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Streaked Shearwater (Calonectris leucomelas) on Laysan Island: First Documented Record for Hawaii

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On 1 August 1989 I captured a Streaked Shearwater (Calonectris leucomelas) on Laysan Island (25°46'N, 171°44'W) in the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands. Alerted by a vocalization that was unfamiliar to me, I found the bird at 2340 hrs while R.L. Redmond and I were searching for Bristle-thighed Curlews (Numenius tahitiensis) along the east side of the island. It was standing on the ground among sparse bunchgrass (Eragrostis variabilis) and within 3 m of several Wedge-tailed Shearwaters (Puffinus pacificus). No interaction was seen between the two species. We held the bird overnight at our camp and photographed it the next morning.

The photographs (Nos. 848-853 in the Hawaii Rare Bird Photographic File) clearly show the following characteristics: white head, face, and nape streaked with brown (see Fig. 1); white underparts (the breast became stained with feces during confinement); brown back feathers fringed with light gray; dark, wedge-shaped tail; pink feet and legs; and pale, bluish gray bill. The exposed culmen and the wing chord measured 51.1 mm and 302 mm, respectively; both are within the range of measurements reported for this species by Dement'ev and Gladkov (1968). I did not weigh the bird but noted that it was not thin and that it seemed healthy. Upon release on the morning of 2 August, it flew out to sea to the west and was not seen again.

Streaked Shearwaters breed from the Bonin and Pescadores islands to the coast of Japan and spend the nonbreeding season in the western Pacific from Korea and Japan south to Borneo and New Guinea (Dement'ev and Gladkov 1968, A.O.U. 1983). Adults return to breeding islands in February or March and leave when the young fledge in October or November (Harrison 1983). Based on this information, the Streaked Shearwater I found probably was either a nonbreeder or an unsuccessful breeder in 1989.

The four previous documented records of Streaked Shear-waters within the A.O.U. Check-list area are from California during September or October (Roberson et al. 1977, Morejohn 1978, Morlan 1985, Campbell et al. 1986). The only previous record of a Streaked Shearwater in Hawaii is an unsubstantiated sighting from a Japanese fishing vessel that was "in Hawaiian waters" (A.O.U. 1983). The species is not included in Pyle's (1988) Checklist of Hawaiian Birds. Thus, this report is the first documented record of a Streaked Shearwater for

Hawaii and only the fifth for the A.O.U. Check-list area.

Earlier reports of vagrant Streaked Shearwaters on land have suggested that strong winds blew the birds off course (Hayashi 1983, Wiles et al. 1987). Because there were no major storms or high winds at Laysan during the month prior to the discovery of the shearwater, the bird's arrival on Laysan was probably not weather-related. Explanations for the shearwater's occurrence at Laysan are hindered by lack of information on the age of the bird and on the length of time it was present before being discovered.

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Figure 1. Streaked Shearwater on Laysan Island, 2 August 1989. Note the streaked head and face and the light edges on the back feathers.

Photo by J. Marks

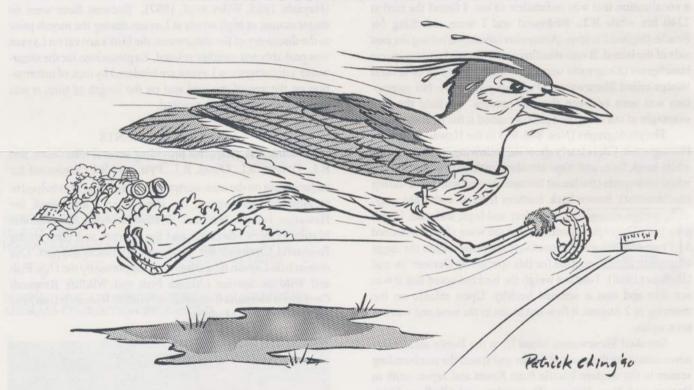
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PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO BY-LAWS

The following proposed changes to the Hawaii Audubon Society's by-laws were approved by the Board of Directors at its February and March meetings. The Board recommends a yes vote for each proposed amendment. Ballots will be sent in mid-April to all members entitled to vote on the changes. Ballots are to be returned by 15 May. The amendments will take effect upon ratification.

The original by-laws were published in the October 1977 'Elepaio. Amendments were carried in the November 1981, October 1982 and September 1983 issues.

Following are the proposed amendments. Bracketed items indicate deletions; underlined items indicate new language. The rationale for each change appears at the end of the relevant section.

