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From: Thomas H. Young [young@lifesci.ucsb.edu]
Sent: Thursday, May 19, 2005 10:27 AM
To: msrp@noaa.gov
Subject: Montrose Settlement Restoration Project

To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to voice my support for Alternative 2 of the Montrose Settlement Restoration Project (MSRP). It is clear that numerous species of wildlife in the Southern California Bight have been adversely affected by decades of releasing DDT into the environment. The MSRP provides an excellent opportunity to restore many of these species' populations to robust levels and enhance the overall community health of the Santa Barbara Channel. Of the 3 alternatives currently on the table for the MSRP, only Alternative 2 addresses the importance of whole-community restoration to maintain and facilitate the recovery of those species that have been affected. Unlike the other options, Alternative 2 provides funding to restore seabird populations and fish populations, as well as to promote the recovery of bald eagles and peregrine falcons in the Channel Islands. I believe that Alternative 2 is superior to the other alternatives for 3 reasons: 1) Alternative 2 recognizes the importance of interactions and ecological connections between these multiple components of the channel's ecosystem, 2) Alternative 2 promotes the restoration of diverse resources that appeal to a wide-base of stakeholders and user groups, and 3) Alternative 2 provides a prudent "bet hedging" strategy that will guarantee success even under the contingency that a few populations may not respond positively to restoration efforts. I encourage you to take into consideration the above-mentioned factors when making your final decision on the allocation of funds from the MSRP.

Sincerely,
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Subject: public comment on MSRP

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Dear Mr. Baker,

I am writing to submit public input to the committee deciding the restoration efforts for the Montrose Settlement Restoration Project (MSRP). I support alternative #2 which divides the money among peregrine, eagle, seabird and fisheries restoration. I believe that this would be the best use of the funds.

Thank you,
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From: Karl Campbell [karl@fcdarwin.org.ec]
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To: msrp@noaa.gov
Subject: Support for preferred option- #2

Dear Montrose Trustees and Support Staff;

I have researched and published extensively on the restoration and ecology of insular ecosystems including islands in the Galapagos, Hawaii, Australia, Chile, Mexico and the USA. The long-term damage caused by the careless dumping of DDT by the Montrose company is an environmental tragedy. The settlement and subsequent draft restoration plan represent a huge opportunity to redress these wrongs. I commend you for the quality of the research and analysis that went into the draft restoration plan and lend my fullest support to the preferred option- number two. I feel this is without doubt the most efficient use of the money presented and will have the biggest short-term and long-term conservation benefit for the resources impacted by the DDT spill.

Sincerely,

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To: msrp@noaa.gov
Subject: Montrose Restoration Plan Comment - UC Santa Cruz

Dear Dr. Baker and the Montrose Restoration Committee,

Attached please find my comments on the MSRP. Thank you for the opportunity for adding my input.

Sincerely,

Donald A. Croll
Assistant Professor



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19 May 2005

Greg Baker, Program Manager
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Dear Dr. Baker;

It is with great pleasure that I write to comment on the Draft MSRP. This is a well written and well researched document. The logic is sound and the prioritization of options are clear. Congratulations.

I want to express my support for the preferred option (number 2). It clearly makes the most sense as it provides funding to permanently restore seabird populations that were directly impacted by DDT discharges. Since the proposed actions provide permanent restoration, there will be long term benefits to the Southern California Marine Ecosystem and thus provide enjoyment to bird watchers in perpetuity. In addition, option 2 avoids the ethical issues associated with exposing bald eagles to potentially lethal organochloride levels.

As a seabird biologist who was born and raised in Palos Verdes, I am very familiar with the conservation issues surrounding seabirds and the long-term DDT pollution in the area. As a professor at the University of California, Santa Cruz, I have worked closely with graduate students and colleagues on organochlorides and other issues in ecotoxicology. With this personal and professional background, it is clear that it is a poor use of limited public conservation dollars to continue to prop up an unsustainable bald eagle population. Unfortunately, we will have to wait a number of years until organochloride levels, especially those in pinnipeds, have reached substantially lower concentrations. Only then can bald eagles be humanely and economically brought back to the Channel Islands.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Donald A. Croll".

