

ONTARIO BIRD BANDING ASSOCIATION

MAY 1973 NEWSLETTER

THE MAY MEETING WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY, MAY 26 AT THE WYE MARSH WILDLIFE CENTRE, MIDLAND, (90 MILES NORTH OF TORONTO).

MEMBERS WITH CANOES SHOULD BRING THEM IF THEY WISH TO EXPLORE THE MARSH, BUT THERE ARE SEVERAL GOOD TRAILS AROUND THE MARSH WHICH WILL BE ALIVE WITH BIRDS. THE BOARD WALK FOR INSTANCE, HAS BOTH LONG AND SHORT-BILLED MARSH WRENS, NESTING MARSH HAWKS, SEVERAL SPECIES OF NESTING WARBLERS, SPARROWS, FLYCATCHERS, ETC.

MEMBERS SHOULD MEET AT THE CENTRE AT 10AM, BUT COME ANYTIME AS THERE IS PLENTY TO SEE AND DO. A LUNCH CAN BE PROVIDED IF YOU COULD LET ME KNOW IN ADVANCE.

THE VILLAGE OF SAINTE MARIE-AMONG-THE -HURONS IS WITHIN WALKING DISTANCE OF THE MARSH FOR THOSE WHO ARE INTERESTED IN THE HISTORY OF HURONIA.

THERE ARE MOTELS AND CAMPING FACILITIES IN THE TOWN FOR ANYONE WHO WISHES TO STAY OVERNIGHT AND PERHAPS TAKE A BOAT TRIP TO BEAUSOULIET ISLAND THE FOLLOWING DAY.

A GREY COACH LEAVES THE BAY AND DUNDAS TERMINAL, TORONTO EARLY IN THE MORNING AND ARRIVES IN MIDLAND AROUND 10.30. IF YOU WISH TO TAKE THE BUS, PLEASE LET ME KNOW SO THAT YOU CAN BE MET AT THE MIDLAND TERMINAL. CHECK WITH THE TERMINAL FOR SCHEDULES. RETURN FARE, MIDLAND/TORONTO IS \$7.90.

FOR THOSE WHO PLAN TO DRIVE, TAKE THE 400 HIGHWAY FROM TORONTO TO BARRIE, CHANGE TO THE # 27. JUST BEFORE YOU GET TO MIDLAND, TAKE THE #12 AND FOLLOW THE SIGNS TO THE WYE MARSH.

WRITE OR TELEPHONE JAYNE EVANS, P.O. BOX 551 MIDLAND, 703-549-2106.

▲ THE JUNE MEETING AT THE LUTHER MARSH HAS BEEN CANCELLED. ANOTHER MEETING IS BEING PLANNED AND WILL BE ANNOUNCED IN THE NEXT NEWSLETTER.

▲ THE APRIL MEETING AT KORTRIGHT PARK WAS ATTENDED BY OVER 20 MEMBERS AND FRIENDS. THE PARK BIOLOGIST, BOB WENTING GUIDED US AROUND AND WE WERE FORTUNATE ENOUGH TO GET A CLOSE LOOK AT THE PARK'S LATEST ADDITION, THE HAWIIAN OR NE NE GOOSE (2 FEMALES AND 1 MALE). SOMETHING INTERESTING TO KNOW IS THAT KORTRIGHT PARK HAS THE ONLY PAIR OF WHISTLING SWANS IN THE WORLD THAT ARE BREEDING IN CAPTIVITY.

▲ O.B.B.A. EXHIBIT AT THE F.O.N. ANNUAL MEETING

THE F.O.N. ANNUAL MEETING TOOK PLACE ON APRIL 27 -29 AT THE INN ON THE PARK, TORONTO. THE WHOLE MEETING WAS INFORMATIVE AND ENJOYABLE, WITH A VERY GOOD ATTENDANCE. VERY FEW, IF ANY OF THE PEOPLE THERE MISSED OUR DISPLAY, CERTAINLY WE RECEIVED A GREAT DEAL OF ATTENTION, PERHAPS EVEN MORE THAN DID THE "MOMIED" DISPLAYS!!!