ARTICLE II

MEMBERSHIP

Section 2. The classes of membership recognized by the SOCIETY are:

a. JOINT MEMBERSHIP, which covers membership in both the NATIONAL and HAWAII AUDUBON SOCIETIES. [Classes are:

Individual Sustaining Contributing Life
Family Supporting Donor Dual
Life]

Dues for Joint Membership are established by the NATIONAL SOCIETY.

Rationale for change: The National Audubon Society establishes the categories of membership in that organization and those categories do not need to be spelled out in the Hawaii Audubon Society by-laws.

b. LOCAL MEMBERSHIP, which is an option of membership in the <u>HAWAII</u> AUDUBON SOCIETY only, available to residents of Hawaii and other Pacific islands served by the U.S. postal zip code system[, and to]. Persons who were members of the SOCIETY at the time of chapterization with the NATIONAL SOCIETY (February 1, 1978)[.] may remain as local members regardless of residence. Classes are:

Regular Subscriber Life Junior [(age 18 or under] Complimentary Honorary Life

Junior is a class of membership for persons age 18 or under. Subscriber is a [non-voting] class of membership [which is] open to institutions and to any non-resident of Hawaii who wishes to receive the SOCIETY'S monthly journal, 'Elepaio. Complimentary memberships_complimentary subscriptions, and Honorary Life memberships are given by the Board of Directors, with no dues payments required. Complimentary, Life, and Honorary Life memberships are not subject to the residency requirements. All Regular, Junior, Subscriber, and Complimentary [local] memberships and subscriptions are for one calendar year, January through December. Dues for local memberships are established by the Board of Directors of the SOCIETY.

Rationale for change: The current wording is confusing and the new language is more readily understood.

Section 3. Local members in the Regular, Life, and Honorary Life classes, and all Joint members, have the right to cast one vote at any duly sanctioned meeting of the membership on any motion that may be properly brought before such meeting. They may also vote, in accordance with the procedures set forth in Articles VII and XI, on elections of officers and directors and on amendment of the by-laws. Persons in the Family [(Joint)] class of Joint membership are entitled to two votes per family, provided that two members of that family cast said votes. Subscribers, Junior members, and Complimentary members are non-voting.

Rationale for change: Again, this is language clarification. It refers to persons who are jointly members of both the National and Hawaii Societies and who have a family membership category. The Hawaii Audubon Society does not have this category for local members.

ARTICLE III

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

Section 6. Twenty-five (25) voting members shall constitute a quorum at any meeting of members at which SOCIETY business is to be conducted. The members may be present in person or by <u>written</u> proxy.

Rationale for change: This is to formalize that proxies must be written, and that someone can't appear at a meeting and say x gave him permission to cast x's vote.

ARTICLE IV

BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS

Rationale for change: We have combined the two into one article entitled Board of Directors and Officers. This is a new ARTICLE IV.

Section 2. The Board shall be comprised of not less than [two (2)] three (3), nor more than [six (6)] ten (10) elected Directors and, ex officio with full voting rights, the elected officers of the SOCIETY. The officers of the SOCIETY shall be a President, a First Vice-President, a Second-Vice President, a Corresponding Secretary, a Recording Secretary and a Treasurer, and such other officers as may be determined by the Board of Directors.

Rationale for change: We feel there is a need to expand the number of directors. As the Society grows, there is a need for persons with additional areas of expertise on the Board.

Section 3. The Directors shall be elected as provided in ARTICLE VII, and shall serve for [one] two- year terms, or until their successors are elected. The two-year terms will take effect with the 1990 election. However, for the 1990 election of Directors only, not more than five (5) will be elected for one year and not more than five (5) will be elected for two years. For the 1990 election of Officers, the President, Second Vice-President, and Recording Secretary will be elected for two years and the First Vice-President, Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer will be elected for one year.

Rationale for change: One year terms do not provide for enough continuity on the Board. We propose changing the term of office to two years. Also, half of the Board and half of the Officers would be elected each year.

Section 4. After 1990, no one individual, with the exception of the Treasurer, shall serve for more than four (4) consecutive terms as a member of the Board.

Rationale for change: Time limits on how long a director can serve in a particular position have forced us

into games of musical chairs annually. They also force someone doing a good job in a particular position for which they are eminently qualified into changing positions. And, this year, the restriction forced us to have a presidential vacancy (which was subsequently filled by the Board in February) because the incumbent was not allowed to succeed himself and we could not find a candidate.

Section 5. If by reason of resignation or death, or for any other reason, vacancies exist whereby the Board has not the full complement of ten (10) Directors or Officers, the Board may proceed to elect a [Director or Directors] replacement(s) to serve [until the next annual meeting of members] for the remainder of the unexpired term(s), with the exception that if the Presidency becomes vacant, the First Vice-President will assume the office of President. When for such purpose a Director has been elected for less than a full term, such part term shall be disregarded with respect to his qualifications for re-election for additional consecutive terms, as set forth in Section 4 above.

