

# The National Wildlife Refuge System

- First refuge – Pelican Island
  - established by Teddy Roosevelt in 1903
- Today:
  - 544 National Wildlife Refuges on
  - 94 million acres
  - More than 35 million visitors per year
- Largest system of lands in the world dedicated to wildlife conservation





*The mission of the National Wildlife Refuge System is to preserve a national network of lands and waters for the conservation and management of fish, wildlife, and plant resources of the United States for the benefit of present and future generations.*

# National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act

## - Key Themes -

- Mission statement - wildlife first!
- Priority public uses
- Compatibility of uses
- Maintain the biological integrity, diversity and environmental health of the System
- State Involvement
- Comprehensive Conservation Planning

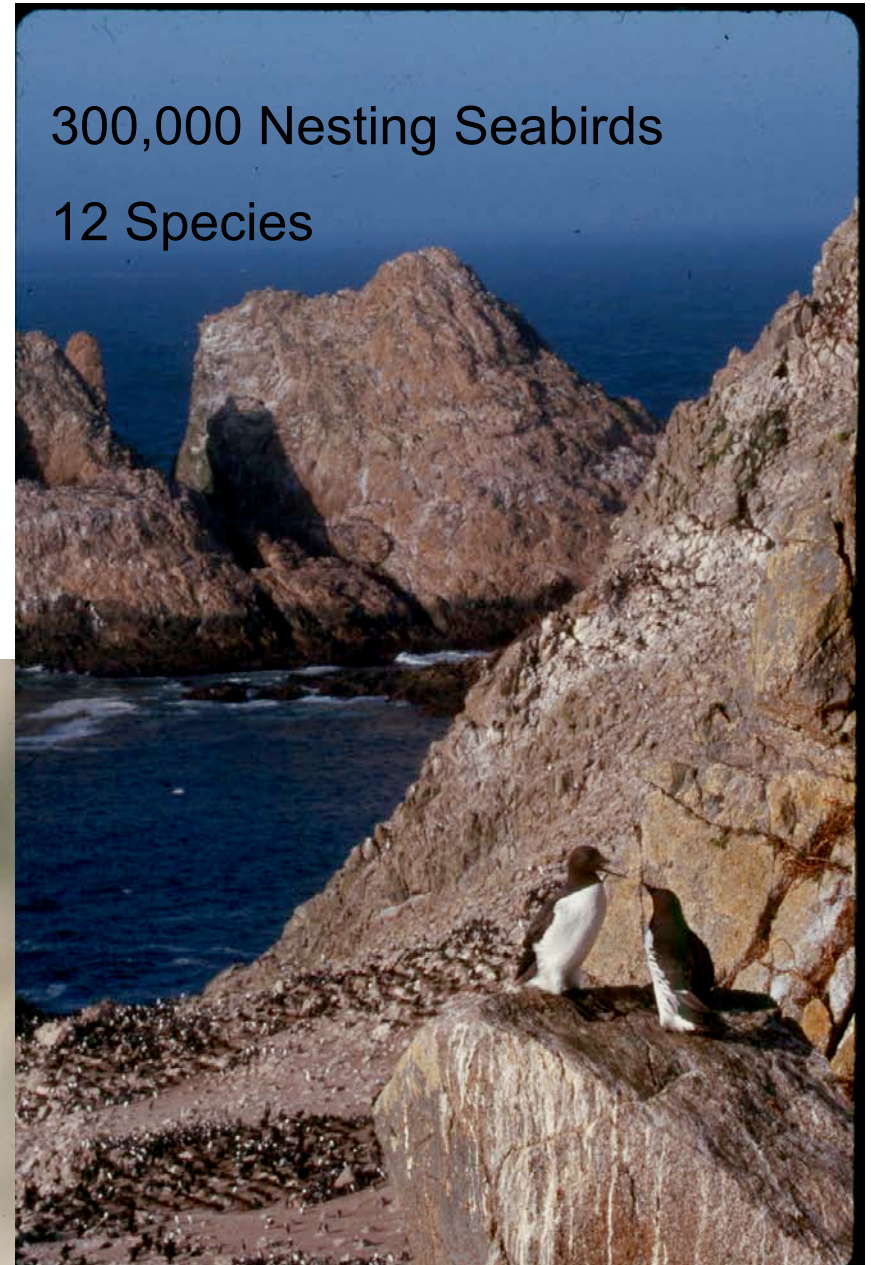
Hunting, Fishing, Wildlife Observation, Photography, Environmental Education, and Interpretation





