

### Background

The natural resource Trustees were awarded \$22.7 million to implement 14 restoration projects. The funds come from the Oil Spill Liability Trust Fund managed by the US Coast Guard. 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. Most of the projects are underway.



### Restoration Project Highlights

#### Seabird Protection Network

The Seabird Protection Network achieved a milestone for the protection of common murres when low overflight regulations were officially added to FAA charts for pilots. With the exception of low overflights at Devil's Slide Rock near Half Moon Bay, colony disturbance has fallen. A kiosk planned next year at the Half Moon Bay airport café for pilots will include past video footage of the murre colony, hoping to build local ownership of this important seabird colony. A similar kiosk is planned for boaters at the Pillar Point Harbor. This project is being implemented by the Gulf of the Farallones National Marine Sanctuary and the SF Bay National Wildlife Refuge Complex. For more information, see

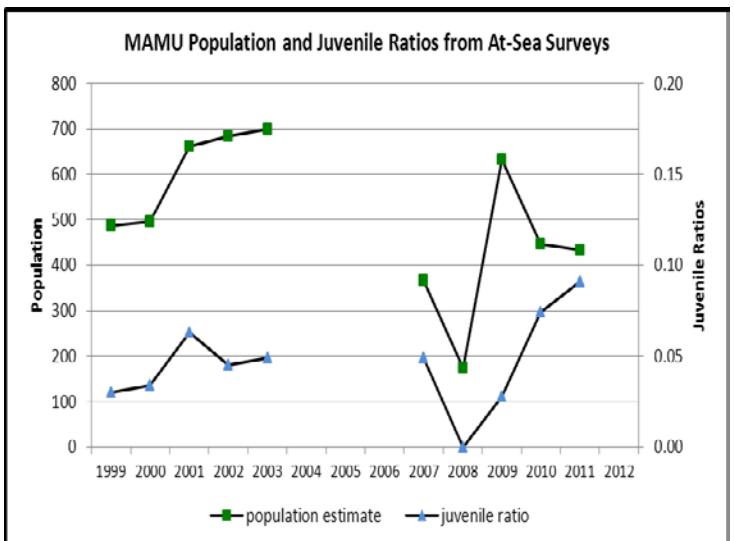
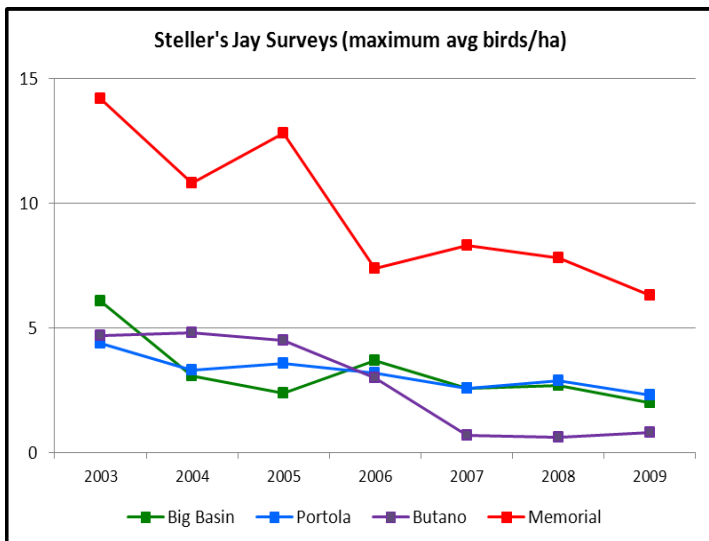


<http://www.seabirdprotectionnetwork.org>

#### Corvid Management in the Santa Cruz Mountains



Working with California State Parks and San Mateo County Parks, the Trustee Council funded the installation of 240 food lockers at Big Basin, Butano, and Portola State Parks, and Memorial County Park. The result: a “phenomenal” difference in campground cleanliness. State Parks is also coordinating camper education plans with Redwood National Park, initiating a new “crumb clean” campaign. Research has shown that certain sign designs are particularly effective. Bird surveys show a continued decline in jays in campgrounds and an increase in juvenile marbled murrelets detected at sea.



## Shearwater Colony Protection at Taiaroa Head, New Zealand

In a partnership with Oikonos Ecosystem Knowledge of the US, the New Zealand Department of Conservation, and a private landowner, a protective fence was completed that will protect nesting sooty shearwaters from rabbits, brush-tailed possums, and other non-native mammals. The project protects one of the largest mainland colonies in New Zealand and is being implemented, in part, because birds that nest in New Zealand spend the summer in California.



## Updates on Other Projects

- Nest Protection at Kokechik Flats, Alaska – This project is on-going (see Mar 2010 Update).
- Grebe Colony Protection at Northern California Lakes – This project is on-going (see Jan 2011 Update).
- Mouse Eradication on the Farallon Islands – Planning is on-going. Gull hazing experiments conducted in fall 2012 were extremely successful. The actual eradication is tentatively planned for late fall 2013.
- Seabird Colony Restoration on Baja California Islands – This project is beginning now.
- Dune Restoration at Point Reyes National Seashore – This project is largely complete (see Jan 2012 update).
- Reading Rock Common Murre Colony Restoration – This project is on hold.
- Old Growth Forest Acquisition and Protection – The parcel has been identified and long term protection and management plans are being developed.
- Rat Eradication on Haida Gwaii, Canada – This project is largely complete (see Jan 2012 update).
- Nesting Habitat Restoration on Año Nuevo Island – This project largely complete (see Jan 2012 update).
- Sea Otter Pathogens Education and Outreach – This project is nearing completion; see [seaotters.com](http://seaotters.com)

## Luckenbach Trustee Council Budget

**Amount Received** **\$22,677,231**

### Allocations

Kokechik Flats Protection	\$83,503
Grebe Colony Protection	\$599,294
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	\$2,331,265
Point Reyes Corvid Management	\$366,920
Common Murre Reading Rock Colony	0
Murrelets—Habitat Protection	0
Murrelets—Corvid Management	\$556,006
Queen Charlotte Is. Rat Eradication	\$193,439
Año Nuevo Island Restoration	\$861,092
Sea Otter Pathogens Education	\$121,155

Agency Oversight \$609,136

**Total** **\$7,668,310**

**Total Amount Remaining** **\$15,008,921**

### Natural Resource Trustee Agencies

United States Fish and Wildlife Service  
National Park Service  
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration  
California Department of Fish and Wildlife  
(formerly the Department of Fish and Game)



<http://www.dfg.ca.gov/ospr/Science/Luckenbach.aspx>

Monitoring reports for many restoration projects can be found at

[http://www.dfg.ca.gov/ospr/NRDA/restore\\_monitor\\_reports.aspx](http://www.dfg.ca.gov/ospr/NRDA/restore_monitor_reports.aspx)