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Excerpts from Annual wildlife reports,
~~Note: ~~year reports~~ ~~and~~ ~~year~~ ~~report~~~~
~~cover the~~ The reports cover the previous
year from ~~that~~ the ~~year~~ year shown (ie "1970" is
for ~~the~~ 1969 calendar year).

Did the Alexander Expedition (1907)
to Southeastern Alaska sight
any Moose? My Records I've
seen don't list it as ^{observed} a species.

1960 - Annual Wildlife report for
Glacier Bay National Monument - 1960

Moose

Rare

Fish & Wildlife Service employees report seeing tracks of a cow & calf in the Excursion Inlet area during 1958 and local bush pilot Dean Goodwin reported observing two specimens in the Excursion River drainage in the summer of 1959. Unconfirmed reports are all that can be furnished on the extension of range of this species down Lynn Canal and Endicott areas. Several attempts to verify this observation within the Monument have been made by Park Service personnel; however, no sign has been observed to date.

(Probably limited observations of what was an outercast at this time).

1962 - Annual wildlife report estimate 20
moose in the Park, - just a guess

1967 - Annual wildlife report

Distribution: The tracks of a cow moose and her two calves were discovered at South Sandy Cove in February of this year. This is the first confirmed report of moose along the east shore of Glacier Bay.

Summary of Biological Findings, Lituya Field Trip Oct 14-20, 1968.

Moose: ~~Though no deer sign was found along the outer coast~~, many tracks of this species were found in the vicinity of Lituya Bay, indicating a sizeable population. White water lily (*Nymphaea tetragona*) and other aquatic plants were present in coastal and inland lakes in suitable quantities to maintain such a population. Light grazing, probably attributable to this species, was noted on willow (*Salix* sp.) and alder (*Alnus rubra*).

Dundas Bay Patrol - 1/27-30/1969
No moose sightings reported

Annual^W Report 1970 →

Moose - Old tracks: in lowlands behind Goose and Nunatak Coves, 6/10-13; Endicott Gap & outwash areas, 8/17 & 10/27-30; NW corner of Adams Inlet, 12/16-17; thinly but evenly dispersed around Lituya and toward Echo Cr. (some fresh), 7/9-21. Dead moose (winter kill?) on Cenotaph I. Rather fresh tracks, Granite Canyon, 12/16-17.

Annual^W Report 1969 →

Moose - Old tracks seen near white rauner ridge, 5/19.
Moose tracks common in many habitats, Cape Fairweather area, 6/26-29. Fishermen reported tracks from near Icy Point, about 7/31. Four seen along south shore of Adams, 7/21.

White Thunder Ridge ← (near Inlet)

Annual wildlife report 1971

Moose - Though old tracks were seen along lower Beartrack River, 3/4, no sign was noted in the Valley proper, 3/16-18. Tracks of a modest-sized individual seen on Adams Inlet, 6/14. A young bull was seen several times at Bartlett Cove-Gustavus, 8/27-29; tracks and sightings of this? bull and a cow were reported by local residents until early October. Tracks on Pleasant Island, 10/20. No further sign during rest of report period, though a fair amount of looking was done. The usual sparse amount of sign was seen along the outer coast on three occasions during spring and summer. An interesting old record: J. Krist, Sitka, observed one swimming past the snout of LaPerouse Glacier, 1968.

Annual wildlife Report 1972

Moose - Most tracks & sightings come from the Icy Point - Cape Fairweather area: old tracks of 1-2, between Lituya & Echo Creek, 5/30-31 & 8/4-8; well-used trails in sloughs behind beach N. of Echo Creek, 8/4-8; up to 12 seen per plane flight between Cape Fairweather & Lituya, several trips, early October; sign of 2 behind Justice Creek, 1 at Icy Point, and 1 N. of LaPerouse Glacier demonstrates that at least some of the outer coast animals winter in the area. Records elsewhere: sign, Adams Island, 6/17; ditto, S. side of Wachusett Mouth, 7/22 (first record for the SW side of Muir Inlet); tracks & several sightings of a bull, Barco & Gustavus, 9/20-11/7. No evidence of moose wintering in the Glacier Bay watershed as yet.