**Refuge Purpose:** *Protect seabirds and marine mammals, restoring their former abundance and diversity through natural processes*

# SEABIRD VALUES



# MARINE MAMMAL VALUES



Elephant Seal.

Re-colonized 1972



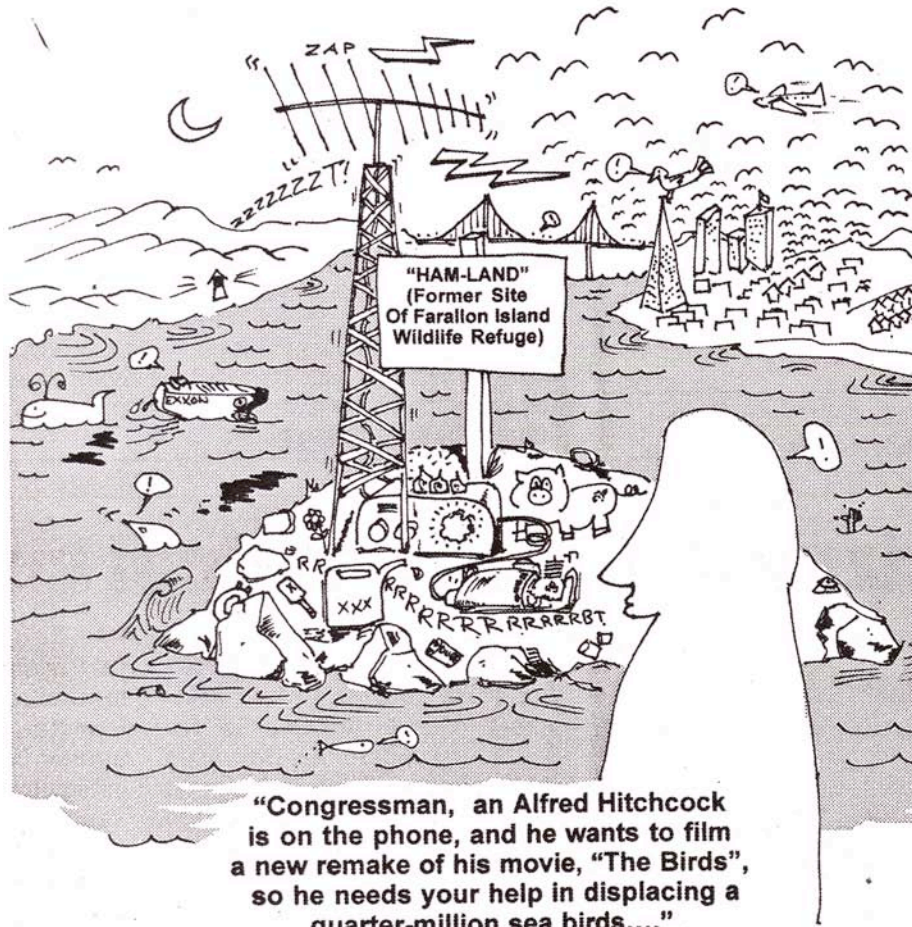
Northern Fur Seal

Re-colonized 1996



Steller Sea Lion - Threatened

**IMAGE TO THE EDITOR**



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stitute a boycott of the city's tourism industry.

As an owner and operator of a small family hotel, I find that when major convention hotels lose business, our staff feels the result. We, like other small businesses, are hugely impacted when commerce is moved out of our city.