Donald A. Croll
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May 18, 2005

Dear Mr. Baker,

As a frequent visitor to Catalina Island and Laguna Beach resident, I have been studying, photographing, and enjoying a bald eagle that was released from Catalina's Institute for Wildlife Studies program for some time now. When you see this magnificent eagle in person, you realize how important this funding is for our national bird! PLEASE! Listen to the people who are being affected by the presence of the bald eagle. The people of Laguna Beach are aware of the dilemma the bald eagle is in if the funding stopped. Human intervention is still necessary to ensure survival of the bald eagle on Catalina Island. It's too soon to discontinue funding until the eagle is able to hatch eggs on it's own. PLEASE! Listen to the biologists! Also, the children in our community of Three Arch Bay have been learning about the Institute for Wildlife Studies program and want to see more bald eagles survive.

PLEASE find more funding after 2005 so we can continue to enjoy our national bird, The American Bald Eagle.

Thank you,
Nancee Wells



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Subject: Save the Catalina Bald Eagle

Dear Ms. Boxer please save our eagles they need our help, we have to stop hurting our animals and be responsible for what we put in our water we love our island and our great birds please come to Catalina and visit the great bald eagles it is our national bird we are proud to have it live on our Island!
I am 8 years old I want a Bald Eagle to be here on Catalina when im 100 years old
Tori

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From: Nina Karnovsky [Nina.Karnovsky@pomona.edu]
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Please see my attached comments. Let me know if you have any trouble opening the document.

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May 19, 2005

Greg Baker, Program Manager
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Dear Greg,

I am a Professor at Pomona College in Claremont, CA with marine ecology as my main field of interest. I would like to briefly make some comments on the Montrose restoration plan.

The efforts to restore Bald Eagles to Catalina Island have been well thought out and it was good idea to try to get the population there re-established. However, I strongly believe that the settlement money should not be used for this project any longer. It is obvious that the contaminant levels that the eagles are exposed to are still very unhealthy.

I realize that there is a lot of support for this project from the general public who understandably have become attached to these birds. It is wonderful that the reproductive plight of these birds has received so much sympathy and attention.

I believe that the focus of the Montrose settlement should be to reintroduce eagles to Santa Cruz Island. This project will help the Island foxes and hopefully the public will see the dire necessity of bringing them back there. It is likely that the eagles will fare better there because they will be farther from the source of DDT.

The settlement funds would also be more useful in funding projects that support the seabird populations that are impacted. In particular, eradication of introduced predators such as rats and cats will bring immediate and long-term benefits to the islands. Rats need to be eradicated from San Miguel Island and cats need to be taken off of San Nicolas Island.

The influence of contamination in the Southern California Bight extends across our borders into Mexico. I am in favor of the Trustees' proposal to support projects that work to restore the impacted seabird populations in Mexico.

Sincerely,

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Hi Greg,
some comments on the MSRP draft restoration plan. Looks good to me.
Watch out for the mercury in wetlands. This may not be as much of a problem on the coast
of open bays.
I will snail-mail a hard copy.
Regards,
Bob

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May 20, 2005

Dr. Greg Baker, Program Manager
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Dear Dr. Baker:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Montrose Settlements Restoration Program (MSRP) Draft Restoration Plan and Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report. The Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA) would like to acknowledge and encourage the continued efforts of the MSRP to restore resources lost along the Southern California Bight as a result of the Montrose contamination. Our comments are limited to those sections of the Draft Plan that are most closely related to OEHHA's programmatic activities and responsibilities. These are the sections involving restoration of fishing services, fish, and habitats on which they depend. OEHHA finds that the projects proposed in Alternative 2 are best suited to restore fishing and fish habitat and should be adopted for implementation. Specific comments on these projects are as follows:

