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Dear Harry:

George Watson is writing you concerning Pacific Sebird Group representation on the International Seabird Committee, formed at the ICBP Seabird Workshop conjunction with the ICBP Conjunction with the I George Watson is writing you concerning Pacific Sea-Committee, formed at the ICBP Seabird Workshop, held in conjunction with the ICBP World Conference in Cambridge, England this August. That committee will take the place of CBP's Working Group on Seabirds and will advise ICBP on seabird conservation matters.

> I would like to raise an additional ICBP matter with you, namely, that the Pacific Seabird Group give consideration to applying for membership in the U.S. Section of ICBP. This involvement and the one alluded to in George Watson's letter are in no way mutually exclusive. As you can see from the list of constituent organizational members at the bottom of our letterhead, the 18 organizations cover a wide range of interests, including ornithological societies, museums, bird observatories and national and regional conservation organizations. All have, to some extent, interests that extend beyond U.S. borders.

> Each constituent organization appoints two delegates, who attend our semiannual meetings and who normally function as the contact points between ICBP and the constituent organizations, although you will note in the by-laws, copy enclosed, that delegates speak for themselves as individuals, not for their organizations unless expressly instructed to do so.

As one of 65 ICBP national sections around the world the U.S. Section participates in the international consercation community through the ICBP Secretariat in Cambridge, England. ICBP is officially linked to IUCN insofar as it is responsible to IUCN for bird matters that arise in connection with IUCN'S activities. The U.S. Section also participates

MEMBER SOCIETIES OF UNITED STATES SECTION

American Museum of Natural History, American Ornithologists' Union, Cooper Ornithological Society, Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology, Florida Audubon Society, International Crane Foundation, Los Angeles County Museum, Manomet Bird Observatory, Massachusetts Audubon Society, National Audubon Society, National Wildlife Federation, New York Zoological Society, Philadelphia Academy of Natural Science, Point Reyes Bird Observatory, Smithsonian Institution, Western Foundation of Vertebrate Zoology, The Wildlife Society, Wilson Ornithological Society, World Wildlife Fund in the Pan-American Continental Section of ICBP along with the other national sections in the Americas. I enclose copies of the ICBP Annual Report for your information.

Annual organizational membership dues are \$100, virtually all of which is passed through to ICBP International to pay our dues in the international organization.

Our goals and objectives include the following: to act as a forum for the development, exchange and expression of policies and information on bird conservation matters, to monitor the involvements of the U.S. government and U.S.based organizations abroad insofar as they affect bird conservation, and to represent the interests of U.S. birds abroad, to identify conservation issues affecting birds in a timely and professional way, and to provide liaison between non-governmental and governmental wildlife organizations with regard to avian conservation. I believe that ICBP is uniquely positioned to undertake these involvements, and I feel that PSG's membership would be to both organizations' advantage in pursuit of mutual goals and objectives.

I will be attending the Honolulu PSG meeting, and would welcome the opportunity to provide you and the PSG Executive Committee with further information. Since I'll be leaving for Hawaii tomorrow, I'll wait to hear from you at the Hawaiian Regent on Sunday evening, the 30th of November, or Monday, 1 December.

Sincerely yours,

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Warren B. King Chairman