



Researcher Scott Gende, preparing to measure a captured adult Bald Eagle. Note that Scott keeps control of the sharp talons and is wary of the sharp hooked beak. Photo by Phil Schempf, USFWS.

(12) Comparing diet, growth rates and post-fledging survivorship of nesting pairs that do and do not have access to pink salmon (e.g., up a river that has barrier falls, or nests associated with an early run of pinks) would aid in understanding the importance of pink salmon to nesting eagles.

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