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The Pacific Seabird Group (PSG) was formed in 1972 out of a need for better communication among Pacific seabird researchers. The Group acts to coordinate and stimulate the field activities of its members and to inform its membership and the general public of conservation issues relating to Pacific seabirds and the marine environment. Current activities include involvement in seabird sanctuaries, human disturbances, coastal surveys, seabird/fisheries interactions, and legislation. Policy statements are issued on conservation issues of critical importance. While the PSG's primary area of interest is the west coast of North America and adjacent areas of the Pacific, it is hoped that seabird enthusiasts in other parts of the world will join and participate in the PSG. Annual dues for membership in the PSG are \$10.00 and are payable to the Treasurer (address on back cover). Members receive the PSG Bulletin.

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The Pacific Seabird Group Bulletin is issued in the spring or summer and fall or winter of each year. It contains news of interest to PSG members. Regional reports include a listing of current research and information on seabird conservation. The PSG Bulletin does not act as an outlet for the results of scientific research, but welcomes articles on seabird conservation, seabird research activities or other topics that relate to the objectives of the PSG. Articles and all other materials should be submitted to the Editor. Back issues of the PSG Bulletin (starting with Spring 1974) are available from the Treasurer for \$2.50 each.

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Note: This address is only for use of people who lose track of the current officers. Routine correspondence should be sent to the appropriate council member as listed on the back cover.

Informal poll on David Nettleship's Proposal

_____ I support the proposal to expand the geographic area of interest of the PSG and to change the name of the group to reflect this.

_____ No, I do not support this proposal.

_____ I have no opinion on this proposal.

If PSG changes its name, I suggest _____

Comments on PSG's geographical focus _____

Suggestions on possible changes in system of Regional Representatives _____

My ideas on the role of conservation in PSG _____

My other concerns _____

Please sign if you would like to be contacted for further recommendations.

Signed _____

This form is to inform the Executive Council of the membership's opinion on these issues and to help it develop formal proposals.

(Please fold, stamp, and mail to the Chairman of the Pacific Seabird Group as addressed on the back)

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Dr. Harry M. Ohlendorf, Chairman
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As a member in good standing, I wish to nominate representatives:

Regional Representative (one each from)

Alaska _____

Washington _____

Northern California _____

Hawaii _____

Mexico _____

I also suggest the following nominations for officers:

Chairman-Elect _____

Secretary _____

Treasurer _____

Signed _____

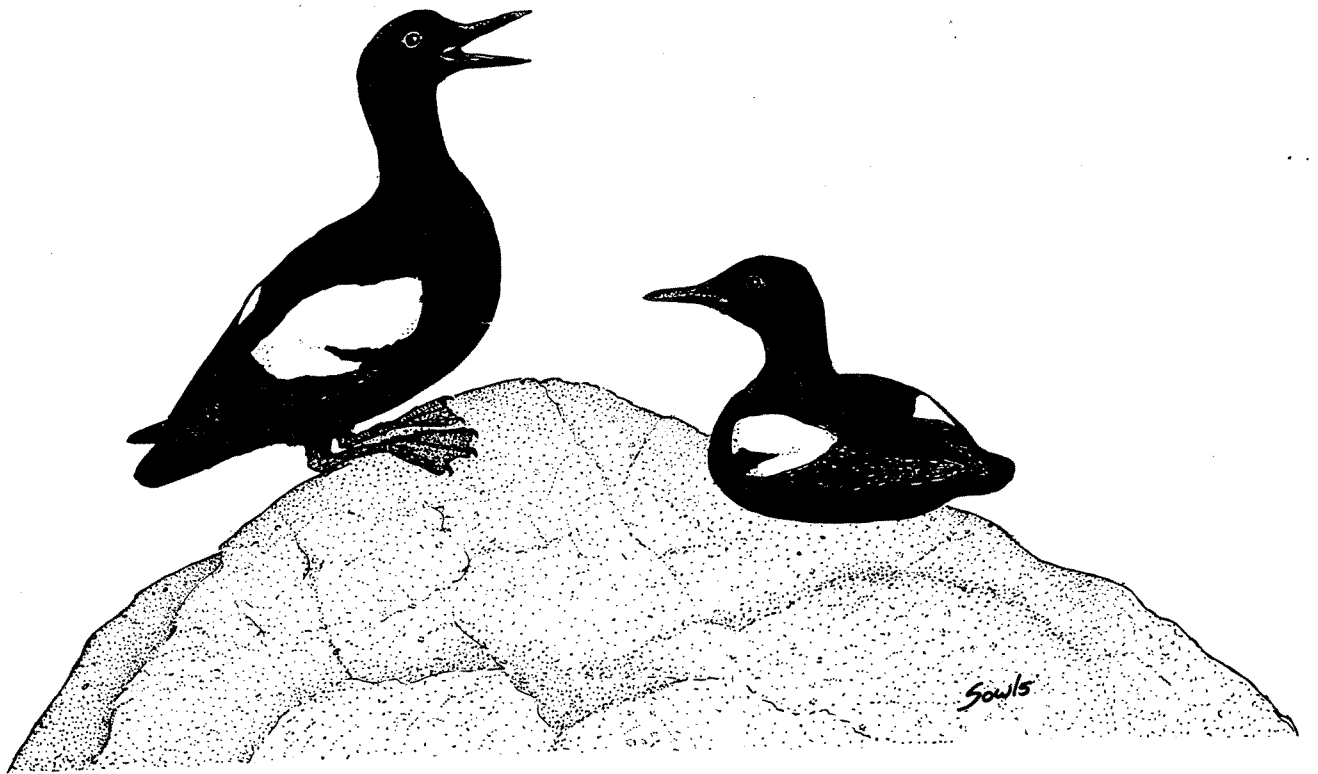
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THE EDITOR'S PAGE

