

are a growing nuisance to east coast fishermen, but this is a cost of doing business, like ducks raiding farmers' grain or bears getting into beehives", he said.

Mr. Brynaert went on to say that every effort must be made to develop markets for seal products so that seal harvest produce economic benefits for Canadians. Seal culls should be used only as a last resort when other management techniques have failed. "As a conservation organization, the CWF supports the wise use of harvestable surpluses, but not the deliberate wasting of wildlife resources," he said."

The guest speaker for the meeting, Dr. Carol Runyon of the Atlantic Veterinary College gave a very interesting talk on her work in the reintroduction of river otters in Iowa. The slides of otters (at play, with teeth bared and during an operation) and the area where they were released helped make it one of the most interesting talks we've had.

About 30 people attended the March 3 meeting. Rosemary told members of her meeting with the group that wants to form an affiliation in Summerside. Although there were only four people at the meeting, she noted that there was a lot of enthusiasm and it looks like they will form a club, and then in the future the society can deal with bylaws to have an affiliate club. The first organizational meeting is March 18, and we hope for news as to how the group is getting along, activities, etc.

The Society agreed to again donate \$100 for prizes for the upcoming Science Fair at UPEI. Geoff Hogan, Katharine Clough and Rosemary will be the judges and Lorna Knox will present the prizes on April 3.

Dan McAskill told members about the cutting that is still going on at three places on South Moresby Island. Federal-provincial talks have completely broken down, and letters to politicians, especially from inside B.C., are critical. Once the headland is cut across from where the proposed National Park will be, Tom McMillan says that will be the end of it - there will not be a park at all. A paper called the Battle for Windy Bay describes some of the controversy and is available from Dan. As the environmental awareness of this country grows, there seems to be a race from some groups to destroy as much as they can. Maybe your letters will help.

At the Environmental Protection Act meeting on Feb. 26, Rosemary presented a brief on behalf of the NHS and told members that she was disappointed with the scope of the act and the regulations about the exports of chemicals to foreign countries. Members were also shown the kits available to school children as part of National Wildlife Week, April 5-11. A contest will be held for children, there will be lots of media attention, and Glen MacEachern's filmstrip on Island Wildlife will be released to the schools.

Workshops will be held in April for those involved in the Maritime Breeding Bird Atlas, one in each county. Contact Rosemary at 651-2585 for dates and more information on the meetings.

If you wish to enter slides for the May meeting, when the Society holds its annual slide completion, please bring them to the April meeting or get them to Margaret Mallett by April 15th at the latest.

Members also learned that the Canadian Nature Federation is taking the lead to have alternatives developed for lead shot. The concern with lead shot stems from the poisoning it causes either in wounded birds, or birds that have ingested it from pond bottoms. The U.S. will be using steel shot exclusively by 1991.

We also got a sneak preview of Mr. MacEachern's film strip. The Natural Life of Minegoo was developed as a way of sharing his love of nature, and includes wonderful shots of birds, mammals and amphibians, plus various habitat shots. Mr. MacEachern's expertise and sense of humour shone through and Island students are lucky to have something of this high quality.