

restoration of *Gari* would result in an unnecessary and disturbing discordance between the family name and the name of its type genus.

It is for all these reasons that I propose that Dr. Cox's application be emended to place the names *Gari* Schumacher, 1817 and *Tellina gari* Linnaeus, 1758 on the Official Index of Rejected Names and to place the genus *Psammobia* on the Official List of Generic Names in Zoology.

By Sieman Wm. Muller (*Stanford, California*)

I wish to urge you that the recent proposal by Dr. Cox be given favourable consideration to place the generic name *Gari* Schumacher, 1817 on the Official List of Names in Zoology, with the appropriate selection of a neotype for the species, to clarify our concept of this name taxon.

I also wish to suggest that the family name should be fixed as GARIDAE rather than as PSAMMOBIIDAE which, according to Dr. Cox, has the priority. I hope the International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature will give this request a favourable consideration.

By R. Stohler (*Dept. of Zoology, University of California, Berkeley, Calif., U.S.A.*)

There is before the Commission on Nomenclature a petition by Dr. L. R. Cox to place the generic name *Gari* Schumacher, 1817, on the Official List of Names in Zoology, with the selection of a neotype.

It is well known that *Gari* has priority over *Psammobia* Lamarck, 1818. From this point alone the petition of Dr. Cox has great merit. However, additionally, *Gari* has been used extensively during the past number of years and it would add unnecessary confusion to the literature—which, admittedly, is confused and confusing enough—if the Lamarckian name were re-activated.

I should like, therefore, to add my strongest possible support to the petition of Dr. Cox.

But further, I should like to add a request that the family name be stabilized as GARIDAE, rather than as PSAMMOBIIDAE, even though the latter has priority. It would seem only logical to remove the latter name, since the type-genus should be *Gari* and the name *Psammobia* is to be relegated to synonymy; to preserve a family name based on a genus name in synonymy just seems to make not very good sense.

By Leo G. Hertel (*California Academy of Sciences, San Francisco 18, California, U.S.A.*)

I understand that the question of accepting or rejecting the genus name *Gari* Schumacher and the family name GARIDAE will come before the I.C.Z.N.

I would like to state that in my opinion the only certain way to attain stability in biological nomenclature is to adhere to strict priority as to date, page and line. If *Gari* be acceptable in place of *Psammobia* then it would logically follow that GARIDAE should replace PSAMMOBIIDAE.

There are usually differences of opinion concerning the acceptance of such names but, except in rare cases, my plea is simply for strict adherence to priority.

By Kenneth Jay Boss (*Museum of Comparative Zoology, Harvard College, Cambridge, Mass., U.S.A.*)

With reference to the proposal of Cox (*Bull. zool. Nomencl.* 18(1) : 90-96) to adopt the generic name *Gari* Schumacher, 1817, I submit that such an action is undesirable on the grounds that the junior subjective synonym, *Psammobia* Lamarck, 1818, is presently in far greater usage among taxonomists. Since the name *Garum* Dall, 1900, has assumed generic standing for a different taxon, the use of the genitive of the same stem for another genus maintains an unnecessary source of complications in the future. Cossman (1886) used not only the genus *Gari* but employed *Psammobia* as well; the former included four species of which one, *dutemplei* Deshayes has since become the type-species of *Garum* Dall by original designation; the three other species, *edwardsi*, *consobrina*, and *rudis*, included in Cossman (1886) under *Gari* have also since been included in *Garum* Dall. A cursory unbiased search through about twenty



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