Rationale for change: There needs to be a clear succession when the Presidency becomes vacant in midterm. Most organizations provide for the succession so they will not remain leaderless.

Section 6. <u>Directors and Officers are expected to attend at least seventy five (75) percent of Board meetings in each calendar year. Upon missing a fourth meeting in a calendar year, an Officer or Director is considered resigned from the Board, unless reinstated by the Board.</u>

Rationale for change: We have had attendance problems at Board meetings, resulting in lack of a quorum. Hawaii Revised Statutes require Board members be present at meetings (there can be no written proxy) and that the Board cannot take action unless there is a quorum (51% of its members). Many corporations use the 75% standard recommended here.

Rest of changes for ARTICLE IV are renumbering of Sections.

Section [6] 7. There shall be at least five regular meetings of the Board of Directors in any one calendar year, and not more than one regular meeting in any one month. The dates for the regular meetings shall be determined by the Board at its first regular meeting following the annual meeting of members.

Section [7] 8. Special meetings of the Board shall be called by the President or by the Recording Secretary upon request of the majority of the Board. Notice of a special meeting may be given in person or by telephone not less than three (3) nor more than ten (10) days prior to the date of the meeting or, if by mail, not less than ten (10) nor more than twenty (20) days prior to the date of the meeting.

Section [8] 2. A majority of the Board shall constitute a quorum at any meeting of the Board.

Section [9] 10. The President or, in his absence, the First Vice-President or, in his absence, the Second Vice-President, shall act as Chairman at any meeting of the Board. In the absence of the above officers, the Board shall designate any other member of the Board to act as Chairman at such meeting.

ARTICLE V

DUTIES OF OFFICERS

[Section 1. The officers of the SOCIETY shall be a

President, a First Vice-President, a Second Vice-President, a Recording Secretary, a Corresponding Secretary and a Treasurer, and such other officers as may be determined by the Board of Directors.]

[Section 2. The officers shall be elected as provided in ARTICLE VII, and shall serve for one year terms, or until their successors are elected. No individual may hold the same office for more than two (2) consecutive terms, except that the office of Treasurer is excluded from this two-year restriction.]

[Section 3. If by reason of resignation or death, or for any other reason, an office shall become vacant, the Board may proceed to elect, by majority vote, such officer to fill the vacancy and the officer so elected shall serve until the next annual meeting of members. When, for such purpose, an officer has been elected for less than a full term, such part term shall be disregarded with respect to his qualifications for re-election for a full term or for additional consecutive terms, as set forth in Section 2 hereinabove.]

Section [4]]. The President shall direct and administer the affairs of the SOCIETY as its executive head and shall supervise all phases of its activities, subject to instructions by the Board. He shall also be an ex officio member of all committees. He shall normally preside at all meetings of members and of the Board.

Rationale for change: This now pertains to duties of officers. Section 1 is the same as old Section 4.

Section [5] 2. The Vice-Presidents shall assist the President [to] in carrying out his duties. In the absence of the President, the First Vice-President shall direct and administer the affairs of the SOCIETY and supervise all phases of its activities, subject to instructions by the Board, and shall preside at meetings of members and of the Board. The First Vice-President shall assume the office of President if that office becomes vacant by resignation, death, or any other reason. In the absence of both the President and First Vice-President, the Second Vice-President shall have these responsibilities.

Rationale for change: Conforming language to succession mentioned in ARTICLE IV, Section 5.

Section [6] 3. The Recording Secretary shall keep a record of all proceedings of the SOCIETY and of the Board of Directors. He shall see that notices of all meetings are sent to members.

Section [7] 4. The Corresponding Secretary shall conduct all the correspondence of the SOCIETY except such correspondence as, by instructions of the Board or at the discretion of the President, shall be conducted by another member of the SOCIETY. He shall preserve all correspondence of the SOCIETY.

Rationale for change: ARTICLE V, Sections 3 and 4 are old Sections 6 and 7.

Section [8] 5. The Treasurer shall have custody of the SOCIETY'S funds. He shall conduct all financial activities of the SOCIETY as may be ordered by the Board. He shall report to the Board at its regular meetings or as requested. He shall prepare the required annual IRS statement for tax exempt organizations, all other required government tax forms, and shall prepare an annual report on the financial condition of the SOCIETY for presentation to the members within [two] five months after the end of the calendar year. The annual report shall be published in the `Elepaio and a copy shall be forwarded to the NATIONAL SOCIETY. The

annual report shall be [duly audited] reviewed by a[n auditing] committee of three members appointed by the President or by a CPA. The [Auditor's] report of the committee or CPA shall be presented to the Board.