David Nettleship's modest proposal (in this issue) from seabird biologists in northeastern North America has raised broad questions on the nature of the Pacific Seabird Group. These center on whether PSG is or should remain focused on the Pacific and whether PSG is primarily a scientific society or a conservation group.

The studies and interests of our members extend to all marine areas. David points out the high percentage of papers given at our annual meetings on work done outside the Pacific. The results of work done throughout the world are relevant to understanding Pacific seabird biology.

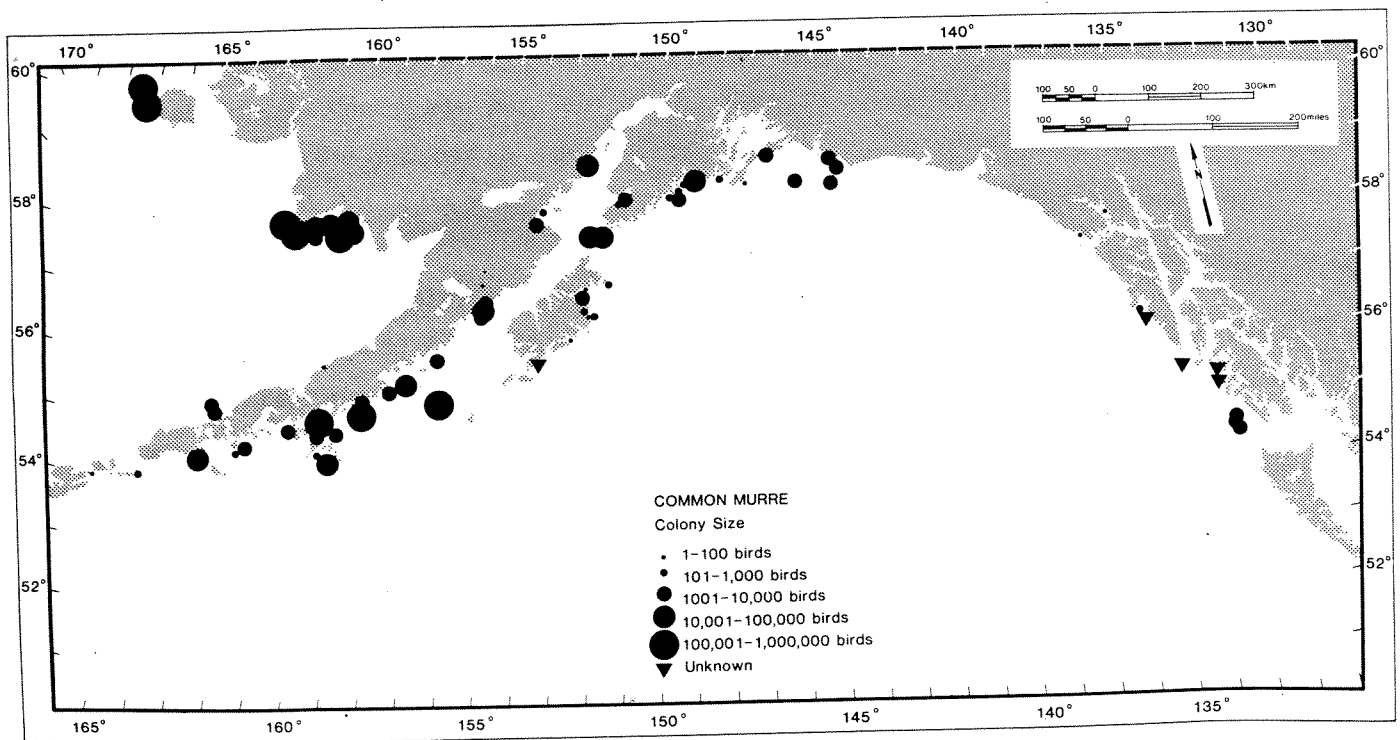
Some fear that a name change will indicate that the concerns and interests of the group have somehow become restricted. On the contrary, this is an opportunity to announce that our outlook has already widened and we are interested in expanding it. If we are interested in the world's seabirds, why not say so? The suggestion that we call ourselves the Marine Bird Society is in this spirit. Such a move will better reflect the interests of the membership and stimulate growth of the organization. If we hope ever to publish a journal, we will need about 10 times the current membership.

