California Legislative Update on AB3397

by Laurella Desborough, California Legislative Liaison

During the past months since AB3397 was introduced into the California legislative process, many aviculturists and other interested persons have taken the trouble to write and to call their state legislators and voice their opinions regarding this proposed study on imported exotic birds. Assemblyman Campbell’s office received a lot of mail on this issue. His aide, Cindy Williams, has been most helpful in working with our AFA representative. Janet and Gary Lilienthal carefully crafted four amendments for this bill which would provide for a more balanced study of legally imported quarantined birds, the availability of captive-bred birds and the problem of a possible increase in smuggled birds if a ban on importation were in place. The four amendments proposed by AFA were accepted by those most responsible for originating the bill, Fund for Animals and Defenders of Wildlife. The California Department of Fish and Game requested changes in those amendments, on the basis of reducing costs. The Department of Fish and Game wanted to put the responsibility on the Advisory Committee for the discussion of availability of captive-bred birds and how that would relate to banning importation and how that would relate to smuggling. This would reduce the costs to the department for the study and place more responsibility on the Advisory Committee.

However, in the final days of the 1988 legislative session, AB3397 was passed in the Senate, but failed to pass on the Assembly floor, where it had been returned. This had nothing to do with the substance of the bill, but rather it lacked the votes to pass due to fiscal conservatism. The bill would have been funded out of the General Fund and the Republican side of the Assembly did not vote for passage.

What is the future for this piece of legislation? We must wait and see. It could be reintroduced next year, but that is unlikely. Another possibility is that there will be a meeting of the various parties interested in this bill, including an AFA representative, to determine common interests, to learn more about our differences and, perhaps, to find a common ground where we can work together for birds.

Changes in Title 14. Regulations on Wildlife

As required by AB1620 (Farr), Chapter 1019, Statutes of 1985, the Department of Fish and Game has submitted proposed amendments to Title 14, California Code of Regulations, regarding the importation, transportation and possession of wild animals. The proposed regulations were reviewed at two public hearings by the Department of Fish and Game.

As individual aviculturists heard about these amendments, concerns arose over whether or not the amendments would affect us and our birds. Both Jerry Jennings and Gary Lilienthal have reviewed these proposals. At this time the AFA has taken no official position on the proposed amendments because no new birds have been added to the list of prohibited birds. At present, only prohibited birds, either detrimental birds (such as Java rice birds, monk parakeets, etc.), or welfare birds, are affected by these regulations. Most of the birds kept by aviculturists are not affected by these regulations. Any prohibited wild bird must have a special permit for possession, transportation, etc. These proposed regulatory changes would affect anyone who owns a prohibited bird: skylarks, yellow hammers, cuckoos, crows, ravens, rooks, jackdaws, thrushes, black birds, starlings, mynahs, some sparrows, weavers, queleas, Java rice birds, Hawaiian rice birds, owls, bulbul, fruit thrushes, white eyes, monk parakeets, and all species of falcons, eagles, hawks, and vultures except under conditions set forth in Section 670, Title 14.

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Sunday, February 26, 1989
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Sunday, March 12, 1989
Long Beach, California
On September 1, 1988, AFA lost a very special friend. We mourn the passing of Virginia State Coordinator Carol Wheeler, who succumbed to a lingering illness. Thoughts of Carol are present in the minds and hearts of many of us who knew her as a tireless dynamo working for the many causes she believed in. She was continuously active in the AFA from its early years — making her last public appearance at the August '88 Tampa convention.

Carol was an active member of many bird clubs and societies in addition to AFA, to name a few: instrumental in helping found National Cockatiel Society and Bird Club of Virginia, past president of Loridae Society and Maryland Cage Bird Society, present editor of Society of Parrot Breeders news bulletin, editor of National Capitol Bird Club’s newsletter and past editor of Forpus Society newsletter. She was generous, dedicated and driven by a spirit of friendship and sense of accomplishment. And yes — a bird breeder, too. She began bird-keeping activities with English budgies and lutino cockatiels, gradually expanding her interests to at least 16 species of hookbills.

In Watchbird June/July 1986 issue (page 48), Carol was honored as one of AFA’s “extraordinary elite few” volunteer workhorses. She was responsible for getting AFA recognition as a valid grass-roots organization in a publication called “Grassroots Conservation of Biological Diversity in the United States.” This paper was produced by the Office of Technology Assessment (OTA) for the Congress of the United States.

Of special interest to Carol was avian medical research. If anyone feels inclined, a donation in her name to the AFA Avian Research Committee would be appreciated.

Carol is survived by her husband Bob, two sons, two daughters and her mother. This great little lady will be missed and fondly remembered.

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by Phyllis K. Martin

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