

SUMMARY OF SPRING BOARD MEETING

The A.O.S. Board of Directors Meeting was held at the library of the Marine Environmental Sciences Consortium at 1:00 P.M. on April 28, 1979. Those attending were Jim Thompson, Tom and Martha Rogers, Bob Duncan, Bob Reid, Fairly Chandler, Curtis Kingsberry, Dwight Cooley, Douglass McGinty and Harriett Wright. Two new members of the board were introduced, Dwight Cooley and Douglass McGinty.

President Jim Thompson announced that because of increased duties in his work he must resign as President of A.O.S. Dwight Cooley who had accepted the nomination as Vice President will assume the office of President of A.O.S. Tom Rogers who has been Vice President will become Editor of Alabama Birdlife.

The A.O.S. business meeting immediately followed the directors meeting. Martha Rogers, Treasurer, reported that following the fall 1978 meeting there was a balance of \$756.00 in the treasury.

Tom Rogers made a motion and it was duly seconded and unanimously carried to budget \$100.00 to help defray the expense of cutting the Shell Mound bowl or the Pig Pen area in the Audubon Sanctuary on Dauphin Island. The following resolutions were approved by the board and adopted by the members unanimously; Bob Reid made the presentations:

1. A.O.S. is opposed to the granting of any additional drilling permits for exploratory oil and gas wells in Mobile Bay.
2. A.O.S. expresses opposition to the release for industrial development of lands in the Mallard-Fox Creek Wildlife Management Area on the Tennessee River west of Decatur.
3. A.O.S. supports preservation of Little Point Clear on Mobile Bay for Fish and Wildlife purposes and opposes the proposed dredge and fill development in that area.

Nancy Garrett requested letters by A.O.S. members expressing concern for Little Point Clear to the Army Corps of Engineers opposing dredging and development in the Little Point Clear area; letters to Congressman Jack Edwards to request that the Fish and Wildlife Department purchase the land of Little Point Clear; letters to Glen Greenwalt for support of preserving these marshes at Little Point Clear.

The new President, Dwight Cooley, proposed a winter meeting for A.O.S. in the Wheeler Wildlife Refuge Area. The dates were to be decided upon.

RESOLUTIONS PASSED

- 1) BE IT RESOLVED by the Alabama Ornithological Society that this Society does hereby strongly recommend and urge that no permits for dredging or fill operations be granted for the Little Point Clear area on Mobile Bay and that that area be preserved for fish and wildlife uses as the valuable and irreplaceable natural asset and resource it now is for the benefit of the State of Alabama and the general public; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, in evidence of its concern as to the need for such preservation, a copy of this resolution be sent to the United States Senators of the State of Alabama, the United States Representative of the First Congressional District of Alabama, the Mobile District Engineer of the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the President of the Alabama Water Improvement Commission, the Attorney-General of Alabama, the Regional Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, and any other agencies or public officials concerned.

- 2) BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Alabama Ornithological Society that the action of its Conservation Committee in expressing opposition of the Society to the granting of any additional drilling permits for exploratory oil and gas wells in Mobile Bay be hereby in all respects ratified, approved and confirmed.

- 3) BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Alabama Ornithological Society that the action of its President in expressing opposition of the Society to the release for industrial development of lands in the Mallard-Fox Creek Wildlife Management Area on the Tennessee River west of Decatur and opposing the granting of permits for dredging and other operations incident to such developments be hereby in all respects ratified, approved and confirmed, and that the Conservation Committee be authorized to submit comments in behalf of the Society of the draft environmental impact statement of TVA proposing the release of certain of such lands for industrial development and, in that connection, to coordinate the views of the Society with those of other conservation organizations desiring to preserve such lands for wildlife management, conservation and outdoor recreation available to the general public.