If PSG goes international, changes in the bylaws will be necessary. One issue which needs careful consideration is the regional representative system. How can it be changed best to reflect a broader regional outlook? Enlarging the Council is one possibility, but carrying out business might then be more difficult.

The relative importance of science and conservation in the group needs to be explored. When the group was formed, most hoped it would be active in conservation; many still feel this way. Recently the group has functioned almost exclusively as a scientific society. If we expand our geographic focus, it will be even easier to be less involved with conservation. This is a good time to reevaluate the philosophy and goals of PSG. We must decide if we are a scientific organization, a conservation organization, or some blend of the two. If conservation is to be an important activity of the group, we need to revitalize our commitment.

These issues will be addressed and important decisions made at the next annual meeting. It is important that all members present their views and help the Council define alternative solutions. Please send your ideas on a

new name, an expanded geographical focus, a new system of regional representatives, what we should do about conservation, and any other concern to any member of the Council soon. A form for gathering an informal consensus is enclosed. Letters for the next Bulletin are encouraged. Harry Ohlendorf will summarize the response received in the next Bulletin and will indicate what issues the Council will resolve and mechanisms for member participation. Members will probably be asked to vote on several of them.



THE CHAIRMAN'S PAGE

As outgoing chairman of PSG, I would like to thank members for their support and interest in PSG affairs during my year in office. Our editor expressed concern that PSG may pave its road to hell, and one past chairman (1976) worried about the effects of a decline of financial funding for seabird programs on the membership. I have attended each PSG meeting since 1975 and have observed our organization grow strong during that period even though U.S. funding for seabird programs is at an all-time low. Our last annual meeting in Seattle was a success and indicated that PSG is stronger than ever.

We are now at a crossroads in planning for PSG's future. This Bulletin contains a proposal to have PSG drastically change its course from a Pacific to a primarily North American organization. Even its familiar name, which has become dear to me and perhaps to other members over the years, will be dropped if members accept the changeover. Will the cost be worth it? Some of our Hawaiian members already have expressed concern on how the proposed change will affect them. As all the advantages of the changeover will be undoubtedly emphasized in the proposal, it is only fair that some of the inherent disadvantages are expressed in order to maintain a balanced view. My personal concern is the eventual dilution of Pacific seabird matters both in scope and in depth if we change from one to two ecosystems. Future planned closer contacts with seabird biologists in countries on the Pacific rim may also suffer if we shift emphasis from Pacific to North American issues.

It was hinted at the PSG Council meeting that if the suggested change is not accepted, 50 PSG members in the Atlantic region might leave our organization. If Atlantic members feel that strongly, would it not be better for them to establish an Atlantic Seabird Group with which PSG could maintain close ties and have joint meetings as deemed necessary by both organizations?

Before PSG members rush into a new organization with serious consequences, I would like to remind them of some relevant advice offered with considerable foresight by one of our past chairmen (Anderson, 1978):

The PSG meetings are still the best, in my opinion, that I attend each year. The PSG is still a close-knit group of friends and colleagues; and information exchanges freely at these meetings. That too might be challenged by extensive and rigid consolidations with other seabird or ornithological groups. Thus, it seems important that PSG expand its contacts and activities in working with

other such groups, but not at the expense of PSG's localized identity. Consolidation through a unified publication, but not consolidation of such organizations themselves seems to be one way of accomplishing this.

When you read this page, this conservative and sentimental fool will probably be in Chile. When I meet some interested Chilean marine biologists, I plan to ask them to join PSG, as we have Pacific issues in common. Would they still be interested in joining us if I further inform them that in the near future we may dwell principally on North American issues?

I would like to bring up one other important issue. The term of PSG Chairman allows for optimal innovation and flexibility of PSG management. Continuity, however, is maintained with the appointment of a Chairman-Elect and the longer terms for Secretary, Treasurer, and Editor. I hope that PSG bylaws will never be changed to extend the one-year term for PSG Chairman. Many organizations have the same chairman or editor for five years or more which limits maximal managerial participation by members. Such chairmen or editors are difficult to replace when they have gained much expertise; or when they are incompetent, they are not easy to dislodge before their term expires. PSG's present structure allows for participatory democracy at its best as evidenced by members selecting such an odd fellow as the undersigned to represent them in 1981.