The Organization of American Historians that moved its annual meeting to San Jose is only one of the groups that are now looking elsewhere for convention venues. Our city faces a huge deficit. I would think the mayor would do everything possible to generate more business and increase city revenues.

I understand Newsom has a personal view on the labor negotiations. However, as mayor he should think and act for all citizens, not promote a boycott of the city's tourism industry.

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# EXAMPLES OF PARTNERSHIPS

Volunteers: Projects supporting Refuge purpose



Repair & Maintenance Projects

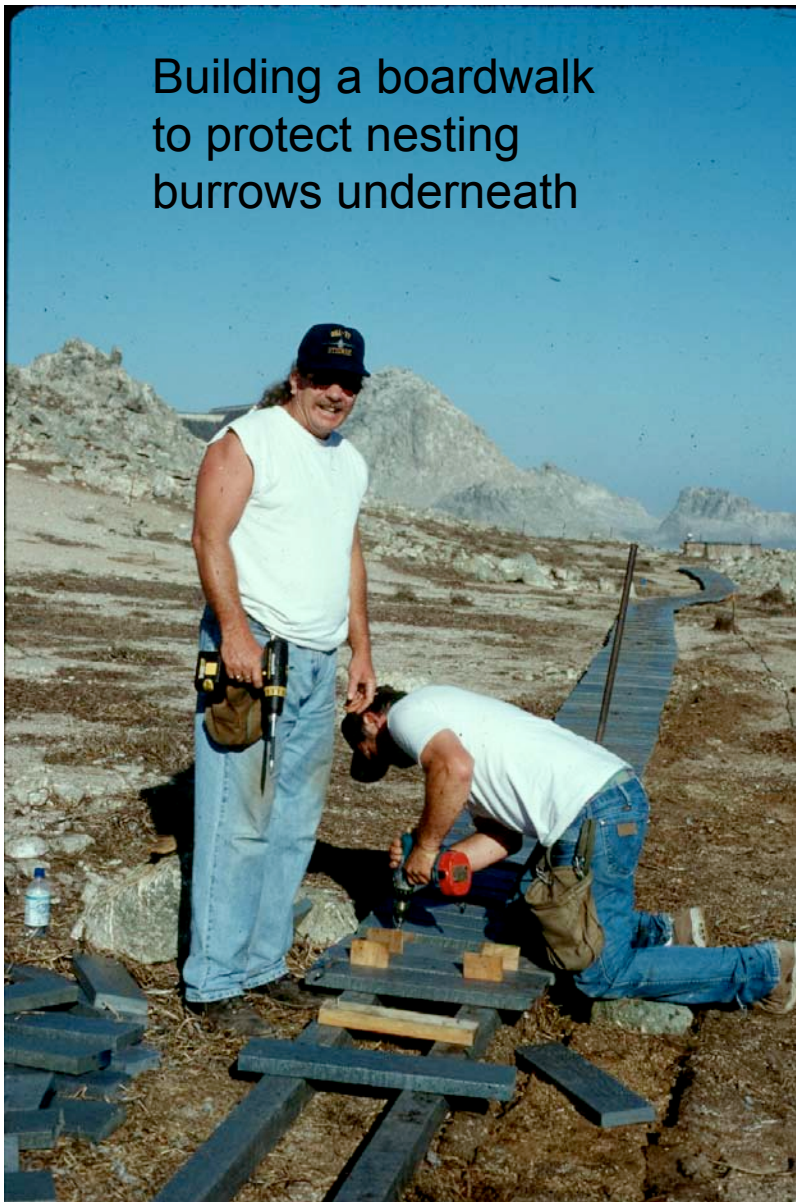
Habitat Restoration



# EXAMPLES OF PARTNERSHIPS

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Building a boardwalk  
to protect nesting  
burrows underneath

