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Verification of Unusual Sight Record

Species: Glaucous Gull Larus hyerboreus Date: Jan. 19, 1985

Number: 1 Age: Adult Sex:

Locality (exact address or other specific information to describe location, such as x miles north of x intersection):

Salt Lake Landfill

County: Salt Lake City: Elevation:

Time: 2:00 PM Length of time observed: 30 minutes

Habitat: Dump

Distance to bird: 200 feet Light conditions: ok

Optical equipment: binoculars, scope

Observer: Richard and Ella Sorensen

Other observers who independently identified this bird:

DESCRIPTION. Write a detailed description of the bird's appearance, including size, shape, plumage pattern color, and any unique features.

- In flight
 - Pure white underneath
 - Pink legs
 - Light gray mantle
 - Pure white on ends of Primaries
 - Large yellow bill with red spot
- Perched
 - Seen through scope for a long period of time.
 - Large gull
 - Light eye
 - Light gray mantle with snowy white primaries
 - Large yellow bill with red spot
 - Pink legs

Voice and/or call notes:

Behavior:

Flew around, perched on pond, and ate garbage.

Describe what specific feature(s) you saw and/or heard that caused you to come to your conclusions:

What similar species might it have been, and how were these eliminated?

Too large for Iceland gull plus bill too large.

What experience have you had with this and similar species?

I have seen Glaucous gulls on occasions in Utah

Books, illustrations, and advice consulted, and how did these influence this description:

Significance of record in the area and/or the state:

Additional material (attach drawing, photograph, tape recording if available):

Signature:

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Date prepared: February 17, 1985 from notes made at the time of sighting.