Some further improvements can be made to maintain fair representation. About one-third of our members are women. In the eight years of PSG's existence, no woman served as Vice-chairman (now Chairman-Elect) or Chairman. As we have many capable women in PSG, I strongly urge members to consider nominating women for the position of Chairman-Elect in the next election.

See you in Honolulu. Aloha.

Kees Vermeer
9 January, 1982
Sidney, British Columbia



PACIFIC SEABIRD GROUP NEWS

A Proposal

For a considerable period now (1-2 years), there has been much discussion by seabird workers/enthusiasts on the Atlantic seaboard of NE United States and Eastern Canada concerning the need for a mechanism to better exchange information and deal with conservation issues related to seabirds. This discussion reached a peak in October 1981 which resulted in the decision to hold a meeting on 8 December 1981 at the Bedford Institute of Oceanography (Dartmouth, Nova Scotia) comprising seabird biologists from the New England States, Quebec, New Brunswick, Newfoundland, and Labrador to address two key questions:

- (1) Is there a true need for a seabird group for the region? And, if so,
- (2) what form should it take?

The outcome of the meeting combined with a widespread telephone census (to canvas the views of principal seabird investigators unable to attend the meeting) was unanimous in the belief that the formation of a seabird group encompassing the geographic area of the northwest Atlantic was highly desirable. Furthermore, the group was of the opinion that instead of forming yet another seabird group it would be better to carefully review existing options. The result of this procedure was the decision to approach the Pacific Seabird Group to determine whether its membership would consider accommodating the needs of Atlantic seabird workers by expanding its geographic area of interest to include the northwest Atlantic. As a member of PSG, I volunteered to take the proposal with me to the Eighth Annual Meeting and present it to both the PSG Executive Council and the general membership.

There is considerable merit in this proposal, not only to those of us in the Atlantic area, but to PSG itself. For some time now PSG has been functioning not only as a forum for the discussion of seabirds inhabiting the Pacific, but for seabirds over a much broader area including the northwest

Atlantic. No better indicator of this exists than the realization that a significant proportion (25-30%) of the present PSG membership reside and work outside the northeast Pacific region. This fact combined with the knowledge that about 22% of the 53 papers given at our 8th Annual Meeting in Seattle this year was from researchers based in eastern North America, as was also the case at our 7th Annual Meeting, when roughly 35% of the contributions originated from the east. All of this is telling us something. In short, it reveals two important facts: first, our name Pacific Seabird Group is not truly representative of our membership; and second, the interests of our membership include not only the marine avifauna of the Pacific but that of the Arctic and Atlantic oceans as well.

I therefore propose that the PSG undergoes a name change (e.g., Marine Bird Society)* in order to: (1) better reflect the overall interests of its members, (2) permit a wider scope of interest concerning the biology and conservation of marine birds and their habitats, and (3) identify and endorse the evolution/direction of PSG over the last decade to its present state of scientific maturity.

David N. Nettleship

*Note: new name to be decided upon by Executive Council (above only one possibility proposed by a member during the business meeting in Seattle).

Ninth Annual Meeting

The 1982 PSG meeting will be cosponsored by the Australasian Seabird Group. The meeting will take place 1-3 December at the Hawaiian Regent Hotel, Waikiki. A block of rooms has been reserved there at \$40/night. This room rate will also apply for four days on either side of the meeting days. Members are urged to contact their travel agent early to arrange group airfares of discount rates. Ward Air (Vancouver) and World Air (San Francisco and Los Angeles) have the lowest regular fares at this time.

Symposium topics will be (1) the ecology of tropical seabirds and (2) human disturbance and effects of predation on seabirds. The symposia will be one-half day each, and we hope to publish them. In addition, we will

have several general paper sessions, which will not be published. Members are urged to preregister for this meeting.

A field trip to Midway Island, 1,200 miles northwest of Honolulu, is planned for 4-7 December. Laysan and Black-footed Albatrosses, Bonin Petrels, Red-footed Boobies, Great Frigatebirds, American Golden Plovers, Bristle-thighed Curlews, White Terns, and Black Noddies are found there in December. There is a good possibility of viewing Short-tailed Albatross, Masked Booby, and Red-tailed Tropicbird. The airfare will be about \$400 roundtrip on a military air command flight. A security clearance from the U.S. Navy is required, and interested members should write immediately to Craig Harrison, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, P. O. Box 50167, Honolulu, HI 96850, for forms. A full deposit for airfare must be received by October 1.

The Chairman has appointed Stewart Fefer (see list of new members) to be coordinator of the Local Committee for the Hawaii meeting. He will be assisted by other Fish and Wildlife Service employees in Honolulu. Ralph Schreiber has been appointed editor of the symposium proceedings.