Rationale for change: This language formalizes what the Treasurer actually does. It is virtually impossible to have a financial report prepared for publication in the March 'Elepaio. In addition, if we hire a professional auditor he will not start auditing the books until bank statements for the first month of the succeeding year have arrived (i.e. mid-February). Since the tax returns are due May 15, and they are based on the financial report, it seems best to move the date to the June 'Elepaio.

Section [9] 6. All withdrawals from, or checks drawn on, the SOCIETY'S [checking] accounts shall be signed by at least two members of the Board of Directors having their signatures on file at the appropriate bank. At least three members of the Board, including the President and Treasurer, shall have their signatures on file at the bank. [Withdrawals from other accounts and] Contracts obligating SOCIETY funds shall be signed by the President (or in his absence the First Vice-President), Treasurer, and at least one other Board member.

Rationale for change: We have money market accounts as well as checking accounts. It seems best to refer to accounts and not specific types of accounts.

ARTICLE VI

AREA REPRESENTATIVES

Section 2. Written statements or letters prepared, or other actions taken, by Area Representatives in behalf of or in the name of the SOCIETY, shall be consistent with policies of the SOCIETY as developed by the Board. Area representatives shall inform the President of all such actions, in advance [when feasible or otherwise promptly afterward], and shall send copies of written statements to the editor(s) of the 'Elepaio and the Recording Secretary.

Rationale for change: Area representatives should know in advance if they are going to testify at a meeting. There is no reason they cannot alert the President to such actions in advance. Also, they should let the President know, in advance, of any letters they may be writing. A record of correspondence must be kept in our archives, of which the Recording Secretary is custodian. The 'Elepaio editors need to be informed so they can determine if the material should be published.

ARTICLE VII

NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

Section 1. The Board of Directors shall annually appoint, not later than [four] five months [(three months until December 31, 1982)] prior to the next annual meeting of members, a Nominating Committee, to consist of not less than three (3) members. The names of the members of the Nominating Committee shall be made known to the members through the 'Elepaio, or other publication, or by mail, or at a regular meeting of members, not later than one (1) month after the Nominating Committee has been constituted. Suggestions for nominations of Officers and Directors may be submitted to the Nominating Committee by any member of the SOCIETY. To be nominated, a person must be a member of the SOCIETY or have an application for membership pending, and must have given his/her written consent.

Rationale for change: The deadline date for written nominations is causing a problem with getting the ballot out on time. As it currently stands, written nominations can be submitted until November 21, which is close to Thanksgiving when the printer takes a four day holiday. This year, Thanksgiving is November 22, which means we would not be able to get a ballot to the printer until November 26. Given the time it takes to print and the hours involved in getting the mailing out, we recommend that the deadline be moved up to November 10. This then requires some other changes in the nomination calendar.

Rationale for change: The Nominating Committee needs to be appointed a month earlier.

Section 2. The Nominating Committee shall nominate candidates for Officers and Directors to succeed those whose terms expire at the next annual meeting. The Committee's report shall be published in an issue of the 'Elepaio distributed to members not later than [45] 75 days prior to the annual meeting, and shall be presented to the membership at a regular meeting of members not later than [one (1)] two (2) months prior to the annual meeting.

Rationale for change: The Nominating Committee report needs to be published in the `Elepaio a month earlier.

Section 3. Members of the SOCIETY may nominate additional candidates for Officers and Directors. Such nominations shall be submitted in writing, accompanied by the written consent of the nominee, to the Elections Committee on or before November [21] 10.

Rationale for change: Changes the written nomination deadline to November 10.

Section 5. Ballots will be counted <u>before or</u> during the annual meeting by the Elections Committee. The Elections Committee shall present its report before the conclusion of the annual meeting.

Rationale for change: Last year we received over 160 ballots. It is not possible to count them during the annual meeting and have the results announced before the end of the meeting. We suggest changing the wording to before or during the annual meeting.

ARTICLE VIII OTHER COMMITTEES

Section 1. The President, with the approval of the Board of Directors, shall appoint the Editor(s) of the 'Elepaio and the Chairmen of Standing Committees who, in turn, may select their own committee members with recommendations and suggestions from the Board. [Terms of office] With the exception of the Nominating and Elections Committees, committee membership is open to any member of the SOCIETY desiring to be on the committee. Editors of the 'Elepaio and Committee Chairmen shall [be] serve for one (1) year, or until their successors are appointed. All Committee Chairmen and Editors must be members of the SOCIETY.

