

### Restoration Claim Update



The final component of the Trustees' claim for restoration funds from the Oil Spill Liability Trust Fund was adjudicated in August 2010. The National Pollution Funds Center has now awarded a total of \$22.7 million to the Trustees to implement the 14 restoration projects described in the Damage Assessment and Restoration Plan. Most of the projects are now underway.

### Restoration Project Highlights

#### Grebe Colony Protection

Audubon California was awarded the contract to begin implementing this project, designed to protect key grebe colonies. Working with local Audubon chapters, education and outreach efforts were conducted at Clear Lake, Lake Almanor, Eagle Lake, and Thermalito Afterbay. Public meetings have generated a lot of interest, local media coverage (see *Lake County Record-Bee* at right), and offers of time and boats from volunteers. Coordination with local agencies has helped in the placement of protective buoys near colonies at Clear Lake. Additional measures and outreach are planned for summer 2011.



#### Año Nuevo Island Restoration

The island saw all major project components implemented in 2010:

- 1) construction of a habitat ridge to protect the revegetation area from sea lion trampling;
- 2) design, production, and installation of 85 Rhinoceros Auklet clay nest modules;
- 3) installation of over 10,000 grasses and shrubs.

See [www.anonuevoisland.org](http://www.anonuevoisland.org) for more.



#### Forest Acquisition

One of the final projects approved for funding was the acquisition of the Sinnott parcel. Working with the Sempervirens Fund, this important habitat will be preserved for Marbled Murrelets.



#### Seabird Colony Protection Network

Efforts to protect murre and cormorant colonies from human disturbance were "buoyed" by the Marine Life Protection Act, which declared protected zones around several key colonies. This will enable trustee agencies to put up buoys marking closed areas. Since 2001, a total of 873 breeding season (April-August) disturbance events have been recorded: 405 by planes, 341 from helicopters, 128 by boats and 26 from other sources. These buoys and other outreach efforts will help decrease disturbance in future years.

## Updates on Other Projects

- Nest Protection at Kokechik Flats, Alaska – This project is underway.
- Mouse Eradication on the Farallon Islands – This project is still in the planning phase. Look for the Environmental Assessment to be released for public comment this spring. The actual eradication is scheduled for late fall 2011 or late fall 2012.
- Shearwater Colony Protection at Taiaroa Head, New Zealand – Planning for this project is underway.
- Seabird Colony Restoration on Baja California Islands – Look for a Request for Proposals (RFP) for this project (combined with a project of the Montrose Trustee Council) to be released shortly.
- Dune Habitat Restoration at Point Reyes National Seashore – This project is underway. The majority of it will be implemented beginning in August 2011.
- Corvid Management at Point Reyes National Seashore – Pre-implementation monitoring was completed. Much of this project will be implemented beginning in August 2011.
- Reading Rock Common Murre Colony Restoration – This project is still in the planning phase.
- Corvid Management in the Santa Cruz Mountains – This project has been on-going, funded thru the Command Trustee Council. Luckenbach funds will be used to sustain the project beginning in summer 2011.
- Rat Eradication in the Queen Charlotte Islands – This project will begin this year. Based on new research, we will focus on Arichika Island rather than Ellen Island. The Bischof Islands remain part of the project.
- Sea Otter Pathogens Education and Outreach – This project is underway.

## Luckenbach Trustee Council Budget

### Restoration Projects

**Amount Received** **\$21,597,905**

#### Allocations

|                                     |                    |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Kokechik Flats Protection           | \$83,503           |
| Grebe Colony Protection             | \$372,853          |
| Farallon Islands Mouse Eradication  | \$724,965          |
| Taiaroa Head Shearwater Colony      | \$55,649           |
| Baja Islands Seabird Enhancement    | 0                  |
| Point Reyes Dunes                   | \$370,835          |
| Seabird Protection Network          | \$1,136,776        |
| Point Reyes Corvid Management       | \$282,500          |
| Common Murre Reading Rock Colony    | 0                  |
| Murrelets—Habitat Protection        | 0                  |
| Murrelets—Corvid Management         | \$133,000          |
| Queen Charlotte Is. Rat Eradication | \$193,439          |
| Año Nuevo Island Restoration        | \$680,667          |
| Sea Otter Pathogens Education       | \$121,155          |
| <b>Total Project Allocations</b>    | <b>\$4,155,352</b> |

**Total Amount Remaining** **\$17,442,553**

### Natural Resource Trustee Agencies

- US Fish and Wildlife Service
- National Park Service
- National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
- CA Department of Fish and Game



### Trustee Council Administration

**Amount Received** **\$1,079,326**

**Total Admin. Allocations** **\$193,385**

**Total Amount Remaining** **\$885,941**

Restoration at Año Nuevo Island