Craig Harrison, Program Chairman

Stewart Fefer, Local Chairman

Travel Information for the Hawaii PSG Meeting December 1-3 1982

The least expensive excursion fares from Los Angeles, San Diego, San Francisco, and Sacramento to Honolulu are \$420 roundtrip during the week and \$440 on weekends. World Airways roundtrip is \$350 from Los Angeles and San Francisco.

Some tour packages are available:

A roundtrip airfare and seven nights in a hotel at Waikiki for \$470 including:

- (1) lei greeting, airport transfers, tour of the city and Punchbowl Crater, tour of Hawaiian garment factory, or
- (2) a compact economy car for seven days for \$22/person, triple occupancy, or \$32/person, double occupancy.

A two-island tour (Honolulu and Maui or Kauai) is \$685/person, triple occupancy, and \$729/person, double occupancy, and includes airfare and hotel accommodations.

These fares are from San Diego, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Sacramento; from Portland or Seattle subtract \$20, from Phoenix add \$23, from Denver add \$75.

The disadvantage of these package fares is that they cannot be booked for groups and each hotel will sell only five rooms at the package price. These hotels are near the hotel where the PSG meeting will be held.

Group fares are no cheaper than the least expensive excursion fare mentioned first. To charter a plane would be much more expensive.

If you are interested in one of the tour packages, I can send you a brochure on them. I will also be happy to make plane reservations for you which can be paid for by check or credit card. December is a busy time in Hawaii and, obviously, the sooner you make your reservation, the more likely you are to be able to get one of the lower fares, which sell out quickly.

Betty Anne Schreiber, Treasurer
900 Exposition Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90007

Call for Nominations for 1982

Following are the regional seats on the Executive Council for which nominations are now open:

Alaska, Washington, Northern California, Hawaii, and Mexico.

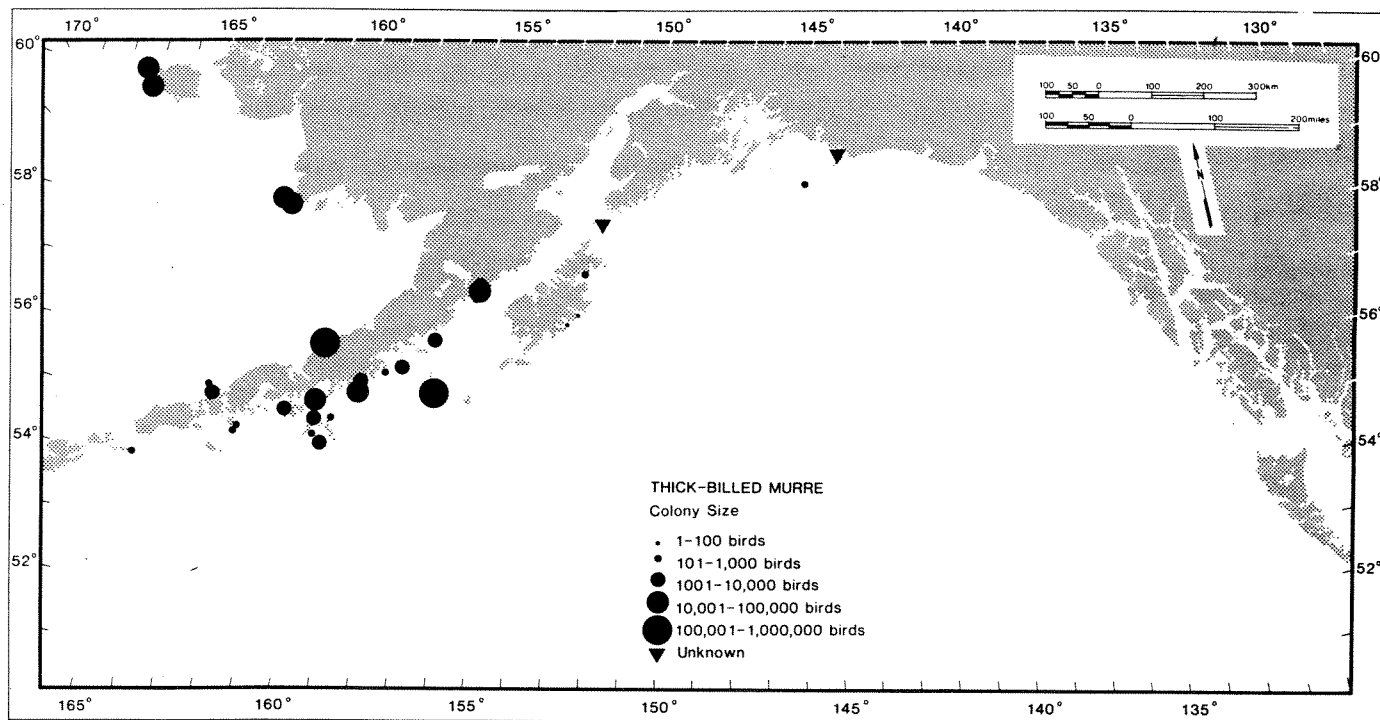
Regional Representatives serve two-year terms on the Executive Council and may continue for successive terms. The nominees must reside in the region for which they are nominated. Regional representatives are expected to (1) contact seabird researchers in their region at least once a year and report all current research in the regional report for the Bulletin; (2) keep abreast of marine conservation issues in their region and report on at least one of the issues in each regional report; send newspaper clippings on important conservation issues to the Chairman; (3) establish and maintain contact

with local conservation groups so that PSG is aware of their activities and they are aware of PSG's; (4) keep copies of all correspondence with seabird researchers and conservation groups.