THE IDEA WAS TO TRY TO EXPLAIN BANDING (HOW AND WHY) WITH TRAPS, RECOVERY MAPS, PHOTOGRAPHS AND SLIDES. THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS WERE KIND ENOUGH TO LEND A FEW OF THEIR SLIDES: JIM ANDERSON, DON BALDWIN, DAVID BREWER, MARSHALL FIELD, FRANK McGUIGAN, JO ANN MURRAY, HAROLD RICHARDS, JOHN ROBERTS, DENNIS RUPERT, FRAN WESTMAN. PHOTOGRAPHS WERE LENT BY: SHEILA FOWLER, GEOFF HOLROYD, HOWARD MCCARTHY, AND FRANK McGUIGAN. AN OIL PAINTING WAS LOANED FOR THE DISPLAY OF A PEREGRINE FALCON, BY DOMINIC DI CARLO. HAROLD RICHARDS LENT A BAL-CHATRI AND A POTTER TRAP AND DAVID BREWER LENT A MIST NET.

A PROJECTOR WAS RENTED FROM BAUMAN COLOUR PRINTING, RESEARCH RD., LEASIDE, TORONTO. MR. BAUMAN WAS VERY CONSIDERATE OF OUR FINANCIAL STATUS AND ONLY CHARGED FOR TWO DAYS INSTEAD OF THREE. IF ANYONE IS LOOKING FOR SUCH SERVICES AS ARE OFFERED BY MR. BAUMAN -- LOCK HIM UP..... THE SCREEN WAS LOANED THROUGH GEOFF HOLROYD, WHO ALSO LENT BANDS OF ALL SIZES. MICHAEL BRADSTREET AND BOB SUTHERLAND LENT COLOUR BANDS AND LEG JESSES. BILL WASSERFALL AND HEATHER HOWKINS BOTH HELPED TO SET THINGS UP AND TO GET EVERYTHING IN WORKING ORDER AND DON BALDWIN, WHO DROPPED BY ON SATURDAY, WAS ROPED IN TO RELIEVE ME WHILE I WENT FOR A MUCH DESIRED LUNCH! - THANKS, DON!

ONE OF DENNIS RUPERT'S SLIDES WAS OF A WHISTLING SWAN WITH A NECK BAND WHICH JOHN LIVINGSTON CLAIMED AS BEING ONE OF THE SWANS HE Banded A COUPLE OF YEARS PREVIOUSLY! MARSHALL FIELD'S SLIDES OF HAWKS AND DENNIS RUPERT'S SLIDES OF OWLS WERE DEFINITELY A DRAWING POINT - I HAVE YET TO MEET THE PERSON WHO ISN'T FASCINATED BY RAPTORS!

- ▲ O.B.B.A. HAS A NEW BROCHURE, DESCRIBING THE ASSOCIATION. IF ANYONE WOULD LIKE TO TAKE A FEW OF THESE TO DISTRIBUTE TO THEIR LOCAL NATURE CLUB OF FELLOW BANDERS, ETC., PLEASE LET ME KNOW AND I WILL SEND THEM TO YOU. THE MORE THE MERRIER!

- ▲ WHILE BANDING AT POINT PELEE LAST SEPTEMBER, I CAUGHT TWO HY FEMALE SHARP-SHINNED HAWKS THAT HAD ALREADY BEEN Banded. THE FIRST BIRD HAD BEEN Banded TWO DAYS EARLIER AT WHEATLY BY JACK HOLT, AND THE OTHER HAD BEEN Banded AT L.P.B.O. BY MIKE BRADSTREET, FIVE DAYS EARLIER.

I ALSO RECEIVED THREE REPRIS WHICH DIDN'T RIGHTLY BELONG TO ME -- TWO OF SAW-WHET OWLS AND ONE OF A MALE SHARPIE. THEY WERE ALL Banded BY THE PERSONNEL OF THE POINT PELEE BIRD OBSERVATORY AND RETRAPPED BY THE SAME.

633-46743 UNKNOWN AGE AND SEX, SAW-WHET OWL Banded OCT.30, 1969 RETRAPPED OCT.30, 1972 EXACTLY 5 YEARS LATER.

324-20487 SAW-WHET OWL, UNKNOWN SEX, AT LEAST ONE YEAR OLD WHEN Banded ON NOV.1, 1971 RETRAPPED OCT.30, 1972

693-88743 MALE SHARPIE HY Banded OCT.10, 1970 RETRAPPED OCT 20, 1972.