Rationale for change: Makes it clear that committee membership is open to anyone desiring to be on the committee, with the exception of the nominating and elections committees. Also makes it clear that persons in a leadership or policy making position (chairmen and editors) must be members of the Society.

Section 3. Committee Chairmen, or their representatives, are to make reports at Board meetings.

Rationale for change: Many times we do not receive committee reports at Board meetings because there is no one present to give them and there is no formal requirement that they be made.

Section 4. The President, with the approval of the Board of Directors, shall appoint an Elections Committee not later than 75 days prior to the annual meeting. The Elections Committee shall prepare and distribute ballots, receive ballots and written nominations, and tally votes.

Rationale for change: This formalizes the procedures for appointing the elections committee.

Section [3] 5. The Standing Committees may be as follows and may include such other committees as may be constituted by the Board of Directors to carry out the functions of the SOCIETY:

Rationale for change: This change is a renumbering of the section.

CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

The Conservation Committee shall keep informed on local, state and national governmental policies and actions affecting the natural environment and conservation of Hawaii's native wildlife. It shall draft and recommend the SOCIETY'S conservation policy to the Board. It shall carry out the conservation policy as approved by the Board and endeavor to coordinate the actions of the SOCIETY with the policies of the NATIONAL SOCIETY insofar as conservation measures and policies of national scope are concerned. It shall keep the NATIONAL SOCIETY informed of such actions. [One of the Board members shall serve as Chairman of the Conservation Committee.] The Conservation Committee shall be represented at all Board meetings by the Chairman or, in his absence, by another committee member.

Rationale for change: Deleted requirement that the chairman had to be a board member. This is a cumbersome requirement and has been hard to fill the last two years. Also stressed that the committee must be represented at board meetings.

ELEPAIO COMMITTEE

The 'Elepaio Committee shall include the editor(s) of the 'Elepaio as [Chairman] Chair(s), and shall publish the 'Elepaio at least six (6) times a year for the members of the SOCIETY. The 'Elepaio Committee shall be represented at all Board meetings by the Chair(s), or in his (their) absence, by another committee member.

Rationale for change: Stressed that a committee person be represented at all Board meetings. It is important the Elepaio staff know what happens at Board meetings.

[PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE

The Publications Committee shall prepare any other publications helpful to the SOCIETY'S program. One of the Board members shall serve as Chairman of the Publications Committee.]

[FIELD TRIP COMMITTEE

The Field Trip Committee shall plan, organize and arrange for the proper conduct of field trips that may be participated in by members of the SOCIETY and others interested in the purposes and aims of the SOCIETY.]

[FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Finance Committee shall plan the annual budget of the SOCIETY, assist the Treasurer in the preparation of financial reports, and make recommendations and carry out plans for obtaining financial support].

[PUBLICITY COMMITTEE

The Publicity Committee shall publicize, through newspapers, radio, TV and other publicity media, the purposes, aims and programs of the SOCIETY.]

PROGRAM COMMITTEE

The Program Committee shall make all plans and arrangements for the regular meetings, except for matters relating to SOCIETY business that may be transacted at such meetings. The Committee shall make arrangements for lectures, discussions, and such other events as may promote interest in and appreciation of conservation, ecology and natural history.

Rationale for change: The National Audubon Society requires that the by-laws only list the descriptions of five standing committees: conservation, education, 'Elepaio, membership and program. We propose adding the program committee and deleting the field trip, finance and publicity committees.

ARTICLE XI

AMENDMENTS

The Constitution and By-Laws may be amended by a majority vote of members voting, as follows:

b. Voting shall be by mail. A ballot containing the proposed amendment(s) and Board's position on them shall be prepared by the Elections Committee and distributed to all members eligible to vote no later than 15 days prior to the last day for voting. Voting shall be by secret ballot returned by mail or in person so as to reach the Elections Committee no later than [7:30 p.m.] 12 noon on the last day for voting. Ballots will be counted by the Elections Committee and results published in the following issue of Elepaio.

Rationale for change: We are now using our office address. The mail is delivered by noon. The building is locked at 6:00 P.M. Thus, the ballot cut-off time should be 12 noon.

NEWS NOTES

Possible Board vacancy: There may be an opening on the Board of Directors. Anyone interested in serving on the board should call Casey Jarman, 948-7489 (work), or the office, 528-1432.

Free sticker: Three inch round bumper stickers depicting the 'Elepaio (see logo on page one) are available free of charge at the office or by sending a self-addressed stamped envelope to Sticker, Hawaii Audubon Society, 212 Merchant Street, Suite 320, Honolulu, HI 96813.

