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SPORTSMEN AND OFFICIALS HOLD  
CONFERENCE ON USE OF SINK BOXES

A conference of sportsmen, game officials, and conservationists, called by Dr. E. W. Nelson, chief of the Bureau of Biological Survey of the United States Department of Agriculture, was held at the offices of the bureau in Washington last week to discuss the use of sink boxes or batteries, mat-blinds, and other devices employed in hunting migratory wild fowl in the waters of Maryland, North Carolina, and Virginia.

It was desired to obtain information that might be of value in connection with the administration of the Migratory-Bird Treaty Act and the preparation of any necessary regulations under it, in view of the belief of many sportsmen that there is a necessity for better regulation in the use of devices in duck shooting in some parts of the Atlantic Coast States. The situation was thoroughly discussed, and many valuable facts bearing on the matter were brought out for the use of the bureau.

The question of what will be done in reference to regulating sink boxes, batteries, and other floating devices will probably be taken up with the Advisory Board, Migratory Bird Treaty Act, at its annual meeting to be held at Washington early in December.

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