

# ◆ On The Wings Of Eagles ◆

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## ABEF Hires Executive Director, Research Biologist



On November 1, 1998, the American Bald Eagle Foundation entered a new era with the hiring of its first professional staff. Dan Hart, formally the Vice-President of the Foundation's Board of Directors has become the first ABEF Executive Director, and Angie Hodgson has been hired as the Resident Research Biologist.

Before retiring from the Air Force and moving to Haines in 1997, Dan had served as the Director of Eye Services at Elmendorf Air Force Base in Anchorage. Since their arrival in Haines, Dan, and his wife Ruby, have been familiar faces around the Foundation serving as full-time volunteers for the past 1 1/2 years. In his spare-time, Dan is an accomplished professional photographer who has specialized in Alaskan nature photography since 1980. Dan's photographs can only be purchased at the ABEF and 25% of the proceeds from their sale are returned to the Foundation.

Originally from Minnesota, Angie Hodgson moved to Haines in November, 1997, to begin a Bald Eagle research project as a Research Associate with the Wildlife Conservation Society. Angie has a Master's degree in wildlife biology from the University of Nevada-Reno and has worked as a field biologist for the past seven years. Her prior re-

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search experience has included studies of coyotes, fox, ducks, small mammals, wild turkeys and owls. A summary of Angie's research results from this past summer can be found in this newsletter. When not out watching eagles and other wildlife, Angie enjoys indulging in just about any

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### Highlights of 4th Annual Bald Eagle Festival

**The Fourth Annual Bald Eagle Festival was held in Haines, Alaska on November 12-15, 1998. Attendees were greeted with beautiful, sunny weather in which to view the 2300 bald eagles currently congregated on the Chilkat Bald Eagle Preserve north of Haines. Programs at the Chilkat Center on Friday and Saturday night featured a keynote address by the former Director of the Alaska Audubon Society, Dave Cline, live bird presentations by the Alaska Raptor Rehabilitation Center (ARRC) and the Bird Learning and Treatment Center,**

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