Pelagic birding trip: A special pelagic birding trip, led by H. Douglas Pratt, wildlife artist and author, is scheduled for Sunday, 15 April. The all-day trip departs from Honolulu's Kewalo Basin at 6:30 A.M. Anyone interested in going should call Robert Pyle at 262-4046. The estimated fee is \$75, payable at departure. Doug has invited Hawaii Audubon Society members to join this trip, which will operate on a non-profit basis.

CONSERVATION NEWS

Kawai`ele Sand Mining: The Hawai'i Department of Land and Natural Resources ("DLNR") in May 1988, issued an environmental assessment/negative declaration for a proposed sand-mining operation and waterbird sanctuary development at Kawai'ele, Kaua'i. In a letter to DLNR Chairman William W. Paty, Jr., the Hawaii Audubon Society pointed out that, although the provision of more native waterbird habitat on Kaua'i was in itself a worthy and desirable objective, preparation of the environmental assessment had not followed legal requirements of the Hawai'i Environmental Protection Act, Haw. Rev. Stat. Chapter 343. For example, no other agencies or citizen groups had been informed or consulted in drawing up the proposal and no mitigation plan had been developed to protect archaeological sites, human burials, or fossil bird bones (present in other sand deposits on Kaua'i's south coast) that might occur in the project.

Earl "Buddy" Neller, Cultural Resources Specialist with the Office of Hawaiian Affairs ("OHA"), who was also informed of the proposed project, proved instrumental in obtaining a similar request to DLNR for proper survey of the area from OHA Administrator Kamaki A. Kanahele, III. As a result of this timely HAS intervention plus a private lawsuit brought by Alan C. Ziegler against DLNR and the Hawai'i Office of Environmental Quality Control ("OEQC") charging acceptance of an inadequate environmental assessment, the State recently agreed to an out-of-court settlement of the dispute. A Bishop Museum archaeological/paleontological survey of the area, including test excavations, was funded by DLNR last November, and a satisfactory monitoring procedure to be employed during excavation of the future waterbird ponds was presented by the State in mid-March 1990. Also, OEQC last year began periodically including in the OEQC Bulletin a reminder of the necessary contents of environmental assessments. Presumably, it will no longer accept such documents if they do not adhere to statutory requirements.

HAS expresses its appreciation to David W. Hall and Charles W. Crumpton of the Honolulu law corporation Hall & Crumpton for their diligent pro bono work in bringing this matter to its favorable conclusion. Another example of Hawaii Audubon Society's continuing successful efforts in protecting Hawai`i's irreplaceable natural resources!

Hawai'i State Water Plan: HAS is participating in a cooperative effort to review the draft Hawai'i Water Plan. HAS is specifically assessing the plan with a focus on stream protection and watershed management. Public hearings on the plan began in mid-March, and written comments from the public must be received by the DLNR by 17 April 1990. Pursuant to the State Water Code, all but the water quality component of the plan has to be approved by the Commission on Water Resource Management by 1 July 1990.

Legislative Update: HAS testified before the State Legislature on four bills relating to Hawaiian endangered species. Although the bills were held in their respective committees, HAS was asked to work with Susan Miller, Hawai'i representative of the Natural Resources Defense Council, in drafting two resolutions for possible introduction this session. One of the resolutions requests the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service ("FWS") to re-establish recovery teams for Hawaiian endangered species; the second asks FWS to designate critical habitat for Hawaiian endangered species. HAS will support these resolutions if and when they are heard.

HAS along with others testified in support of H.B. 2897, which, in its original form, authorized the State to adequately respond to spills and leaks of hazardous substances in Hawai'i. Unfortunately, like the Senate companion bill, HAS feels that H.B. 2897 was amended to the point where we find it difficult to support. For example, the use of pesticides and fertilizers is made exempt from the bill's provisions, and natural resources are not given the same protection as the environment and human health. We were disappointed that amendments to these bills were not made in the interest of the public and appear to reflect those of special-user groups.

Patricia Tummons, representing the League of Women Voters, and Lola Mench of the Sierra Club are meeting with decision-makers on the amendments and have promised to keep HAS informed.

Other bills supported by HAS included H.B. 3403, which encourages and authorizes the State to plant trees on suitable state lands. Unfortunately, our recommendation to use the term "native species of trees" was not added to the proposed legislation. HAS testified in support of S.B. 3127, which would transfer jurisdiction over Kawai Nui Marsh from the City and County of Honolulu to the State, and H.B. 2217, which would require a 30-day public comment period for state environmental assessments/ negative declarations. Patricia Tummons continues to track and present testimony on behalf of HAS and others on legislation relating to plant and animal quarantine procedures.

