



On The Wings Of Eagles . . .

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2000 - A MOST REMARKABLE YEAR!

One year has ended and another has begun; however, the year 2000 will go down in foundation history as a year to remember. 2000 was a year of so many new records, new affiliations, new goals, new projects, new researchers, and the list goes on and on. This first newsletter of the new year will depart somewhat from previous formats due to the inclusion of the year 2000 Annual Report. By combining the annual report in the first newsletter of the year, we complete two requirements at once: that of completing both the newsletter and the annual report during the first 15 days of the new year. Additionally, for the first time ever it will permit our members and other subscribers to view a detailed report with graphical data showing a number of the areas we constantly monitor throughout the year. We hope that in adding this new feature to the newsletter more of our members will give us their input regarding ways we can continue to improve and grow the American Bald Eagle Foundation.

Over the next few pages you will find detailed graphical representations of the data that we gather and closely monitor throughout the year. You will notice that some of the charts give comparisons of data as far back as 1994 when the foundation first opened its natural history museum to the public. You will also notice that the year 1997 seems to be another "great" year; however, I must point out that 1997 was the last year there was no admission charge to enter the museum. In spite of that caveat, there is no denying that in 1997 we did host over 41,000 visitors to the museum, and that is a very large number of visitors to a community that is home to only about 1,400 year round residents.

There will be no "Director's Corner" in this issue due to the large amount of information that we would like to present in this newsletter; however, it will return in the April newsletter. Also in the April newsletter we will debut a new section that will be written by the President of the American Bald Eagle Foundation Board of Directors. Lastly, we will also be introducing a "Letters to the Editor" section beginning with the April newsletter. This will provide a forum for members, visitors, and anyone else that would like to have their input printed. Obviously, we would love to have as much of your input as possible. To submit a letter to the editor address it as follows: The Editor, P.O. Box 049, Haines, Alaska 99827, all letters to the editor must be accompanied by the writer's name and address.

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PS-The new ABEF web site at www.baldeagles.org has now had over 8,000 visitors and is averaging over 1,000 visitors per month. Thank you for your great support.

