

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE REELFOOT LAKE PROJECT

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The Reelfoot Lake Biological Station has supported numerous research projects since its opening in 1932. Unfortunately, time and vandalism have taken their toll on the building. In its current state the station is considered unsafe for use.

The Executive Committee at its meeting on February 1, 1974, voted to notify the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency that it wished to terminate its lease of the grounds on which the Station now stands, and to pursue the establishment of a modest station at a different site. The Conservation Department of the State

of Tennessee has expressed definite interest and willingness to cooperate in this endeavor. A Reelfoot Lake Advisory Committee has been appointed to assist the Director. It consists of Dr. Ted R. James, Dr. Randy Cate, and Mr. Wilburn Sliger all of the University of Tennessee at Martin, and Dr. Robert E. Martin of Tennessee Technological University. Preliminary buildings are being prepared for the purpose of estimating costs so that funding can be pursued. Comments and suggestions from the membership of the Academy are invited.



Typical terrain of Reelfoot Lake, Tennessee demonstrating the natural beauty of our environment