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SCAR Group of Specialists on
Marine Living Resources of the Southern Ocean

NEWSLETTER #1

This newsletter is an attempt to establish a more efficient and time-saving communication with the members of the Group. In order that this newsletter will keep all of us better informed about the Group's activities, I hope that you will all contribute and share in this effort. Please send any pertinent news which you wish to be included in the subsequent newsletters.

In this "issue", I will summarize events/activities which took place following our Cambridge meeting in early October.

(1) STATUS OF THE DRAFT REPORT OF THE MEETING OF THE GROUP

Following our meeting in Cambridge, R. M. Laws, J. A. Gulland, J. C. Hureau and I met with George Hemmen and G. Hempel at the Royal Society in London and discussed the draft report of our meeting with them. All of you should have received by now the edited copy of the report which was mailed to you on October 15. The report has been submitted to IOC for consideration at the ninth Assembly. To date, I have received comments on the report from Newman, Gulland and Tomo. Newman's comments were minor ones; Gulland and Tomo indicated no changes.

(2) CONVENORSHIP AND STEERING COMMITTEE OF THE 1976 MEETING

I am enclosing a copy of the letter from Dr. Tore Gjelsvik, President of SCAR, in which he invited our Group to serve as the Steering Committee for the Woods Hole meeting. He also asked that I serve as Convenor of the Steering Committee. In my reply to Dr. Gjelsvik (copy attached) I accepted his invitation on behalf of the Group. It was Dr. Gjelsvik's suggestion that I issue the invitation to the meeting on behalf of SCAR. This will be followed by a formal invitation to be issued by the Chairman of the U. S. Polar Research Board.

(3) GULLAND'S LETTERS TO BOGDANOV AND SAETERSDAL

Gulland sent me copies of the letters he sent to Dr. A. S. Bogdanov, Director, All-Union Research Institute of Marine Fisheries and Oceanography, Moscow, and to Mr. Gunner Saetersdal, Director, Institute of Marine Research, Bergen, Norway. In his letter to Bogdanov, Gulland discussed the Cambridge meeting and conveyed to him our regrets that no one from the U.S.S.R. could attend the meeting. He requested some catch statistics regarding the magnitude

of the present Russian harvests in the Antarctic and Subantarctic. In the letter to Saetersdal, Gulland asked that suggestions of names for a Norwegian scientist as member of the Group of Specialists be sent to me with a copy to George Hemmen.

(4) ACRONYM FOR THE PROPOSED ANTARCTIC PROGRAM

R. M. Laws has recently suggested that the Group may wish to consider the following acronym for our Antarctic Program:

BIOMASS: Biological Investigations of
the Marine Antarctic System
and Stocks.

Sidney Holt wrote that he likes it, and Gulland, although he expressed personal regret for the loss of CRYL, has graciously accepted it!

Any comments from the rest of the Group?

(5) POLAR RESEARCH BOARD, U.S. NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES

- .. Lou DeGoes, Executive Secretary of the Board, has already reserved the Academy Summer Center in Woods Hole for our August meeting.
- .. The Woods Hole Conference in 1976 has been included on the Agenda of the Polar Research Board at its meeting next month (5-6 December). As a member of the Board, I will discuss the Group's plans for the August meeting. I will also discuss with Chairman Zumberge our request for financial support for those who need assistance to attend the Woods Hole meeting.

(6) OTHER ACTIVITIES

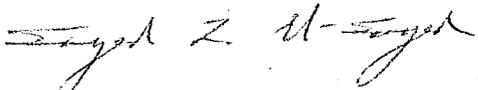
- .. On October 29, I sent a letter to Jean Prévost, Chairman of the Subcommittee on Bird Biology, asking him to prepare a draft report on Antarctic birds.
- .. Also on October 29, an invitation was sent to David Tranter (Australia) to join our Group.
- .. On November 12, a letter was sent to René Delepine (France) requesting that he prepare a draft report on Antarctic/Subantarctic seaweeds.
- .. Katherine A. Green, who has recently completed her Ph.D. dissertation at Texas A&M, (Simulation of the Pelagic Ecosystem of the Ross Sea, Antarctica: A Time-Varying Compartmental Model), has written at my request, a draft to be used in Appendix I Section 2.4 dealing with the modeling of the Antarctic marine ecosystem. The draft will be sent to Gulland who is in charge of that section.

(7) OTHER BUSINESS/NEWS

- . I am enclosing a copy of the letter of 18 October, of Professor Jan Kaczmareks (Scientific secretary, Polish Academy of Science) to Dr. Tore Gjelsvik with regard to the Polish Expedition to the Antarctic.
- . I received a letter from Professor Knox in which he expressed great satisfaction with the draft report of our Cambridge meeting. He will soon be sending me his contribution to the section's outlined in Appendix I of our draft report.
- . I have not yet heard from Sidney Holt in regard to his contact with the UNEP or the World Bank about their contribution to the \$20,000 - \$30,000 fund.
- . Don Siniff, one of our members who was not able to attend the Cambridge meeting, is now back from his trip to the Antarctic.

(8) I NEED:

- (1) List of names of persons to be invited to the Woods Hole meeting (after you have consulted with your national organization, etc.).
- (2) From Gulland, the names of persons who will present background papers on (a) International legal aspects, (b) Economic and technological problems in the harvesting of Antarctic resources.


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