

SE eagle killings prompt rewards

JUNEAU — As a result of recent eagle killings at Labouchere Bay on Prince of Wales Island, rewards from outraged groups and individuals in Alaska totaling \$7,500 are being offered for the arrest and conviction of the person or people responsible.

Today, an Alaska reward "pool," coordinated by the Forest Service, contains the \$2,500 reward offered under Fish and Wildlife Service regulations, the \$1,000 contributed from employees of the Alaska Region of the Forest Service and up to \$1,000 contributed by the Alaska Fish and Wildlife SAFEGUARD program, a citizen's group dedicated to apprehending game violators.

In addition, a \$3,000 reward has been offered by Ketchikan Pulp Co. and other employees at Labouchere Bay.

"Putting together the reward pool is an expression of the outrage we share with other Americans about this vicious act," said Mike Barton, regional forester for the Forest Service in Alaska.

People with information to report about the crime may do so by contacting the toll-free Alaska Fish and Wildlife SAFEGUARD number: 800-478-3377.

In a related matter, Barton discussed the subject of managing trash dump areas to prevent concentration of eagles and other wildlife.

"We usually think of landfills in connection with bear problems, but these areas also concentrate eagles and other species, making them easy targets for criminals and lazy hunters," he said.

"After considerable study, we recently completed a draft agreement with three state agencies to change disposal standards and eliminate the attraction," he said.