Finally, HAS is supporting Senate Concurrent Resolution 70 and Senate Resolution 61 (identical), which request the Hawai'i Department of Transportation ("DOT") to prepare an environmental impact statement for its roadside herbicide spraying program throughout the state and to notify the public of decisions to spray. There is broad community opposition to the amount of poisons DOT sprays on our roadsides and to the fact that the public is not notified of the spraying. Adults and school children, pets, edible fruits and vegetables, and non-target species of plants and animals are affected. The HAS membership can help in this effort by calling Senator Donna Ikeda's office (548-7800 Honolulu) and asking her to schedule the resolutions for public hearing, if she has not done so already. In addition, write up your testimony in support of these resolutions and present it at the hearings if they are scheduled.

Meetings: HAS and others met with John Doebel, Assistant Regional Director Refuges and Wildlife, FWS Region 1, and John Ford, Pacific Islands Land Protection Coordinator, FWS, in Honolulu on 9 March 1990. Present at the meeting were M. Casey Jarman and Marjorie Ziegler for Hawaii Audubon Society, Alan Burdick for Sierra Club, Susan Miller for Natural Resources Defense Council, and David Boynton representing environmental interests on Kaua'i. We discussed Department of Interior appropriations, land acquisitions in Hawai'i, clean up of Tern Island by the U.S. Department of Defense, the proposed water diversion of Wailua River on Kaua'i and its impact on the Hanalei National Wildlife Refuge and taro farmers, and the operation and management of National Wildlife Refuges in Hawai'i.

HAS was invited to participate in the Aloha 'Aina Congress held in Honolulu on 11 March 1990. Roughly 40 organizations involved in land-use issues in Hawai'i were present. Discussions were held on networking, coalition building, the possible establishment of a political action committee, geothermal energy development in Hawai'i, and land-use initiative. A steering committee for the Aloha 'Aina Congress is now being organized and met for the first time on 26 March 1990, at the Pahoa Community Center on the Big Island of Hawai'i. Subsequent steering and other committee meetings will be held on the islands.

HAS and others met with Senator Daniel Inouye on 14 March 1990. Hawai'i Earth Day coordinators Rick Scudder, Linda Day, and Peter Rappa met with the Senator first. Next, Sierra Club leaders Deborah Shiraishi and Don Schlack discussed federal clean air legislation. The last group consisting of Marjorie Ziegler, HAS, Patricia Tummons, League of Women Voters, and Laurie Veatch, O'ahu Rainforest Action Group, discussed several matters with Senator Inouye, including Department of Interior appropriations, federal clean air legislation, and alternative energy sources including the proposed 500-megawatt geothermal energy development in Hawai'i. HAS emphasized the need to obtain adequate resources to manage and protect Hawai'i's native species and their habitat. We provided Senator Inouye and his aides with information on the endangered species situation in Hawai'i along with recommendations and asked him to support federal budget recommendations provided to Congress in March 1990 by the National Audubon Society.

Other Conservation Matters: HAS is reviewing the Hawai'i Department of Agriculture's proposed rules and list relating to the importation of birds in Hawai'i. The Department is amending its rules, which will be up for public hearing soon.

HAS is also involved in the proceedings to develop a golf course at the Waihe'e wetlands on Maui, which provides habitat for endangered Hawaiian waterbirds, and is looking into securing the Kanaha Pond, including improving water quality. On the island of Hawai'i, HAS is following proposed golf courses and studying legislation at the county level relating to golf course development. The proposed water diversion of Wailua River on Kaua'i for hydroelectric development may have an adverse impact on the Hanalei National Wildlife Refuge, which provides habitat for all four of Hawai'i's endangered waterbirds. HAS would like to see appropriate government agencies take action to ensure that this public resource is adequately protected.

The Environmental Legislative Network's banquet planned for 20 April 1990 has been postponed.

If you would like more information on any of the items above or want to help with HAS conservation efforts, please call Marjorie Ziegler, HAS Conservation Committee, 528-1432. All are encouraged to attend the HAS Conservation Committee meetings held every second Monday of the month, 6:00 P.M. before the HAS Board meetings (which are also open) at the HAS office, 212 Merchant Street, Room 320, Honolulu. If you plan to attend, call in advance or on the night of the meeting, so we can make arrangements to let you into the building.

