

Background



Settlement funds from the 2007 *Cosco Busan* oil spill continue to be spent on restoration projects. To date, nearly \$20 million of the \$30.5 million settlement has been allocated to over 50 projects, designed to enhance and restore beaches and habitat around the Bay Area and beyond.

This newsletter highlights a few of those projects. You can find more information about the spill, the settlement, the restoration plan and other links at http://www.dfg.ca.gov/ospr/NRDA/cosco_busan_spill.aspx

Eden Landing Salt Ponds Management



Improvements to levees and water control structures are continuing at Eden Landing Wildlife Area in the South Bay. This enables John Krause (left) to manage vast acres of ponds for Snowy Plovers in the summer and diving ducks in the winter. This tide gate, with a rotten piling visible on the far left, will be replaced with a concrete structure. Complementing the project, other ponds are being converted to wetland habitat and public access trails are being extended.

Marbled Murrelet Restoration

Working with Humboldt Redwoods and Grizzly Creek State Parks, new animal-proof food lockers, garbage containers, and French drains (like these at Albee Creek Campground) are being installed at all campgrounds. This is to reduce the number of jays and ravens, which eat murrelet eggs and chicks. The work will take three years to complete. Restoration work in the Santa Cruz Mountains continues (see previous newsletters).



Surf Scoter Restoration



After wintering in San Francisco Bay, surf scoters head north to the breeding grounds, stopping in the Puget Sound area on the way. Here, they are subject to mortality from derelict fishing nets. A project to search for and remove these nets in the Salish Sea began last summer. Four nets were removed, including two snagged on masts of sunken vessels (see photo at left); bird bones were found in and underneath the nets.

Recreational Use Restoration

Forty-two recreational use projects are under way around the Bay Area. Here are some recent pictorial highlights:



Junior Lifeguard Program at Stinson Beach, Golden Gate National Recreation Area



Pilings and one gangway were replaced at docks in the Berkeley Marina and South Sailing Cove.



Environmental Traveling Companions Kayak Program



Ocean Beach seawall repairs

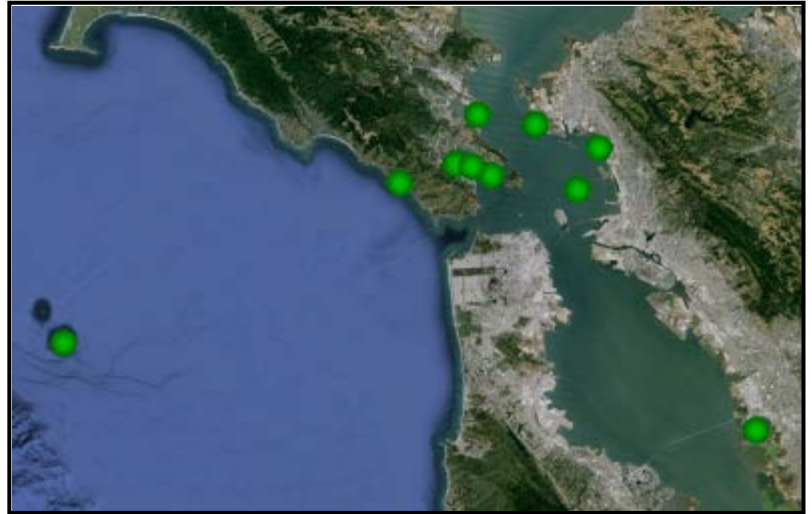
Updates on Other Projects

These projects are also underway:

- Farallon Nest Site Construction – design phase
- Aramburu Island Restoration – nearly complete
- Muir Beach Restoration – nearly complete
- Eelgrass Restoration – on-going
- Rockweed Restoration – pilot phase

These projects are expected to begin soon:

- Berkeley Pier Bird Platforms
- Grebe Restoration at Tule Lake
- Albany Beach Restoration
- Native Oyster Restoration



On-going or planned habitat restoration projects within the Bay Area (others are beyond the map boundary); see the 2014 newsletter for map of recreational projects.

Cosco Busan Trustee Council Budget

Amount Received **\$30,506,000**

Allocations to Date

Farallon Nest Site Construction	\$52,591
Eden Landing Salt Pond Restoration	\$774,797
Marbled Murrelet Restoration	\$456,832
Surf Scoter Restoration	\$78,197
Eelgrass Restoration	\$839,967
Aramburu Island Restoration	\$1,002,417
Muir Beach Dune Restoration	\$160,000
Albany Beach Restoration	\$250,000
Native Oyster Restoration	\$100,901
Rockweed Restoration	\$191,419
Recreational Use Projects/NPS (17 projects)	\$8,439,931
Recreational Use Projects/state (25 projects)	\$6,002,797

Agency Oversight \$1,130,000

Total Allocated **\$19,479,849**

Total Amount Remaining **\$11,026,151**

Natural Resource Trustee Agencies

- California Department of Fish and Wildlife
- California State Lands Commission
- United States Fish and Wildlife Service
- National Park Service
- National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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<https://darrp.noaa.gov/oil-spills/mv-cosco-busan>
www.fws.gov/contaminants/Issues/OilSpill.cfm

