

### 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

#### Dune Habitat Restoration at Point Reyes National Seashore

Luckenbach funds contributed to a 250-acre project. In summer 2014, there were 14 Snowy Plover nests in the restored area. Nine of the nests hatched eggs and six chicks were fledged. At right, three plover eggs sit inside a clump of Tidestrom’s Lupine. Both the bird and the plant are endangered species.



#### Seabird Protection Network



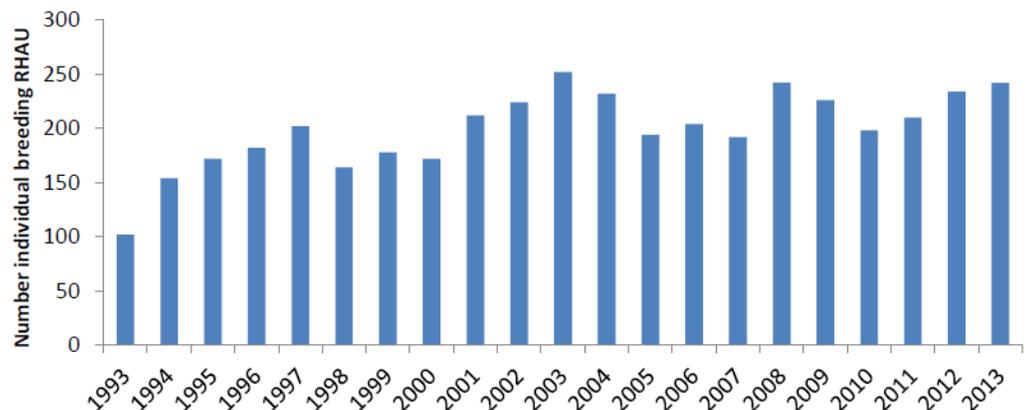
In summer 2014, Common Murre productivity was 0.87 chicks per pair at Castle-Hurricane Pt and 0.82 at Devil’s Slide Rock, marking an excellent year with lots of prey fish offshore and limited disturbance at the colonies. These are some of the most productive years ever documented at these colonies. Plane and helicopter disturbance at Devil’s Slide remains a source of concern, but incidents have declined from past years.

#### Año Nuevo Island Restoration

The revegetation of the central plateau at Año Nuevo Island is complete and is sustaining the Rhinoceros Auklet colony. The continued existence of the colony was threatened due to severe soil erosion. Results show that, not only has the colony been preserved, but it is now thriving and slightly increasing with the native plant cover.

**Rhinoceros Auklet Breeding Population in the central terrace of Año Nuevo Island 1993-2013**

credit: Oikonos and Point Blue



## Summary of all Projects

### Projects largely complete:

Shearwater Protection at Taiaroa Head, New Zealand – see January 2013 News Update.  
 Dune Habitat Restoration at Point Reyes National Seashore – see page 1 of this newsletter.  
 Rat Eradication on Haida Gwaii, Canada – see January 2012 News Update.  
 Nesting Habitat Restoration on Año Nuevo Island – see page 1 of this newsletter.  
 Sea Otter Pathogens Education and Outreach – see January 2014 News Update.

### Projects on-going:

Grebe Colony Protection at Northern California Lakes – see January 2011 News Update.  
 Seabird Colony Restoration on Baja California Islands, Mexico – see January 2014 News Update.  
 Seabird Protection Network – see page 1 of this newsletter.  
 Corvid Management at Point Reyes National Seashore – see January 2014 News Update.  
 Corvid Management in the Santa Cruz Mountains – see January 2013 News Update.

**Note:** The Reading Rock Common Murre Colony Protection Project has been deemed infeasible and the Trustee Council is seeking to shift the funds to expand the Point Reyes Corvid Management Project.

### Projects in the midst of planning, permitting, contracting:

Nest Protection at Kokechik Flats, Alaska  
 Mouse Eradication on the Farallon Islands  
 Old Growth Forest Acquisition and Protection

The Oil Spill Liability Trust Fund has approved the Trustee Council's contingency request for \$184,862 to address additional costs for the Taiaroa Head, Haida Gwaii, and Año Nuevo Island projects.

## Luckenbach Trustee Council Budget

**Amount Received** **\$22,686,417**

### Allocations

Kokechik Flats Protection	\$83,503
Grebe Colony Protection	\$774,060
Farallon Islands Mouse Eradication	\$805,980
Taiaroa Head Shearwater Colony	\$57,895
Baja Islands Seabird Enhancement	\$1,794,527
Point Reyes Dunes	\$370,835
Seabird Protection Network	\$3,616,324
Point Reyes Corvid Management	\$400,000
Common Murre Reading Rock Colony	0
Murrelets—Habitat Protection	0
Murrelets—Corvid Management	\$818,306
Haida Gwaii Rat Eradication	\$222,455
Año Nuevo Island Restoration	\$1,059,583
Sea Otter Pathogens Education	\$121,155

Agency Oversight \$965,119

**Total** **\$11,089,741**

**Total Amount Remaining** **\$11,596,675**

### Natural Resource Trustee Agencies

United States Fish and Wildlife Service  
 National Park Service  
 National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration  
 California Department of Fish and Wildlife



<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)