- 1) Artificial reefs and improved fishing access
OEHHA supports careful placement of artificial reefs and as means of attracting less contaminated fish, displacing more contaminated fish, and restoring fishing for the public. As noted in Appendix A1, monitoring and long-term oversight is critical for reef construction. In addition to the reasons given for monitoring in this Appendix, long term monitoring is also necessary to confirm that less contaminated fish attracted to reefs remain low in contamination in these modified habitats. OEHHA also supports the MSRP developing other fishing access improvements.
- 2) Public information to restore fishing services
OEHHA supports new and continued efforts by the MSRP to provide information to the public concerning fishing options and resource contamination. As noted in Appendix A2 this effort should continue close coordination with the Fish Contamination and Education Collaborative and member agencies (e.g., OEHHA) when developing educational materials, including those concerning fish consumption and the state's fish advisories.

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- 3) Restoring full tidal exchange wetlands
OEHHA supports efforts by the MSRP to contribute to and partner with other groups to restore wetlands. It is important to support restoration of fish habitat in these nursery areas. However, wetlands and estuaries can in some instances be sites of increased mercury methylation, which can lead to greater bioaccumulation of methylmercury in these food webs. This might impact fish and human consuming them. This potentially adverse impact should be considered and investigated as specific wetlands projects are developed and considered for implementation.
- 4) Augmenting funding for Marine Protected Areas in the Northern Channel Islands
OEHHA supports the MSRP augmenting funding for Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) in the Northern Channel Islands to enhance fish habitat in these areas as compensation for habitat lost on the Palos Verdes Shelf. Developing a better understanding of the effectiveness of MPAs as refuges and recolonization sites will contribute to future restoration projects.

In closing, OEHHA supports continued strong application of scientific studies in making decisions concerning the alternatives and activities to be included in the Final Restoration Plan. Should you have questions concerning these comments please contact me at (916) 323-4763. We look forward to the MSRP's continued efforts on this important restoration project.

Sincerely,



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Mr. Baker and Concerned parties:

I have been following with interest the saga of the Montrose Corporation, their horrific dumping of DDT and the damages they paid to somehow make things better. I grew up fishing the waters contaminated by the dumping and though I now live 300 miles north of Los Angeles, I still feel great affection for the waters around Southern California and the Channel Islands. From San Clemente to Santa Barbara- these waters were my childhood playground.

After reading through the Draft Restoration Plan, doing some research, and discussing the issues at hand with biologists and conservation workers- I would like to give some input regarding the different alternatives that are presented.

Alternative one is immoral; we cannot sit on our hands.

Alternative three, while better than nothing is not the highest and best use of the restoration funds. I am concerned that if alternative three is pursued that the restoration program would be putting all its eggs in one basket (no pun intended). The introduced eagle population on Catalina is not able to reproduce. The residual DDT/DDE in the food chain is still causing thin egg shells for the birds. It does not make economic nor ethical sense for us to pursue this avenue until the residue levels subside. I feel it is cruel to take eagles from healthy populations and introduce them into the DDT riddled food chain that is presently in the coastal waters of Southern California. We all want to see the eagles succeed; they are an inspirational and stirring sight. Yet, we also have to rely on good science and recognize the reality of the situation. The Bald Eagle population cannot sustain itself without massive human manipulation and huge funding. What will happen to these birds when the funding runs out? I greatly prefer a project with permanent conservation benefits.

Alternative two seems like the most broad-reaching, flexible, sustainable, and best thought out alternative. This alternative continues to fund the eagle restoration work, assuming a self sustaining population, while also funding seabird restoration projects. Seabird projects similar to those proposed in alternative two already have an established record of success; money spent in this manner is rapidly paid back in increased populations and results in permanent conservation gains. These seabirds are an integral part of the ecosystem of our near shore waters and provide great pleasure to bird and nature watchers alike. To ignore their value and not fund their restoration would be a tragedy.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment on restoration plan. I hope my letter will help you to make this important decision.

