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CONSERVATIONISTS, OIL MEN, MEET WITH SECRETARY OF INTERIOR

The role of fish and wildlife in our present economy was explored today in a meeting between Secretary of the Interior Fred A. Seaton and representatives of oil companies and conservation associations.

This is the second such meeting, the first having been held about a year and a half ago. The session was held in Secretary Seaton's Conference Room.

After a welcome by the Secretary, the discussions were launched by a series of remarks by oil company officials, each explaining what his company was doing in the field of fish and wildlife conservation.

These explanations were followed by discussion of such subjects as the need for future study, planning and methods of expediting the exchange of information between the companies and the conservation groups.

Those attending the conference were: Dr. Ira N. Gabrielson, President, Wildlife Management Institute; C. R. Gutermuth, Chairman, Natural Resources Council of America; Dr. Paul A. Herbert, Vice President and Vice Chairman, National Wildlife Federation; Carl W. Buchheister, President, National Audubon Society. Also: Ray Horton, President, Humble Oil and Refining Company; Max McGraw, President, North American Wildlife Foundation; Paul Endacott, President, Phillips Petroleum Company; David R. Brower, Executive Director, Sierra Club; T. W. Braun, Braun and Company; James C. Donnell II, President, the Ohio Oil Company. Also: Roger D. Hale, Vice-President, The Conservation Foundation; Charles S. Jones, President, Richfield Oil Corporation; George F. Jackson, President, The Izaak Walton League of America; Harold D. Skinner, Continental Oil Company; George O'Brien, Vice-President, Standard Oil Company of California; Secretary Seaton, Under Secretary Elmer F. Bennett, and Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife Ross Leffler.

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