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I. RESERVATION INFORMATION AND ITINERARY--

OBFS Annual Meeting

September 8-11, 1988--Maine Coastal Facility of the National Audubon Society, Hog Island, part of the Todd Wildlife Sanctuary, Maine.

The OBFS annual '88 meeting will be on Hog Island, a facility operated by the National Audubon Society near Damariscotta, Maine. In addition to the program, special events will include an evening shore-dinner and a morning boat trip. As with previous meetings, members need only field clothes but should be prepared for possible cool and wet weather.

Because the field camp can accommodate only 50 persons, reservations will be allocated on a first-come-first-serve basis; persons applying late may be required to obtain lodging on the mainland. There are a number of motels in Damariscotta (list attached) and transportation will be available to transport people staying on the mainland to Hog Island at regular intervals through the days of the meetings.

The estimated registration fees (including meals, shore dinner, boat trip and local transportation) are \$60 per person for the three days. Lodgings on the island will be an additional \$25 per person for three nights. You may obtain information regarding reservations and cost of motel accommodations by phoning the motels directly. Please see the attached sheet for the names of the motels and telephone numbers in the event you prefer to stay on the mainland. There are three dormitories on the island, one with closed rooms which will be reserved for couples; the two others

have beds separated by curtains. Linens, blankets and pillows are provided by the facility.

How to Get There

Portland, Maine, has the closest major airport to Damariscotta and commercial limousine service (approximately \$20 one-way) serves Damariscotta. The limousine discharges passengers at the Mobil gas station in Damariscotta, which will be the official rendezvous of all persons participating in the meeting. They will be transported by van between that point and the dock, on both arriving and departing.

Persons arriving by car may find parking accommodations at the Audubon Camp Facility. To reach it, take Interstate 95 from Portland to U. S. Route 1 and follow Route 1 north to Damariscotta. Take Business Route 1 through town to Biscay Road; turn right on Biscay, travel about 5 miles to Maine Route 32, turn left on Route 32 and travel 1.4 miles to Keen Neck Road. Turn right and proceed 1.7 miles to Camp Facility (a group of barn-red buildings on right).

Emergency Telephone Numbers

There are no telephones on Hog Island. You can be reached through the following emergency phone numbers: (207)-529-5880 or (207)-529-5148.

Registration Form

OBFS Meeting, September 8-11, 1988

Maine Coastal Facility of the National Audubon Society, Hog
Island, part of the Todd Wildlife Sanctuary, Maine.

Name _____

Organization _____

Address _____

Office Telephone _____

I will be accompanied by:

Please check one:

I [We] would prefer to stay on Hog Island :__:

I am making reservations to stay in a motel in Damariscotta :__:

* * *

If accommodations on the island are fully booked, we will ask
you to find a room in Damariscotta.

Members will be transported from the Mobil gas station to the
dock by van September 8 between 1:00 and 6:00 p.m. If you require
other arrangements, please indicate:

Please be prepared to pay registration fee (\$60) and lodging
fee for Hog Island (\$25) on arrival (cash or checks).

Please return this form as soon as possible and before August 31, 1988 to:

Jeffrey B. Froke
National Audubon Society
P. O. Box 967
Trabuco Canyon, California 92678
Att: OBFS Meeting

Motels/Hotels in Damariscotta

If you would prefer to stay in Damariscotta or if accommodations on the island are occupied, the following list of motels and hotels in Damariscotta is provided. Would you kindly make reservations directly with these motels.

County Fair Motel

RFD 1, Box 36

Damariscotta, Maine, 04543

(207)-563-3769

Riverside Inn

Wiscasset, Maine

Route 1, Box 11

North Edgecomb, Maine 04556

(207)-882-6343

Newcastle Inn

River Road

Newcastle, Maine

(207)-536-5685

OBFS ANNUAL MEETING

September 8-11, 1988--Maine Coastal Facility, National Audubon Society, Hog Island, Maine

September 8, Thursday:

- 1:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Arrival at Mobil gas station, Damariscotta; special van and boat will transport members and guests to Hog Island from the station and the mainland Audubon Camp Facility.
- 6:00 p.m. Mixer.
- 7:00 p.m. Dinner
- 8:00 p.m. Welcome to Hog Island (Jeffrey B. Froke, National Audubon Society)

September 9, Friday:

- 7:30 a.m. Breakfast
- 8:30 a.m. Business meeting
- 10:30 a.m. Boat trip (62 person limit)
- 1:00 Lunch
- 2:30 p.m. Program: "Field Based Science Education: Opportunities at NSF" (Michael Templeton, Program Director, Informal Science Education, National Science Foundation)
- 4:30 p.m. Program: "Underwater Video Techniques for Long-term Monitoring" (Paul Siri, Bodega Marine Laboratory, University of California)
- 7:00 p.m. Dinner
- 8:00 p.m. Open discussion or business

September 10, Saturday:

7:30 a.m. Breakfast

8:30 a.m. Program: "Facing Climate Disruption: Opportunities for Field Stations" (J. P. Myers, National Audubon Society)

10:00 a.m. Program: "Update on LTER's" (Arthur McKee, Andrews Experimental Forest, Oregon)

11:00 a.m. Program: "Geographic Information Systems: An Overview of PC Based Programs for Field Station Use" (Jeffrey Kennedy, Senior Environmental Planner, University of California Natural Reserve System; and Michael Hamilton, Director, James San Jacinto Mountain Reserve, California)

12:00 Lunch

1:30 p.m. Program: "Incorporation of OBFS" (Peter Ruger, General Counsel, Washington University)

3:00 p.m. Program: A discussion of risk management at field stations (Richard W. Coles and Peter Ruger, Washington University). Be prepared to contribute and ask questions.

