

Subject:
Re: [REDACTED] hudson river
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Hi H,

I'm not sure if all our latest eagle info from "upper river" is in Natural Heritage database yet, but we captured and radio-tracked many eagles up there over past two winters, and have identified some important perching/feeding/and roosting areas. Not sure if that kind of specificity is useful to you or not; let me know.

re: "fish consumption", a quick re-look/calculation of all my nest visits and prey determinations indicates that "percentage", is way-safely over 90%, and I suspect it's higher. Of the dozens of observations we and our contractors have made of foraging eagles on the river, I don't believe I have ever heard of an observation of a prey item other than fish. Strictly from my nest visits over the past four years, a total of 55 prey items have been observed, 50 of which were fish from the river. The other five were a goldfish believed to be from a local pond, the foot of a grebe, a teal, a duckling, and a gray squirrel.

--Pete--

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>>> Helen Chernoff <helen@bcsnet.it> 08/08/00 10:13AM >>>
Hi Pete,

Thanks. In regard to my other query on Upper Hudson habitat/wildlife information, I received an updated report on the entire 200 mile Hudson River Superfund Site from the New York Natural Heritage Program, including a report on species limited to the upper section of the river. I haven't heard anything from Ted Kerpez yet. I've collected some (but not too much) information on habitats and wildlife in the Upper Hudson. If the NY GAP project can provide us with an early release of their database it will help

us a lot.

On yet another note, we are look at running a range of fish consumption for the dietary composition of the bald eagle in the ecological risk assessment. We originally used a 100% Hudson River fish consumption rate (> 25 cm), but many reviewers felt this was too high. Any suggestions?

Regards,

Helen

Peter Nye wrote:

> Helen,
> no new results yet, although they were expected in July.
> If we get, I will pass along.
> --Pete--
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> >>> Helen Chernoff <helen@bcsnet.it> 08/03/00 10:35AM >>>
> Hi Anne and Pete,
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> According to the update you provided to me in May, some of the PCB
> analyses (i.e., Nye bald eagle samples, Nye bald eagle eggs, Nye bald
> eagle prey items, great blue heron brains, and some tree swallow) should
> be completed. Would it be possible to get copies of the data for
> inclusion of the revised ERA?
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> Thanks for your help.
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> Regards,
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> Helen