WILDLIFE ART SHOW CALL FOR ENTRIES DRAWS HEAVY RESPONSE

Both the Hawaii Audubon Society and Pacific Island Arts Gallery have been flooded with requests for the call for entries in the Society's 1990 Wildlife Art Exposition. There is unprecedented artist and artist-group response and interest. In 1989 many of Hawai'i's finest artists, including Patrick Ching, who won first prize in the acryllic category, and Richard Mortemore, Hawai'i State Conservationist in 1987, entered. The exposition is the largest wildlife art exhibit of its kind held in Hawai'i.

This year the opening reception and auction will be on Saturday, 16 June, from 5 to 9 P.M. at Pacific Island Arts Gallery, North Shore Marketplace, 66-250 Kamehameha Highway, Hale'iwa, HI. The HAS will retain a portion of the auction proceeds. Members and their friends are invited to attend the opening night festivities. For information on participating in the show, see the call for entries below.

ATTENTION ARTISTS AND PHOTOGRAPHERS--CALL FOR ENTRIES

Plans are underway for the Hawaii Audubon Society's Annual Wildlife Art Exposition, contest, and sale. Once again, the event will be hosted by Pacific Island Arts Gallery in Hale iwa in June 1990. The opening night festivities, auction, and awards ceremony will be on Saturday, 16 June, 5:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. Subject matter is limited to any species of mammal, bird, fish, invertebrate, or plant residing in the Pacific region, extending from northernmost Hawai'i, east to the

Galapagos, and all of Polynesia and Micronesia. To receive an entry form, send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to Wildlife Art Exposition, Hawaii Audubon Society, 212 Merchant Street, Room 320, Honolulu, HI 96813.

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The Hawaii Audubon Society acknowledges, with thanks, a substantial gift from Allen H. Davis, Jr., of Wayne, Maine, in memory of his sister, Miriam Nichols Davis. Miss Davis was a long-time resident of Hawai'i, a life member of HAS, and a participant in our meetings and field trips. She was particularly interested in birds and marine life. The Society extends its condolences to Mr. Davis.

APRIL FIELD ACTIVITY

The Hawaii Audubon Society will conduct a 3-4 mile hike (1/2 day) at Palikea in the Wai'anae Mountains on O'ahu. Lorin Gill will lead the hike, which features native mesic forest; possible White-tailed Tropicbirds, 'Apapane, Common (O'ahu) 'Amakihi, Pueo, 'Elepaio, and 'liwi; rare invertebrates; and spectacular views. Hiking shoes, rain gear, binoculars, camera, water, and lunch are recommended. We will be meeting in front of the State Library on Punchbowl Street at 7:30 A.M. or at the Makakilo Food Pantry at 8:30 A.M. Contact Bruce Eilerts for more information, 599-4795 (eves.)

HELP WANTED FOR APRIL MAILING

Elsewhere in this issue is a list of proposed changes to the HAS bylaws. A special mailing, including the proposed changes and a ballot, will be sent to all members entitled to vote. We need your help in stuffing and sealing envelopes. The mailing party will be on Saturday, 14 April, at 12 noon at the HAS office, 212 Merchant Street, Suite 320. Refreshments will be served. Please call Lynne Matusow at 531-4260 if you can help.

COME JOIN US AND PUPPETS ON THE PATH SATURDAY, 21 APRIL

Puppets on the Path, Hawai'i's environmental education and entertainment troupe that mixes music and puppetry with messages on universal conservation concerns, will present its Pacific Treasures show on Saturday, 21 April, at 12 noon at Honolulu's McCov Pavilion in Ala Moana Park. HAS is sponsoring this special presentation, part of the Keiki Art Festival.

The Pacific Treasures show depicts the life stories of some shoreline and ocean denizens from Pacific waters, blending music, puppetry, and people. We will meet Moana, a young Hawaiian Green Sea Turtle, Maka, a Hawaiian Monk Seal, Baby Melody Humpback Whale, and the marine villain, Flotsam and Jetsam.

HAS urges you to save this date, bring your children, your neighbor's children, and your friends to see Puppets on the Path and to participate in the other activites at the Festival. Prior to the noon performance there will be a workshop on puppetry, where the keiki can learn firsthand how puppets are made and how to make them work. There will be arts and crafts activities and games for the children throughout the free Festival, which runs from 10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.

This event is in lieu of April's general meeting.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Apr. 9 (Mon.) Conservation Committee meeting at the HAS office at 6:00 P.M. Call Marjorie Ziegler for details, 528-1432 (wk), 247-5318 (hm)

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Apr. 21 (Sat).	Special meeting with performance by Puppets on the Path at the McCoy Pavilion, Ala Moana Park, 12:00 noon. Details inside.
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