4:00 p.m. Open discussions or business

6:00 p.m. Shore dinner

8:00 p.m. "Early Days of OBFS" (Robert C. Dalglish)

8:30 p.m. Update on activities at membership field stations. (10 minutes per person).

September 11, Sunday:

7:30 a.m. Breakfast

8:30 a.m. Business

12:00 Adjournment

NOTE: During the meeting time will be made available for our standing committees to meet. That will be an excellent time to present to the committees any ideas for committee activities or for future programs focusing on the responsibilities of one of our committees. The standing committees are: Administration and Facilities; Education; Research; Program.

Kenneth B. Armitage, President

II.

PUBLIC RELATIONS OBFS QUESTIONNAIRE

Dear OBFS Member:

During the closing business session of the last OBFS meeting at the Bodega Marine Laboratory and Reserve, a discussion on the merits/problems associated with the development of a OBFS poster and/or brochure distilled some important questions.

The OBFS Public Relations Committee is polling the membership prior to the next meeting to examine the attitudes, needs and opinions of all the stations on what the members believe are the goals of producing promotional materials.

Attached is a list of questions, some of which were asked at last year's meeting, that we are asking each OBFS member to complete and return. The results will be tallied and discussed next September.

The production of a brochure or poster is an expensive undertaking both in terms of time and material. A good response from the membership to this questionnaire will clear our conscience that our recommendations and ultimate product will reflect a consensus of our organization. Please complete the attached questionnaire and return to Laura Carter, 82 Oakview Terrace, Short Hills, NJ, 07078 no later than 1 August.

For those of you that sent slides to Laura last year please be assured that they are in good hands and safe. The Committee would like to retain your slides until decisions are made on the brochure. Those of you that would like them returned now, please indicate so on the questionnaire or call Laura Carter.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

OBFS Public Relations Committee
Nevin Aspinwall
Laura Carter
Dennis Johns
Jeff Kennedy
Paul Siri

Name: _____
Station: _____

PUBLIC RELATIONS OBFS QUESTIONNAIRE

(1) As a member of OBFS, rank in order of importance the following promotional objectives for OBFS (1 - most important):

- (a) _____ promoting increased use of field stations
- (b) _____ promoting increased funding for field station facilities/equipment
- (c) _____ promoting increased funding for field instruction and research
- (d) _____ educating administrators regarding field station values
- (e) _____ other: _____

(2) Which level is most effective in pursuing each of the above objectives? (check only one for each column)

	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
OBFS:	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Individual	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Field Stations:	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

(3) In general, what do you believe are the most important target audiences for OBFS promotional materials? rank 1 to 7; 1 - most important)

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|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| _____ research scientists | _____ academic administrators |
| _____ graduate students | _____ legislators and policy makers |
| _____ undergraduate classes | _____ foundations and donors |
| _____ precollege groups | _____ other please specify |

(4) Given your responses to questions (1) and (2), rank the value of the following in promoting OBFS objectives:

- _____ brochure _____ summer poster _____ slide show _____ press kit
_____ other: _____

(5) Should published promotional materials be a complement or a substitute for an OBFS slide show or video?

_____ complement _____ substitute

(6) Should OBFS attempt to merge its promotional materials with those of affiliate organizations (for example, AIBS or Tri-Beta)?

_____ yes _____ no

If yes, which organizations? _____

(7) Although it is difficult to recommend which would be preferable until you see a draft, would your station be willing to contribute to the production of a brochure and/or a poster (assuming only contributing stations receive copies for distribution)?

_____ yes _____ no

Which format would you prefer? _____ brochure _____ poster

(PUBLIC RELATIONS OBFS QUESTIONNAIRE continued)

(8) What do you think is the preferable format for a brochure or poster?

	B&W or 1-color	2-color	4-color
brochure	_____	_____	_____
poster	_____	_____	_____

(9) Has your station dealt with actual costs of producing a brochure and/or poster?

_____ yes _____ no

If yes, check off your format descriptors and indicate cost:

	brochure	poster
(a) B&W (or 1 color)	_____	_____
(b) 2-color	_____	_____
(c) 4-color	_____	_____
(d) length (in pages)	_____	N/A
(e) dimensions (inches X inches)	_____	_____
(f) cost per 1,000	_____	_____
for a total run of	_____	_____

If you have any comments on your experience with producing brochures and/or posters that OBFS should consider, please do so here:

Please return completed questionnaire by 1 August 1988 to:

Laura Carter
81 Oakview Terrace
Short Hills, NJ 07078

III. MISCELLANEOUS ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. WANTED: MAMMAL SPECIES LISTS

For my research I need to compile many species lists of mammals inhabiting local patches of relatively uniform habitat type. In order to be useful, each list should give habitat type, approximate area (preferably between 10 and 10,000 ha), and a list of all terrestrial mammal species (omitting bats, but including ungulates, carnivores, and small mammals). Species that originally occurred in the habitat but have been extirpated by European humans should be included; introduced exotics should be excluded. Use will be gratefully acknowledged. Please send to: Dr. James H. Brown, Department of Biology, University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, NM 87131.

B. VOLUNTEER NEEDED: TO ATTEND THE AIBS MEETING

We need a volunteer to attend the A.I.B.S. Council Meeting on Monday, August 15, 1988 from 12:00 to 4:00 pm in the Memorial Union at U.C. Davis. Contact Dr. Kenneth Armitage at RMBL, Crested Butte, Colorado 81224 (Phone= 303-349-7481), for further details.

IV. NEW MEMBERS TO OBFS-- WELCOME!!

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