THESE CERTIFICATES HAVE BEEN FORWARDED TO DENNIS RUPERT FOR DISTRIBUTION TO THE PROPER OWNERS.

- ▲ AUGUST 23 - 26, 1973 IS THE TIME TO SET ASIDE FOR THE CANADIAN NATURE FEDERATION'S CONFERENCE DOWN EAST. IT WILL BE HELD AT ACADIA UNIVERSITY, WOLFVILLE, NOVA SCOTIA. ONE OF THE EVENING'S AGENDA INCLUDES AN OLD-FASHIONED LOBSTER BOIL.... SINCE I HAVEN'T HAD A DECENT TASTE OF LOBSTER SINCE I LIVED IN NOVA SCOTIA, GUESS WHO INTENDS TO ATTEND THIS CONFERENCE? !!! NOVA SCOTIA IS BEAUTIFUL AT ANY TIME OF THE YEAR, BUT IN AUGUST, THERE WILL BE MANY MIGRATING SHOREBIRDS, ETC. AND THIS WILL BE AN IDEAL WAY TO SPEND A VACATION..... WRITE TO THE CANADIAN NATURE FEDERATION FOR FURTHER DETAILS....

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4 THE HALTON REGION CONSERVATION AUTHORITY WOULD LIKE TO INTRODUCE A NEWLY DEVELOPED CONSERVATION AREA TO THE SURROUNDING NATURALISTS CLUBS. THE MOUNTSBERG WILDLIFE CENTRE IS LOCATED 30 MILES WEST OF TORONTO, 5 MILES SOUTH-WEST OF CAMPBELLVILLE EXIT ON HWY #401.

THE AREA CONSISTS OF A 500 ACRE MAN-MADE MARSH SURROUNDED BY 700 ACRES OF OPEN FIELDS AND WOODLANDS. THOUSANDS OF MIGRATING WATERFOWL USE THE AREA BOTH IN SPRING AND FALL. HUNDREDS OF WATERBIRDS NEST IN THE AREA AND MANY YOUNG BROODS CAN BE OBSERVED FROM THE OBSERVATION TOWERS AND MARSH TRAILS. THE FLORAIN THE AREA IS MOST FASCINATING DUE TO VARIATIONS OF THE LANDSCAPE.

IN OCTOBER 1973 , THE AUTHORITY HOPES TO OPEN THE NEW WILDLIFE CENTRE. THIS BUILDING WILL FEATURE A 100 SEAT AUDITORIUM, 3 CLASSROOMS, A LIBRARY AND A CAFETERIA.

THIS BUILDING CAN BE RENTED BY INDIVIDUAL CLUBS AS A MEETING PLACE. ADMISSION TO THE AREA IS \$1 PER CAR. MORE INFORMATION CAN BE OBTAINED BY WRITING OR PHONING THE CENTRE AT : THE MOUNTSBERG WILDLIFE CENTRE, 225 MAIN ST., MILTON, ONT. L9T 1N9 TEL. 854-9818

4 operation dolphin..... THE TRADITIONAL METHOD OF CAPTURING TUNA FISH FOR MARKET FORMERLY EMPLOYED HOOK AND LINE. SOME TUNA ARE LOCATED BY SIGHTING DOLPHIN, WHICH THE TUNA USUALLY ACCOMPANY. THE TUNA FLEET HAS NOW SWITCHED TO A MORE PRODUCTIVE METHOD CALLED PURSE SEINING... A NET PERHAPS A MILE LONG IS TOWED BY A SHIP IN AN ENCIRCLING MANEUVER UNTIL THE LOOP IS CLOSED. THIS ALSO TRAPS THE DOLPHIN AND MANY THOUSANDS ARE INJURED AND KILLED "ACCIDENTALLY". THE TUNA INDUSTRY ESTIMATES ABOUT 200,000, THE U.S. GOVERNMENT ESTIMATES HIGHER AND SMITHSONIAN SCIENTISTS ESTIMATE UP TO 900,000 ARE KILLED YEARLY.