Annual wildlife Report 1974

Wolf

Most records this year are from the Muir Inlet area: Thirteen at moose calf kill, Adams, February 23; sign of one, Nunatak Creek, April 18; one, Dirt Glacier Valley, September 26. About four used Dixon-Boussole area during May through July and November through March. Tracks seen at Beartrack, May 20. One, Pt. Carolus, February 12. A substantial pack was seen at Echo Creek in early summer.

Former Superintendent Schmidt recalls that wolves occurred occasionally at Barco, 1954-57.

Moose

Most records are for the Muir Inlet area: Six, Adams Inlet, February 23; one, swimming across Muir, June 27; tracks, Adams, August 16; one, Nunatak, September 13; tracks of at least four, McBride remnant

1973 - Annual Wildlife Report

Wolf

This year's observations came from four general localities: Dundas; tracks of 2, Fern Harbor, 6/16; one, Silver's cabin site, 6/27; two, mouth of Dundas River, 7/16 and 9/7; tracks, North Arm, 7/22. Bartlett Cove-Excursion: one or more apparently killed a horse at Gustavus, 3/20; three, chasing dog at Gustavus, 4/3; tracks, Excursion, 9/4. Outer Coast: tracks of two or more in numerous places between LaPerouse Glacier and Bussole Bay (scat contained goat remains) 4/28-5/4; tracks, Taylor Bay sand spit, 7/9; one heard, Murphy Cove, 7/10; lots of tracks, Torch Bay, 7/12; sign from mid Bussole Valley to the Bay and from there to Thistle Cove and the Dixon River, 9/24-30. Muir Inlet: sign of 1-2 at Goose-Nunatak Coves, associated with goat carcass, 3/28-29; pack of 13, Nunatak Cove, 4/28. This pack is almost certainly the same one sighted a couple of weeks previously at the mouth of Endicott River, thus the monument's largest known wolf pack apparently ranges beyond monument boundaries.

1975 - Annual Wildlife Report

wolf

1975
Wolf. Based on consideration of geography and wolf records, the monument can be divided into approximately six areas, each of which may have its own wolf pack. This year's records are treated below in terms of these areas: Outer coast, north of Lituya: tracks of five plus, Fairweather Slough, 4/26; tracks of two, Justice Creek, 4/29. Outer coast, south of Lituya: see Dixon Harbor report. Dundas-west Glacier Bay: one, Carolus River, 5/11; one, Fingers Bay, 6/23; one, Dundas Bay, 8/8; one, tracks of three, Fingers, 2/11-12. Northwest Glacier Bay: four, lower west side of Tarr Inlet, tracks both sides of Tarr Inlet, 7/7th. Northeast Glacier Bay: one, upper Adams, 9/1; probable tracks of one, Goose Cove, 1/20-23. Southeast Glacier Bay-Gustavus-Excursion: two, northern Gustavus, 4/28; tracks of one, Beartrack, 5/25; two, Beartrack, 9/7; northern Gustavus, fall and winter; tracks of one-two, Kataheena River, 1/27.

During late 1970 moose sightings occasionally sighting in Beardslee Is. Bartlett River area. ~~Not seen~~ common sighting near

1978 - Annual wildlife report

Moose- Moose and their sign are again growing increasingly prominent in the Muir-Adams area: 7 were seen in the area north of Klotz Hills, December. A rapid colonization of central Glacier Bay is occurring: another cow swimming across Tidal Inlet, 7/1; winter scat and fall antler rubbings, head of Charpentier, 6/23; fresh tracks and scat lower WoodLake, 6/16. Other records: tracks, Excursion River, 6/23; tracks Icy Point, June; tracks, Beartracks, 7/6.