

It goes without saying that netting volunteers must have their netting licenses and a reasonable amount of experience. The exacting and arduous conditions at Island Beach demand netters of proven competence. It is also hoped to have schedules arranged by August 1st. It would therefore be appreciated if volunteers would communicate with me before August 1st and in their first communication would indicate the dates when they will be available.

I spoke of exacting and arduous conditions. To minimize this would be misleading. On the other hand I could not overplay the sense of excitement that permeates the entire operation. It is true that when your alarm sounds before sunrise, you'd like to step upon it heavily and amputate its reveille, but there is no denying how intensely you are affected by the rosy fingers of dawn stretching toward you out of the sea, the roar of the surf, and the anticipation of unusual finds as you rush to examine your nets. I can see no logical reason why you cannot have similar sensations right in your own home banding station. It can only be that your susceptibilities are keener when you can see from horizon to horizon, smell the salt spray in your nostrils, feel the earth quiver under the impact of the waves, and look forward to a day of camaraderie with you fellow enthusiasts.

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