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Dr. Paul L. Errington
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Dear Paul:

Your letter of September 30 arrived while I was at the Mayo Clinic undergoing an operation, hence the delay in a reply.

I should have written you sooner because I wish to invite you to lead the discussion on muskrat populations.

Attached is a general introduction to focus the discussion and a program showing the species to be covered.

You certainly have the most experience in the analysis of muskrat populations, but there have been several recent developments not yet published, the authors of which I suggest you may wish to invite to submit their data to be presented by you. I have especially in mind three recent discoverers of the molt pattern as an age criterion: James R. Beer of Wisconsin, Ted Shanks of Missouri, and _____ of Michigan.

I am under obligation to submit the names of speakers to the Ecological Society by October 15 for printing as part of the program. Can you give me a reply by October 12 as to any modifications or additions to your topic that you wish me to incorporate?

With personal best wishes,

AL:PM
Signed in Mr. Leopold's
absence to avoid delay.

Yours as ever,
Aldo Leopold
Aldo Leopold
P.M.

I will send the name of
the Michigan man as soon
as possible.

PROPOSED ROUND-TABLE DISCUSSION
OF ANIMAL POPULATION MECHANISMS

Species	Coordinator of discussion	Discussion Group	Contributors (not speaking)
Introduction	Aldo Leopold (15 minutes)		
Pheasant	Irven O. Buss (25 minutes)	Ronald K. Meyer Robert A. McCabe	Cyril Kabat Joe Linduska James W. Kimball
Bob-white Quail	Cyril Kabat (10 minutes)	Irven O. Buss	Starker Leopold
Muskrat	Paul Errington (10 minutes)	James R. Beer	Ted Shanks (Mo.) _____(Mich.)
Ducks	Arthur S. Hawkins(15 minutes)	Joseph J. Hickey	Lyle K. Sowls Ralph Hopkins Frank Bellrose
Canada Goose	William H. Elder (10 minutes)	?	Harold Hanson (?) Utah group (?)
Cottontail Rabbit	James B. Hale (10 minutes)		Durward Allen Arnold Ol. Haugen
Mathematics of Population Analysis	Joseph J. Hickey(10 minutes)	Donald R. Thompson	Roy N. Bach