

OPINION 1296
REQUEST FOR THE USE OF THE PLENARY POWERS TO
CONSERVE *NETTASTOMELLA* CARPENTER, 1865 (BIVALVIA)
REFUSED

RULING.— (1) The request for the use of the plenary powers to conserve *Nettastomella* Carpenter, 1865, through the suppression of *Netastoma* Carpenter, 1864, is hereby refused.

(2) The generic name *Netastoma* Carpenter, 1864 (gender: neuter), type species, by monotypy, *Pholas darwinii* G. B. Sowerby II, 1849, is hereby placed on the Official List of Generic Names in Zoology with the Name Number 2234.

(3) The specific name *darwinii* G. B. Sowerby II, 1849, as published in the binomen *Pholas darwinii* (specific name of type species of *Netastoma* Carpenter, 1864) is hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology with the Name Number 2927.

HISTORY OF THE CASE Z.N.(S.)1054

An application for the conservation of *Nettastomella* Carpenter, 1865 through the suppression of its senior objective synonym *Netastoma* Carpenter, 1864 was first received from Mr Joshua L. Baily (*San Diego, California*) on 12 December 1955. For reasons that cannot now be determined it was never published. A fresh application in the same sense was received from Dr Eugene V. Coan and Dr George L. Kennedy on 19 September 1976. After considerable correspondence, this was sent to the printer on 23 January 1980 and published on 19 June 1980 in *Bull. zool. Nom.* vol. 37, pp. 114–116. Public notice of the possible use of the plenary powers in the case was given in the same part of the *Bulletin* as well as to the statutory serials, to seven general periodicals and three malacological periodicals.

The application was supported by Professor Ruth D. Turner (*Museum of Comparative Zoology, Cambridge, Massachusetts*) but opposed by Dr Lee A. Schremp and Dr Jack D. Mount (*University of California, Riverside*), who asked that *Netastoma* Carpenter, 1864 and *Pholas darwinii* G. B. Sowerby II, 1849 be placed on the Official List. This comment was published in *Bull. zool. Nom.* vol. 38, p. 9 on 26 February 1981.

DECISION OF THE COMMISSION

On 13 June 1984 the members of the Commission were invited to vote under the Three-Month Rule on Voting Paper (1984)21 either for the original proposals set out in *Bull. zool. Nom.* vol. 37, p. 115 (Alternative A) or for the proposals set out in *Bull. zool. Nom.* vol. 38, p. 9 (Alternative B).

At the close of the voting period on 13 September 1984 the state of the voting was as follows:

For Alternative A—seven (7) received in the following order: Schuster, Binder, Starobogatov, Uéno, Hahn, Brinck, Corliss

For Alternative B—eight (8) received in the following order: Melville, Holthuis, Mroczkowski, Cocks, Savage, Heppell, Sabrosky, Kraus.

Alvarado, Bayer, Bernardi, Halvorsen and Ride were on leave of absence. No votes were returned by Cogger, Dupuis, Lehtinen and Willink.

ORIGINAL REFERENCES

The following are the original references for the names placed on Official Lists by the ruling given in the present Opinion:

darwinii, Pholas, G. B. Sowerby II, 1849, *Thesaurus conchylimum*, vol. 2 (10), p. 490, pl. 107, figs. 76–77

Netastoma Carpenter, 1864, *Rep. brit. Assoc. Adv. Sci.* for 1863, pp. 529, 540, 605, 635, 637, 684.

CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the votes cast on V.P.(84)21 were cast as set out above, that the proposal contained in that voting paper has been duly adopted and that the decision so taken, being the decision of the International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature, is truly recorded in the present Opinion No. 1296.

R. V. MELVILLE

Secretary

International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature

London

3 October 1984