced cormorant (near top)		40 x 2 = 80
pelagic cormorant (ibid)		80 x 2 = 160
common murre (generally distributed but in groups)		300 x 2 = 600

Other birds on trip but not including Gull Island:

marbled murrelet 6	herring gull sp.?
mew gull 18	black oyster catcher 2
bald eagle 1	surf-bird 3
double-crested cormorant 4	arctic tern 3
red-necked phalarope 8	
common raven 4	
song sparrow 2	
black turnstone 18.	

TOTAL = 31460 birds

Roger Tory Peterson on same boat but left at Peterson Bay.

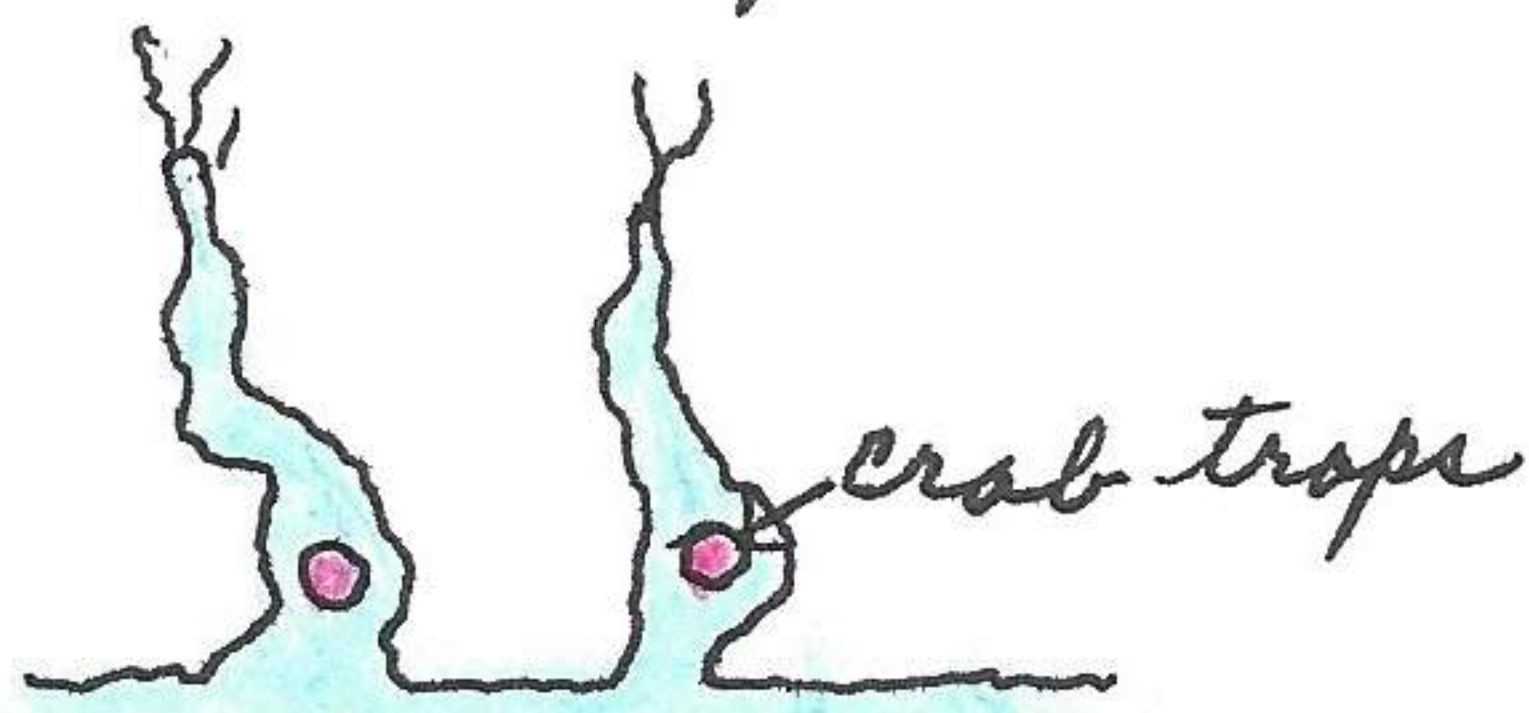
Returned to Homer and this to Steve's & Polly's home.

In evening at Steve's home observed adult ♀ and 5 chicks of the spruce grouse 15' away from the house. Chicks 1/4 size adult. Steve says 1 pr. nests and raises young at his place each year. at Mary's and Steve's home also observed 1 northern three-toed woodpecker, 2 Wilson warblers, 6 savanna sparrows, 2 golden-crowned Kinglet.

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July 15, 1992

James Rosen, a friend of Mary & Steve invited us to set crab traps on Bishop Beach in Homer area. 2 traps are set at low tide and



buoyed with plastic balls with enough rope to accommodate a 24' tide. The crabs are supposed to move shoreward during high tide. Habitat bodies used as bait