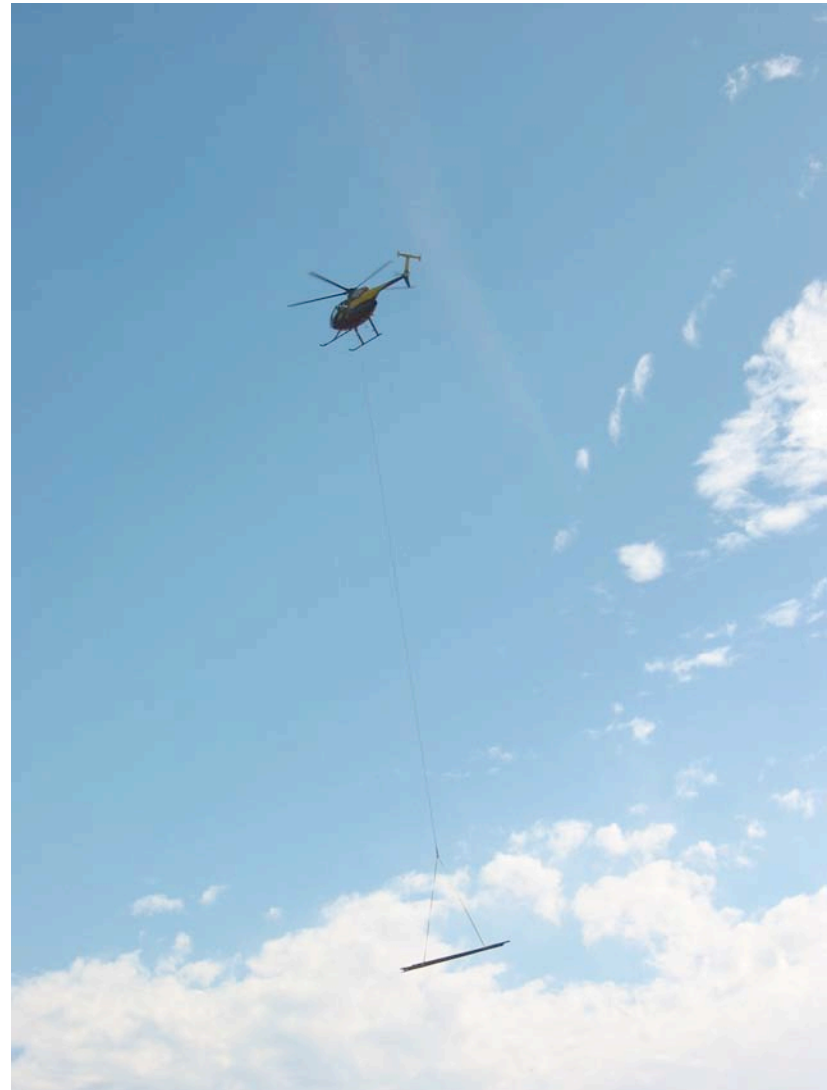


Farallon Patrol



Coast Guard removing debris

# Hams Helping Habitat: Feb 2006



# Why this project worked

- Refuge benefits
- Partner offered a unique contribution that filled Refuge need
- Radio operation designed to avoid wildlife impacts
- Outreach component



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The Farallon National Wildlife Refuge is one of over 540 Refuges managed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for the primary purpose of wildlife conservation. The Refuge supports the largest seabird nesting colony in the continental U.S., and is an important breeding and resting area for marine mammals. Seabirds and seals on the Farallons are slowly re-building their numbers which were reduced by past human activities, and wildlife is still vulnerable to human disturbance. Only activities that contribute directly to the management or conservation of Refuge resources are permitted on the Farallon islands. For more information about this globally significant wildlife habitat, please see: <http://www.k6vva.com/iota/na178/sefi.html>.

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# CCP Process

- **Purpose:** to provide guidance for the management of Farallon NWR resources during the next 15 years
- Best available science to help managers achieve the purposes of the Refuge and the Refuge System
- Multi-year process
- Stakeholder involvement- seeking public comment is critical



# *CCP will assess these areas:*

- ***Habitat Management-*** needs of the Refuge environment (e.g., vegetation, structures, impacts)
- ***Migratory Birds and Marine Mammals-*** historic and current status of populations on the Refuge
- ***Public Access and Education-*** activities compatible with refuge goals