Although candidates for Chairman-Elect, Secretary, and Treasurer are nominated by the Executive Council, the Council will be glad to receive suggestions for nominations for these offices from the membership.

Send in your nominations right now, before you file your Bulletin and the subject slips your mind! Send nominations (on the enclosed form) by June 1 to:

Dr. P. Dee Boersma
Institute of Environmental Studies
217 Engineering Annex FM-12
University of Washington
Seattle, WA 98195



Proposed Minutes of the Pacific Seabird Group Executive Council Business Meeting, 6 January 1982.

1. The annual business meeting of the Executive Council of the Pacific Seabird Group was held on Wednesday, 6 January 1982, at the Seattle Aquarium, Seattle, Washington. Chairman Vermeer called the meeting to order at 1015 hours.
2. Chairman Vermeer verified that a quorum required for voting was present.
3. Election Committee Coordinator S. Sealy reported the results of the last election:

Chairman:	H. Ohlendorf
Chairman-Elect:	C. Harrison
Secretary:	J. Hand
Treasurer:	B. A. Schreiber
Reps. at Large	J. Bédard
	E. Dunn
	D. Nettleship
B.C.:	K. Vermeer
Oregon:	D. Varoujean
S. Calif:	J. Froke

(Editor's Note. The Chairman has appointed Maura Naughton to fill the seat vacated by Craig Harrison.)

4. A MOTION to waive the reading of the minutes of the 1980 EC meeting was PASSED.
5. Treasurer B. A. Schreiber was absent. Secretary J. Hand presented the treasurer's report. The present balance as of 6 January is \$5,025.00.
6. Chairman Vermeer led a discussion of the possible merits of raising membership dues from \$5.00 to \$10.00 in the face of rising costs for publication and mailing of the Bulletin and our plans to provide partial funding for the symposium in Hawaii in 1982. After discussion, B. Boekelheide MOVED that the dues be increased from \$5.00 to \$10.00. The MOTION was PASSED.
7. C. Harrison commented on two points:
 - (a) Many members in some regions often receive Bulletins and other mailings long after various deadlines have passed. All mailings to foreign countries go first class and we cannot, therefore, improve on their services. To date, however, all mail that has a zip code number (such as U.S. Protectorates) has been sent bulk mail. Incoming Chairman Ohlendorf agreed to find out which of these probably ought to be treated as first class mail.
 - (b) Many new members send in money but may not hear further from PSG for many months. At a subsequent meeting of the EC, the suggestion was made that all new members be sent a postcard welcoming them to PSG, informing them of the approximate date of mailing of the next

Bulletin, and giving the location and date of the next annual meeting.

8. Possible topics for the 1982 meeting in Hawaii were discussed. Chairman Vermeer reviewed previous suggestions. In the 1980 EC meeting it had been suggested that since the meeting is to be in Hawaii, an appropriate subject would be the Ecology of Tropical Seabirds. Program Chairman C. Harrison reported that he has made tentative contacts with possible speakers, and several have expressed the desire to participate in such a symposium. A substantial contingent of investigators from the Australia/New Zealand region has also been contacted and would like to attend, and they have expressed a strong desire to have a symposium on Human and Other Animal Impacts on Seabirds. A show of hands of all attending the EC meeting indicated a general consensus that, if possible, the program committee make efforts to accommodate both topics in the symposium. D. Boersma MOVED that we accept the two topics as symposium topics, to be modified by the Program Chairman as needed. The MOTION was PASSED.
9. H. Ohlendorf reviewed several suggestions for the location of the 1983 PSG meeting, including Alaska, California (especially Asilomar), Mexico, and a combined meeting with the Colonial Waterbird Group and possibly even the British and South African Seabird Groups in Florida. A show of hands favored the Asilomar location as first choice and another location somewhere in California as the second, backup choice. At a subsequent, brief meeting of the EC, J. Hand MOVED that the 1983 meeting of the PSG be held at Asilomar, California, in the first week of January 1984 if possible, and that another site in California be selected as an alternative, if necessary. The MOTION was PASSED.
10. Chairman Vermeer led a discussion of the present activities of the various PSG standing committees. The lack of any visible activity by some of the committees was discussed at the 1980 EC meeting in Tucson and was also addressed by J. Strauch on the Editor's Page in the Summer 1981 Bulletin. A number of suggestions were made to the EC, among them the following:
 - (a) that written (brief) annual reports to the EC be required from each Committee Chairman at the EC meeting each year, to be published in the Bulletin;
 - (b) that the Chairman must more aggressively encourage action by the committees; and
 - (c) that the EC, under leadership of the Chairman, should regularly review the status of the committees to see whether they have fulfilled their function and should be terminated or should be assigned new members or a new Chairman when appropriate.

