

Preface

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In November 1990 the University of Alaska, Southeast (UAS) and the Bald Eagle Research Institute hosted a symposium on Bald Eagles in Juneau, Alaska. The original intent was to provide a reader for the UAS correspondence study course, Bald Eagles in Alaska's Coastal Rain Forest, but there was also a plan to publish the proceedings.

For various reasons, the work was not published in a timely fashion. After the passage of so many years, we almost abandoned this project because only “hard copies” of original contributions were available. Nevertheless, our “ad hoc” team decided that the information contained in these papers is important enough to justify the time and energy required to produce this book. We could not have done it without the significant contribution of Sharon Baur at Alaska Maritime National Wildlife Refuge, who methodically scanned every page, photograph and graphic from the only extant complete set of manuscripts.

Clearly, additional information has been learned about eagles in Alaska since these papers were written in 1990, but we have not asked all authors to update their contributions from the original symposium. Indeed some of the authors are now deceased. We did include some recent, invited contributions to make the volume a more complete picture of Alaska's Bald Eagles at the end of the 20th century. All papers have been peer reviewed.

We believe this book is still the best compilation of information about Bald Eagles in Alaska and therefore will be useful to scientists, resource managers, students and the public. Therefore we are pleased to offer this compilation to major libraries in Alaska and via the internet.

The volume should be cited as:

Wright, B. A. and P. F. Schempf, eds. 2008. Bald Eagles in Alaska. Bald Eagle Research Institute, University of Alaska Southeast, 11120 Glacier Hwy., Juneau, Alaska 99801

Citations for individual papers would be for example:

Isleib, M. E. “Pete.” 2008. Avian Resources of Southeast Alaska: A Brief Review and Their Importance to Eagles. Pages 68-71. In: Wright, B. A. and P. F. Schempf, eds. Bald Eagles in Alaska.