

RESOLUTIONS (CONTINUED)

Whereas petrels and related night-flying species are known to be attracted to lights or gas flares in periods of fog or rain, we are concerned about the high probability of mortality due to collision with drilling equipment.

We are therefore convinced that any oil exploration in the Cape Hatteras area would pose a significant threat to the survival of the

Bermuda Petrel.

The Society of Caribbean Ornithology urges the Government of North Carolina to consider this resolution when determining policy regarding off shore drilling on the Outer Continental Shelf of North Carolina.

1998 ANNUAL SCO MEETING IN GUADELOUPE

The eleventh annual meeting of the Society of Caribbean Ornithology will be held in the Touring Hotel, Ft. Royal, in Guadeloupe during 24–29 July 1998. The meeting, sponsored in part by the National Park of Guadeloupe, will have a full program of activities. The meeting will have two major workshops: 1. Setting avian conservation priorities for the Caribbean and the SCO, and 2. Hunting issues and problems hindering effective sustainable harvest of gamebirds in the Caribbean. In addition, there will be smaller workshops on Caribbean wetlands conservation (RAMSAR) and the status of threatened and endangered Caribbean birds (BirdLife International). In addition, the event will include meetings of the SCO's two active working groups: West Indian Whistling-Ducks and Caribbean Seabirds. A keynote address and a diversity of technical presentations will add to the meeting, as well as a one-day field trip. The tentative meeting schedule is provided below:

THURSDAY, 23 July 1998 — SCO Executive Meeting; meeting participants arrive; meeting registration (continued on Friday morning)

FRIDAY, 24 July

- Morning — Opening ceremony, welcome by local dignitaries, keynote address by Dr. Jean Luis Martin
- Afternoon — Technical session, with French Antilles presentation
- Evening — Reception/cocktail (arranged by Local Committee and hotel)

SATURDAY, 25 July

- Morning — Hunting Workshop (Facilitator, Dr. Herbert Raffaele)
- Afternoon — Hunting Workshop, continued
- Evening — Meeting of SCO Island Representatives and SCO Executive Board

SUNDAY, 26 July

- All day — Field trips: two trips — (1) a montane trip to the endemic Guadeloupe Woodpecker and forest birds; and (2) wetlands trip to see birds in mangrove and *Pterocarpus* habitats
- Evening — Meeting of West Indian Whistling-Duck Working Group

MONDAY, 27 July

- Morning — Caribbean and SCO Conservation Priorities Workshop, Part I (Facilitator, Ms. Marlene Walker)
- Afternoon — Caribbean and SCO Conservation Priorities Workshop, Part I, continued
- Late afternoon (4:00 PM) — SCO General Meeting
- Evening — Meeting of Caribbean Seabird Working Group

TUESDAY, 28 July

- Morning — Priorities Workshop, Part II
- Afternoon — Workshop on Caribbean wetlands conducted by RAMSAR
- Evening — Workshop to evaluate status of threatened and endangered birds in the Caribbean, by BirdLife International (Cambridge, UK, David Wege)

WEDNESDAY, 29 July

- Morning — Technical session
- Afternoon — Technical session and time to complete unfinished workshop or working group business
- Late afternoon and early evening — Silent auction
- Evening — SCO banquet at Touring Hotel

THURSDAY, 30 July — Island Representatives depart