Incoming EC Chairman Ohlendorf agreed to contact the Chairmen of all standing committees during the next year, asking them to review the status of their committee and make recommendations to the EC for action.

11. The meeting was adjourned at 1230. It was reconvened by Chairman Vermeer at 1745 hours.
12. Bulletin Editor Strauch has received requests from two other bird societies to exchange publications. The problems of where to house such journals and how to make them available to PSG members were discussed. D. Nettleship suggested that we assign individuals to screen relevant publications for articles likely to be of interest to our membership, and that these articles be listed in the Bulletin. No action was taken on this suggestion. It was suggested that the best arrangement to make them available would be to house them in a major library that already has a working interlibrary loan system. D. Boersma agreed to see if the University of Washington Library would be willing to provide this service.
13. The PSG received a request for a donation of about \$100.00 to the Aldabra Appeal of the Seychelles Islands Foundation. To date, PSG has not had a policy of donating money to other organizations, and the pros and cons of establishing such a policy were debated. Our funds are already limited; furthermore, such requests would have to be carefully screened; we might soon find ourselves "besieged" by similar requests, and ultimately would be in the position of refusing many worthwhile requests. The general consensus of those in attendance was that we should use other forms of support, one of which can be publishing funding appeals from such societies in the Bulletin. D. Boersma also MOVED that the Chairman of the Sanctuary Committee, P. Sekora, draft a letter of support from the PSG for the Seychelles Islands Foundation's Aldabra Project. The MOTION was PASSED.
14. C. Harrison, Program Chairman for the 1983 Hawaii meeting, suggested that PSG might want to make arrangements for group flights from the Pacific Coast to the meeting. When further information is available about travel arrangements, it will be published in the Bulletin. Members may wish to contact their regional representative about setting up group flights.
15. D. Nettleship reported the results of an 8 December 1981 meeting of a number of seabird researchers working primarily in the northeastern region of North America. The consensus at their meeting was that these individuals - many of whom are already members of PSG - feel a need to form an organized unit specifically embracing northwest Atlantic research. Rather than form yet another seabird group, they asked Nettleship to propose to the PSG the possibility that PSG consider changing its name - which presently suggests a limited interest in Pacific seabirds - to a name that would embrace members of the Atlantic contingent, and to consider making changes in the Bylaws that might be needed to reflect this enlarged perspective. The following were mentioned or discussed:
 - (a) In 1973 and 1974, when PSG was formed, there were only four northeast members. Now, 25% of PSG members work outside the eastern Pacific region, and a large percentage of papers presented at meetings also come from areas other than the Pacific.

- (b) Name - we might select a very general name and have as many regional chapters as the membership desires (e.g., Eastern Pacific, Australasian, Northwest Atlantic Chapters, etc.). This would allow for unlimited future growth.
- (c) Annual Meetings - they would continue to be held in regions having the most members.
- (d) We may have grown sufficiently large that the term "society," rather than "group," would be a more appropriate designation if a name change is made.

After discussion, H. Ohlendorf MOVED that we explore the possibility of another name for the Pacific Seabird Group that would recognize the expanding contribution from the northeastern part of North America, and that a description of the proposal, with a ballot to poll the general membership, be included in the next Bulletin. The MOTION was PASSED.

16. The following three RESOLUTIONS were PASSED, the first two introduced by B. Boekelheide and the last by G. Divoky:

RESOLUTION 1. MONO LAKE

WHEREAS, Mono Lake, California, supports large breeding populations of California Gulls and migratory populations of Eared Grebes and Wilson's Phalaropes, and

WHEREAS, diversions of Mono Lake's tributary streams by the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power are causing a decline in the lake's water level which has resulted in an increase in salinity, and

WHEREAS, said decline in the lake's water level has caused the abandonment of the major California Gull nesting site, and

WHEREAS, recent precipitous declines in the nesting success of California Gulls and their food supply raises the serious possibility that the lake is beginning to experience irreversible ecological degradation,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Pacific Seabird Group recognizes the great importance of Mono Lake for these bird populations in the Western United States and supports the efforts of the National Audubon Society, the Los Angeles Audubon Society, the Friends of the Earth, and the Mono Lake Committee to reduce diversions of Mono Lake's tributaries.