CONGRESS HAS PASSED A "MARINE MAMMAL PROTECTION ACT", WHICH VIRTUALLY EXEMPTS THE DOLPHIN FROM PROTECTION FROM "INCIDENTAL" (ACCIDENTAL- BY CHANCE) METHODS- WHICH WILL PRODUCE THE LOWEST FEASIBLE FATALITIES -". OF COURSE, THE FISHERMEN ARE NOT SADISTS AND DO NOT WISH ANY HARM ON THE DOLPHIN, BUT THE ECONOMIC ADVANTAGE OF PURSE SEINING OVER FORMER METHODS RELEGATES HUMANE CONSIDERATIONS AND CONSERVATION SECONDARY.

TUNA ARE PRESENTLY OVER EXPLOTTED AND WITH COLLAPSE OF THE FISHERY IN THE FUTURE POSSIBLE, YOU CAN GUESS HOW WILLING PEOPLE WILL BE TO SPEND LARGE SUMS OF MONEY TO FIND WAYS TO SAVE DOLPHINS. THEREFORE YOU AND I AND THOUSANDS OF US SHOULD MAKE IT ECONOMICALLY DESIRABLE BY THE TUNA INDUSTRY TO CEASE THE USELESS SLAUGHTER OF DOLPHIN. ALL OF US MUST CO-OPERATE TO BE SUCCESSFUL, SO PLEASE DO THIS:

1) BOYCOTT TUNA PRODUCTS, INCLUDING CAT AND DOG FOOD.

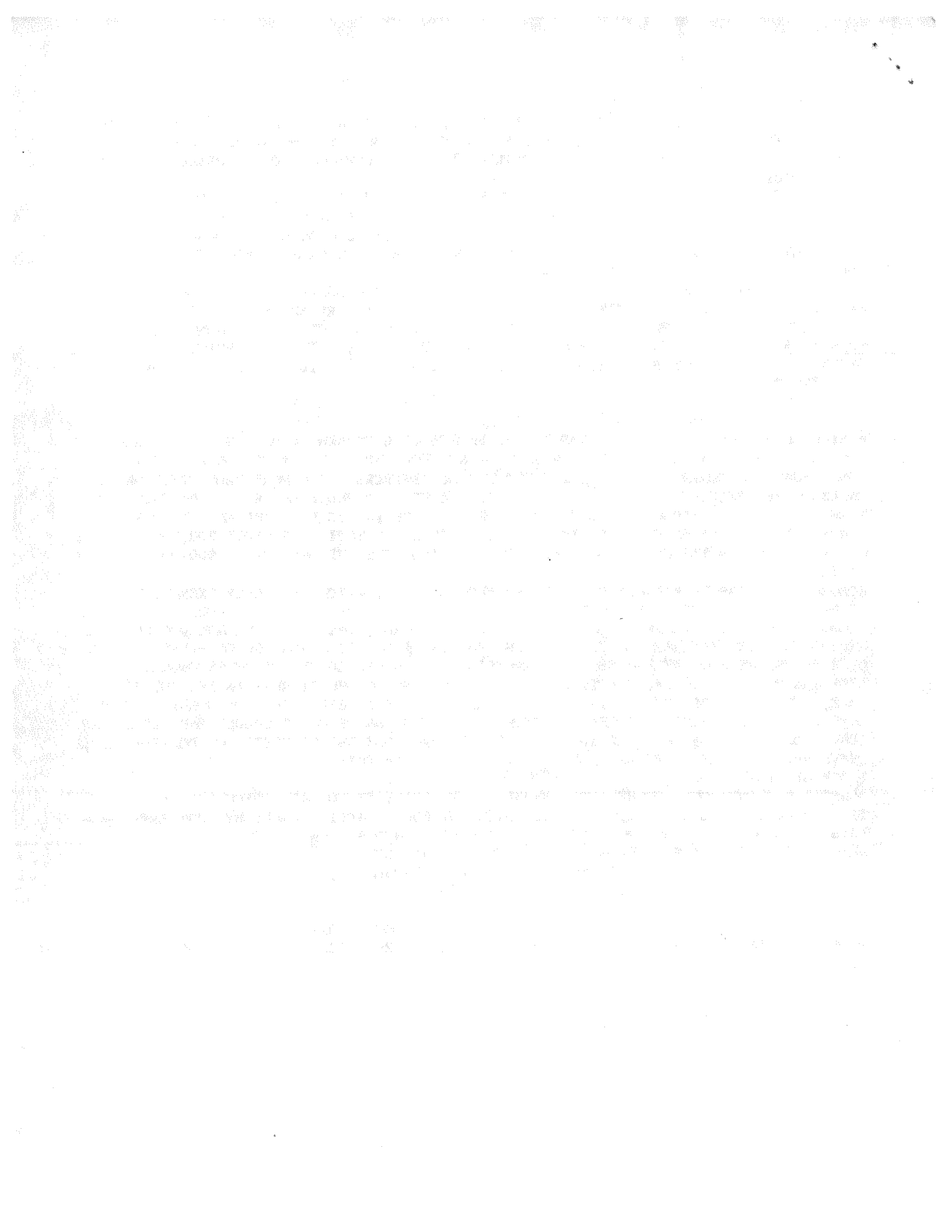
2) WRITE A SHORT NOTE TO THE TUNA INDUSTRY, TELLING THEM YOU ARE BOYCOTTING THEM UNTIL IT IS PUBLICLY PROVEN THAT NO MORE DOLPHIN ARE KILLED ACCIDENTALLY BY TUNA FISHERMEN. THIS IS IMPORTANT, THEY MUST KNOW OF OUR CONCERN AND ACTIONS.

