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J.E. Hamilton, Esq.

SUBJECT.

1930.  
31st October.

EXTINCTION OF THE GENTOO PENGUIN.

Previous Paper.

The Penguins (Amendment) Regulations,  
1930.

MINUTES.

- 1-2. Minute from J. Hamilton, Esq. 31/10/30.
- 4. Draft Penguin (Amendment) Regulations, 1930.

Hon. Treasurer, *McH.* 5-XI-30  
 Hon. Secy, *J.H.* 6-XI-30.

*Circulated for consideration at next meeting of Executive Council.*

*A. S. Dunsell  
Clerk, Executive Council,  
5<sup>th</sup> Nov. 1930.*

Extract from Minutes of Meeting of Executive Council held on the 6th of January, 1931.

The Regulations were approved.

*A. S. Dunsell*

Clerk of the Executive Council.

Subsequent Paper.

Minute to Registrar - General, 6th March, 1931.

Y/E  
Submitted with draft  
despatch.

A.J.J.  
6/3/31.

Off<sup>l</sup>. Secy.

Thank you : draft approved.

2. Please send a copy of the Regp.

under cover of a circular letter to  
all Farm Managers.

J.M.D.

6. 3. 31.

P.S. Thereafter please let Mr. Hamilton see  
and also Mr. Bennett as Ag. Sect. labour dept.  
J.M.D. 6.3.31.

Circular letter to All Farm Managers. 7/3/31.

7.

Despatch to S of S. No 42 of 10. 3. 31.

8.

Mr. J. E. Hamilton,  
Mr. A. G. Bennett.

To see.

A.J.J.  
A.G.B.  
11/3/31

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ON THE DIMINUTION OF THE GENTOO PENGUIN.

The Gentoo Penguin is resident in the Falkland Islands and breeds in rookeries of varying size. These rookeries are generally situated at a considerable distance from the sea in ground covered with the Diddle-dee plants.

The effect of the penguins breeding on the ground and moving about in the neighbourhood is to extirpate all plant life except grass. The places where the birds actually nest are however completely bare while in use. The bare ground, which has been heavily manured, also becomes covered with grass eventually since the birds frequently change the position of the nesting site without apparent cause.

It appears therefore that the Gentoo is a natural agent for the improvement of ground from the point of view of the farmer.

Within the last few months I have frequently been told that the Gentoo rookeries are diminishing in size.

The eggs of this species are regarded as delicacies in the islands and it has been the practice to permit them to be taken up to the 31st. of December. Since the Gentoo begins to lay about the middle of October and will go on laying until it is allowed to incubate the necessity of producing several extra clutches of eggs annually constitutes a serious drain on the bird's sexual resources and must shorten its breeding life.

The Gentoo incubates for about six weeks and would naturally bring out its young about the beginning of December, whereas if the eggs are taken several times the chicks will hatch late and may well not be sufficiently strong to withstand the cold weather when it arrives.

The diminution may, in my opinion, be reasonably attributed

to too long and close robbing of the rookeries.

I would submit for consideration therefore, a proposal that Gentoo Penguin eggs may be taken in future for a very limited period, namely up to the 31st. of October annually.

I may add that Mr. A. G. Bennett is in agreement with this suggestion.

J. E. Hamilton

(J. E. Hamilton.)  
31st. October 1930.

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No. \_\_\_\_\_

MINUTE.

(It is requested that, in any reference to this minute, the above Number and the date may be quoted).

31<sup>st</sup> Oct 1920

From  
To

J.R. Hamilton

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,

Stanley

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

I beg to submit two notes dealing with the local dog problem

J.R. Hamilton

Submitted.

J.R.

For edin circs?

Hon C.S

Approved.

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# The Penguins (Amendment) Regulations, 1931.

ARNOLD HODSON.

*Governor.*

In pursuance of the powers vested in him by section 4 of the Penguins Preservation Ordinance, 1914, and otherwise, His Excellency the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Executive Council, is pleased hereby to make the following Regulations :—

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Penguins (Amendment) Regulations, 1931, and shall be read and construed as one with the Penguin Regulations, 1914. Short Title.

2. Section 1 of the Penguin Regulations, 1914, is hereby repealed and replaced by the following :— Repeal and Replacement of section 1 of the Penguin Regulations, 1914.

1. The period for which Licences to take Penguins' eggs may be issued shall be

- (i) in the case of Gentoo Penguins from the 1st day of October to the 31st day of October in every year ;
- (ii) in the case of other Penguins from the 1st day of October to the 31st day of December in every year.

Made by the Governor in Executive Council at a meeting held on the 6th day of January, 1931.

A. I. Fleuret.

*Clerk of the Executive Council.*

No. 440/30.

(It is requested that, in any reference to this minute the above Number and the date may be quoted).

MINUTE.

6th March, 19 31.

*From*

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

*To* The Registrar-General,

Stanley.

I am directed by the Acting Governor to attach herewith for insertion in the files of the Registrar-General, an authenticated copy of the Penguins (Amendment) Regulations, 1931.

*A. S. J.*

for Colonial Secretary.

CIRCULAR.  
No. 432/50.

Colonial Secretary's Office,  
Stanley.

7th March, 1931.

Sir,

I am directed by the Acting Governor to forward to you copies of the subsidiary legislation detailed below and to request that you will give your attention to the provisions thereof and will also cause them to be brought to the notice of all persons resident on the station under your management :

- (1) Proclamation No. 1 of 1931 made under the Wild Animals and Birds Protection (Amendment) Ordinance, 1918.
- (2) Order of the Governor in Executive Council under the Wild Animals and Birds Protection (Amendment) Ordinance, 1918.
- (3) The Penguins (Amendment) Regulations, 1931.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

*C. J. Stewart*

for Colonial Secretary.

ALL FARM MANAGERS.



GOVERNMENT HOUSE,  
STANLEY.

10th March, 1951.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

No. 46.

My Lord,

I have the honour to transmit six copies of  
Regulations made by the Governor in Executive Council on  
the 6th of January, 1951, repealing and replacing section  
1 of the Penguin Regulations, 1914.

I have the honour to be,

My Lord,

Your Lordship's most  
obedient humble servant,

J. M. ELLIS.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE  
LORD PASSFIELD OF PASSFIELD CORNER, F.C.,  
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.