

Background



The natural resource Trustees have been awarded \$22.7 million to implement 14 restoration projects. The funds come from the Oil Spill Liability Trust Fund. The projects are intended to compensate for injuries caused by oil leaks from the *S.S. Jacob Luckenbach*, a vessel that sank off the coast of San Francisco in 1953 and was leaking oil. Most of the projects are now underway.

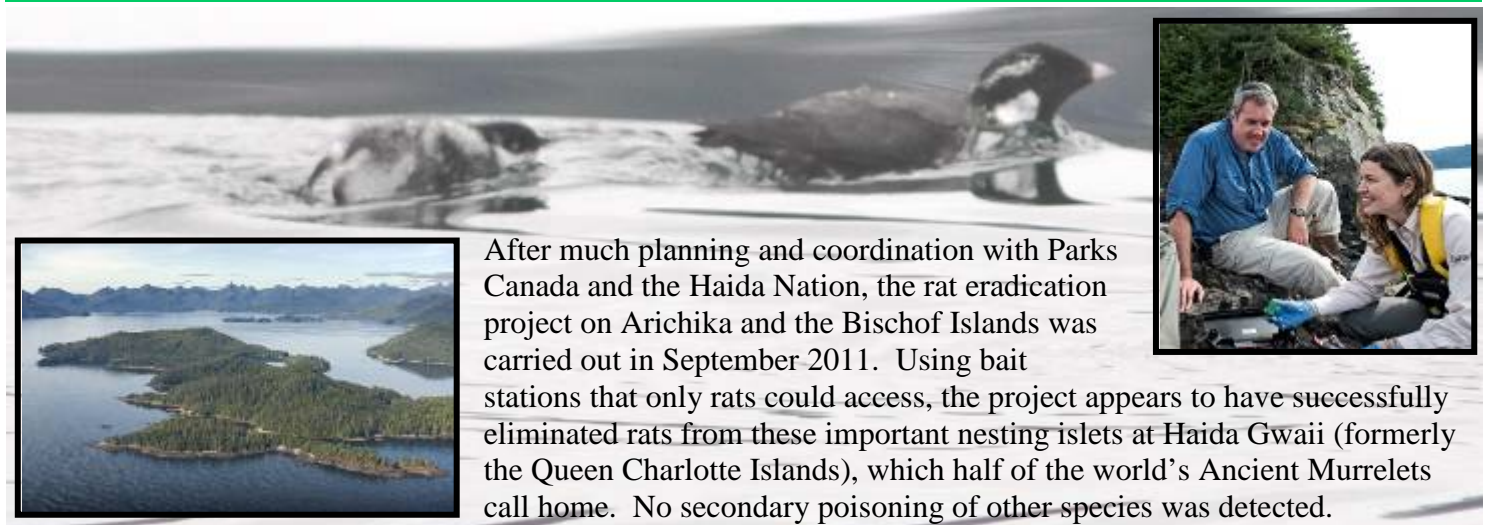
Restoration Project Highlights

Año Nuevo Island Restoration

After a major restoration effort in 2010, last winter's rains aided the new vegetation, turning a barren, rapidly eroding landscape into a lush carpet of native plants, perfect for seabird nesting. In the restoration area, 105 pairs of Rhinoceros Auklets laid eggs and successfully fledged 48 chicks. See www.anonuevoisland.org for more.



Ancient Murrelet Restoration on Haida Gwaii, British Columbia



After much planning and coordination with Parks Canada and the Haida Nation, the rat eradication project on Arichika and the Bischof Islands was carried out in September 2011. Using bait stations that only rats could access, the project appears to have successfully eliminated rats from these important nesting islets at Haida Gwaii (formerly the Queen Charlotte Islands), which half of the world's Ancient Murrelets call home. No secondary poisoning of other species was detected.



Dune Restoration at Point Reyes

Initial removal of European beachgrass and iceplant, using heavy equipment, began in February 2011. Follow-up treatment, primarily by hand, began in July to remove re-sprouts. Monitoring and retreatment will continue thru 2013. The photograph, taken during the middle of the project, shows beachgrass as darker brown within the sandy areas. The large pond is Abbott's Lagoon.

Updates on Other Projects

- Nest Protection at Kokechik Flats, Alaska – This project is underway.
- Grebe Colony Protection at Northern California Lakes – This project is underway (see Jan 2011 Update).
- Mouse Eradication on the Farallon Islands – This project is still in the planning phase. The Farallon NWR is currently conducting an Environmental Impact Review, exploring ways to minimize impacts to non-target species. The actual eradication has been postponed to late fall 2013.
- Shearwater Colony Protection at Taiaroa Head, New Zealand – Planning for this project is underway.
- Seabird Colony Restoration on Baja California Islands – The contract was awarded to a consortium of US and Mexican NGOs and the project is about to begin.
- Seabird Colony Protection Network – This project is underway (see Jan 2011 Update).
- Corvid Management at Point Reyes National Seashore – This project is under way.
- Reading Rock Common Murre Colony Restoration – This project is still in the planning phase.
- Old Growth Forest Acquisition and Protection – The parcel has been acquired and long term protection and management plans are being developed.
- Corvid Management in the Santa Cruz Mountains – This project is on-going and continues to document lower corvid numbers around the campgrounds.
- 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	\$530,432
Farallon Islands Mouse Eradication	\$798,480
Taiaroa Head Shearwater Colony	\$55,649
Baja Islands Seabird Enhancement	\$721,836
Point Reyes Dunes	\$370,835
Seabird Protection Network	\$1,731,635
Point Reyes Corvid Management	\$300,313
Common Murre Reading Rock Colony	0
Murrelets—Habitat Protection	0
Murrelets—Corvid Management	\$448,000
Queen Charlotte Is. Rat Eradication	\$193,439
Año Nuevo Island Restoration	\$784,237
Sea Otter Pathogens Education	\$121,155
Total Project Allocations	\$6,139,514
Total Amount Remaining	\$15,458,391

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	\$345,388
Total Amount Remaining	\$733,938