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## **Database Committee**

### **John Croxall, Co-Chair**

After a period (1972-1976) as Senior Research Officer and Director of the Oiled Seabird Research Unit at the University of Newcastle, John moved to the British Antarctic Survey in 1976 to set up a new unit on bird and mammal research. This evolved into a major multidisciplinary research group (nearly 1,000 publications over 30 years), working on interactions between seabirds and seals and their prey and environment, including man. It helped pioneer the recognition of the keystone role of seabirds and marine mammals as consumers of marine resources, and developed new understanding of the foraging (especially diving) capacity of these species and revolutionised knowledge of the migrations of seabirds and seals. Latterly the group also focused particularly on interactions with commercial fisheries, notably involving seals and albatrosses, the latter leading to major advances in (and an international campaign for) avoiding or minimising threats to their survival. He was a major architect of the long-term ecosystem monitoring programme of the Commission for the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources (CCAMLR) and of its Working Group that dealt with seabird incidental mortality in longline and trawl fisheries.

John has served on many national and international committees, notably as President of the British Ornithologists' Union and Chairman of Council of the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds and has received numerous awards, including election as a Fellow of the Royal Society and appointment as CBE. He is an Honorary Fellow of the American Ornithologists' Union and received the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Pacific Seabird Group in 2008. He retired in 2006 but is still active in the conservation and management of seabirds and marine systems, especially as Chair of the Global Seabird Programme of BirdLife International and as a member of the High Seas Task Force of IUCN.

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### **Scott Hatch, Co-Chair**

Scott Hatch is a wildlife biologist with the U.S. Geological Survey, Alaska Science Center. His research interests are the breeding, feeding, and population ecology of North Pacific seabirds. The research questions that most interest him (as a reader, at least, if not a regular contributor to date) are life history adaptation, aging, and senescence in natural populations, and their implications for environmental and species management. Methods-wise, he is particularly turned on by the revolution in electronic data collection—satellite transmitters, GPS receivers, geolocators, and time-depth recorders.

A native of Bellingham, Washington, Scott has lived for 34 years in Anchorage, Alaska, where the winters are long, dark, and cold. More than 20 years ago, he learned to ameliorate this situation by spending several weeks each winter with his family in Hawaii, where the only 'birdies' that concern him are scores totalling 1 under par.