SEND LETTERS TO : a) INTER-AMERICAN TROPICAL TUNA COM.
SCRIPPS INSTITUTION OF OCEANOGRAPHY,
LA JOLLA, CALIFORNIA 92037

b) THE PRESIDENT,
RALSTON PURINA COMPANY,
CHECKERBOARD SQUARE,
ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI 63188

c) DEL MONTE CORP.,
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA 94119

d) STAR KIST FOODS INC.
TERMINAL ISLAND, CALIF. 90731



- 3) OBTAIN 10 OR MORE BUMPER STICKERS AND OPERATION SHEETS FOR EVERY MEMBER OR PERSON IN YOUR ORGANIZATION FOR DISTRIBUTION TO THEIR FRIENDS, CO-WORKERS AND RELATIVES CONTACT ALL CONSERVATION CLUBS, LABOUR UNIONS, HUNTING AND RECREATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS WOMENS GROUPS, GARDEN CLUBS, YOUTH GROUPS AND UNIVERSITY STUDENT GOVERNMENTS ALL OVER YOUR STATE. PROVIDE THEM ALL WITH A BUMPER STICKER AND OPERATION SHEET.
- 4) PUBLICIZE. SEND A BUMPER STICKER AND OPERATION SHEET TO ALL NEWSPAPER, PERIODICAL AND FARM JOURNAL EDITORS IN YOUR STATE.
- 5) DISPLAY YOUR BUMPER STICKER TO CREATE INQUIRIES, AND HAVE EXTRAS HANDY TO GIVE TO INTERESTED INQUIRERS.

PERMISSION IS GRANTED TO REPRODUCE THIS OPERATION SHEET AND THE BUMPER STICKER. WE CAN SUPPLY YOU FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE AT THE FOLLOWING BREAK-EVEN RATES POSTPAID, BUMPER STICKER - OPERATION SHEET COMBINATION:

10 = \$1.50
 50 = \$6.00
 100 = \$10.00

OPERATION DOLPHIN
 DETROIT AUDUBON SOCIETY,
 814 W. SEVEN MILE RD.,
 DETROIT, MICH. 48203

ON THE BACK OF THIS LETTER WHICH WAS SENT TO ME WAS THE NOTE TO ALSO WRITE TO HARLEY MONAT, PROJECT JONAH, 12 DACOLAH AVE., TORONTO 128 ONT.,

▲ SORRY ABOUT THE LACK OF NEWS FOR THIS MONTH'S NEWSLETTER, I WILL TRY TO HUNT UP SOME MORE FOR NEXT TIME. ALL DONATIONS GREATFULLY ACCEPTED !!!

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PLEASE RENEW MY MEMBERSHIP WITH O.B.S.A. FOR 1973.
 ENCLOSED IS CHEQUE / MONEY ORDER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$_____

STUDENT \$2 (UNDER 18 yrs.) ASSOCIATE \$6. HUSBAND & WIFE \$7.

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