RESOLUTION 2. POINT REYES-FARALLON ISLAND MARINE SANCTUARY

WHEREAS, the Point Reyes-Farallon Island Marine Sanctuary includes the Farallon Islands, the Gulf of the Farallones and waters surrounding the Point Reyes Peninsula, and

WHEREAS, the Farallon Islands, California, support the largest seabird breeding colonies in the contiguous United States and significant populations of breeding and migratory pinniped species, and

WHEREAS, the Gulf of the Farallones is an important migration route and feeding area for numerous migratory species of marine birds and mammals, including the Brown Pelican and the California Gray Whale, and

WHEREAS, oil exploration and development within the Marine Sanctuary boundaries is incompatible with these breeding and migratory species,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Pacific Seabird Group supports the current suspension of all oil exploration and development within the Point Reyes-Farallon Island Marine Sanctuary and desires that decisions concerning oil development within the Sanctuary remain under the jurisdiction of the National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration.

RESOLUTION 3. MEETING ARRANGEMENTS

WHEREAS, the Eighth Annual Meeting of the Pacific Seabird Group has been deemed a great success by the attendants, and

WHEREAS, this success is due in great part to the efforts and hospitality of Lora Leschner and other members of the local committee in cooperation with Gary Ballew and the staff of the Seattle Aquarium,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Pacific Seabird Group expresses its extreme gratitude to the Washington Department of Game and the Seattle Aquarium for the assistance of Lora Leschner, Gary Ballew, and other staff.

17. D. Siegel-Causey has received correspondence from Russian investigators asking if they might present papers at PSG meetings, to be delivered by proxy since they cannot attend. Two papers at this 1981 meeting were given by proxy and the general consensus of those attending the EC meeting was that this probably would be an acceptable procedure, but no further action was taken on the subject.
18. The EC approved a free membership to Dr. Hsu Wei-shu, Chairman, Department of Zoology, Peking Natural History Museum.
19. The meeting was adjourned at 1920.
20. Addenda: at a subsequent, brief meeting of the Executive Council
 - (a) D. Boersma was appointed by incoming Chairman Ohlendorf as Election Committee Coordinator for 1982; and

(b) the Council authorized that up to \$4,000.00 from PSG funds can be used to help fund publication of the Hawaii symposium, and that additional funding be sought from other sources to increase the number of papers to be included in the publication. In particular, it was agreed that funds should be sought from the Australian and New Zealand societies to help fund publication of papers on Human and Other Animal Disturbances of Seabirds.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith Latta Hand, Secretary

Treasurer's Report: 1981

Beginning Balance - checking and savings account		\$5,502.34
Income		
Dues and sale of back issues	\$1,988.10	
Interest income on savings	<u>264.92</u>	
Total Income		2,253.02
Outgo		
Expenses for Arizona Meeting, registration services	\$ 373.69	
Expenses for Washington Meeting, mailing	192.08	
Funds for Dr. R. Furness to attend Washington Meeting	400.00	
Office Expenses: postage, xeroxing, typing, mailing, labels, phone calls	399.99	
Debit Memos: two bad checks, converting Canadian currency to U.S. currency	16.60	
Bulletin Costs: printing and mailing two bulletins	<u>1,041.81</u>	
Total Outgo		<u>2,424.17</u>
Ending Balance		\$5,331.19
Decrease in Balance during 1981	(\$ 171.15)	
Betty Anne Schreiber, Treasurer		

Resolutions

Some members have expressed the desire for PSG to issue more policy statements and resolutions. Two resolutions concerning conservation matters were adopted at the Seattle meeting, but they were discussed only briefly. Regional representatives are responsible for keeping abreast of marine conservation issues in their regions. The Chairman would like those representatives who feel that an issue in their region warrants a resolution or policy statement by PSG to write a draft and send it to Bob Boekelheide (Point Reyes Bird Observatory, 4990 Shoreline Highway, Stinson Beach, CA 94970) well in advance of the Hawaii meeting. Bob will act as Resolutions Committee Chairman for that meeting and will coordinate the presentation of resolutions at the Executive Council meeting. Resolutions that are approved by the Executive Council will be presented at the business meeting for approval of the members who are present.

Slide Exchange or Sale

Many beautiful and informative photographs of seabirds are shown each year at the annual meeting, never to be seen again. Many members and others would find copies of these photographs useful for their teaching and research. George Divoky (College of the Atlantic, Bar Harbor, ME 04609) would like to correspond with anyone with ideas for establishing a slide exchange among members. Another possibility is that PSG could sell slide sets copied from members' contributions.

Research Techniques

The Editor would like to establish a regular feature in the Bulletin in which members could share research techniques. These should be short notes on a particular technique rather than long reviews of methods. Thus, if you have a trick for trapping it, identifying it, marking it, finding it, or using it, in the field or in the lab, send it along. Please supply your own illustrations.