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American Bald Eagle Foundation Newsletter

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May, June Visitor Count Surpasses 11,000:

Great Enthusiasm for Natural History Presentations



A busy summer is upon us here at the American Bald Eagle Foundation, as we have had almost 12,000 visitors to our Natural History Museum this year. Visitors are treated to beautiful wildlife dioramas featuring over 160 animals in replicas of their natural habitats; an informative skulls, horns and antlers display; and an educational Bald Eagle video presentation. In addition, most of our guests have the unique opportunity to hear an informative natural history talk on the nature of Southeast Alaska by the founder of the ABEF, Dave Olerud, our Executive Director Dan Hart, or one of our four research assistants.

Education is one of the important missions of the American Bald Eagle Foundation, and since the opening of our museum in 1994 we have had over 140,000 visitors. Those coming to the museum are afforded the opportunity to get "up close" to a Bald Eagle, a brown bear, a wolf or a king salmon. They can spend time appreciating the

size, adaptations and beauty of our wildlife. Interesting features about wildlife habitats, diet and behavior are presented to them in our interpretive signs. After visiting the Natural History Museum, our goal is for people to come away with a new respect for the natural world that surrounds us all, whether you live in Southeast Alaska, Lincoln, Nebraska, or New York City.

Those of us who work at the Natural History Museum have the pleasure of hearing the "oohs and ahhs" as guests first enter our wildlife diorama room and below is a sampling of the comments that have been left in our guest book this year.

- From Taft, Tennessee: "Best exhibit I've seen!"
- From Vancouver, BC: "Impressive, life like, an excellent presentation"
- From Wichita, Kansas: "Wonderful job, both visually and educationally"
- From Jakarta, Indonesia: "Very Good!"
- From Palm City, Florida: "The kids loved it."

Director's Corner by Dan Hart

Hello again and welcome to the Director's Corner. This quarter we have some great news to share with you. Our first bit of great news is that after a lengthy battle with National Marine Fisheries and The Protected Resources Division we have finally received our federal permit authorizing us to take receipt of a seal pup carcass. This is a wonderful specimen provided to us by our local community member, Lemmie Wright. It is special because seal pup carcasses are very difficult to obtain due to their scarcity and because Lemmie volunteered the specimen to the American Bald Eagle Foundation Natural History Museum as a

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