Sincerely,

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Subject: funding for the bald eagles of Catalina Island

Catalina's bald eagle population is in danger, and we need your help if the eagles are to be protected. As you probably already know, the Montrose Trustees want to reallocate funds now earmarked for the restoration of the eagle population on Catalina to other areas.

There are MANY reasons to deny this proposal by the Trustees:

- Catalina was particularly hard-hit by the environmental damage of the chemical companies and is very deserving of these monies.
- it is too soon to abandon efforts to save these eagles. Evidence shows the eagles may soon be able to reproduce on their own. Don't give up now or all the money already spent on this project will be WASTED.
- the Montrose Settlement was meant to restore this natural resource to the public. And where on the Channel Islands is the public??? You got it. Catalina.
- Some of the monies allocated for this project would be diverted to projects in Mexico. Mexico did not suffer the damage that the San Pedro Basin did.
- it is possible that the abandonment of this project could endanger the Catalina Island Fox.

In short, please keep this project going. If there is a growing population on Catalina Island, this could naturally become a source for recovery of bald eagles on the Northern Channel Islands, **without needing the intervention and money from this project.**

Please, please, look into the face of a little bald eagle or Island fox and speak for them. They can't do it themselves.

Sincerely,

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"The pessimist complains about the wind, the optimist hopes it will change, and the realist adjusts the sails"

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19 May 2005

Dear Greg:

I am writing to comment on the Montrose Draft Restoration Plan developed by the Natural Resource Trustees Council. First, I support the Restoration Plan Preferred Alternative Number 2, which incorporates the allocation of restoration effort over a broad spectrum of resources, including, fish and fish habitat, bald eagles, peregrine falcons, and seabirds. I believe it is the best alternative because it is one which provides a long-term, ecosystem-wide benefit, over a multiple range of species.

Alternative 2 appears to be the most appropriate course for action because it is one which best mitigates the effects of the widest range of damaged resources, including many taxonomic groups that were affected by the long-term release of chemicals into the water column by the Montrose Chemical Corporation. I believe it is a better alternative compared to Alternative 1, which assumes no restoration action be taken, and better than Alternative 3, which divides up the restoration efforts and resources unequally among the bird component portion of the plan (bald eagles and seabirds).

As a biologist, I believe there is a compelling argument for allocating equal funds for seabird and eagle restoration. Many seabird species, including, Brown Pelicans, Double-Crested Cormorants, Western Gulls, Ashy Storm-Petrels, Xantus murrelets, Cassin's auklets, and the habitats they use for breeding, were affected by DDT and PCB's released into the environment in the Southern California Bight. In the draft plan, the Trustee Council used information regarding elevated DDT levels in seabird eggs and eggshell thinning as a criterion for assessing the importance and priority for restoration to these damaged resources. Compared to eggs of the same or closely related species at distant colonies along the Pacific coast, Fry (1994) reported that total DDT egg residues were significantly elevated in the colonies of seabirds in the Southern California Bight, compared to other colonies for the following species: Western gull, Double-crested cormorant, Pigeon guillemot, and Ashy storm-petrel. Xantus's murrelets also were documented as having elevated residues of DDTs in their eggs on Santa Barbara Island. Although many of these species are doing well and their populations are starting to recover, particularly for Brown Pelicans and Double-Crested Cormorants, their numbers, most likely, still have not been restored to those prior to the period of chemical release into the Bight. Because many of these species are ground nesters, in addition to possibly contending with reduced reproductive success due to eggshell thinning, they also must contend with introduced predators that prey upon and kill seabird eggs and chicks. The preferred Alternative 2 allows for restoration funds that would support predator removal and restoration efforts on seabird colonies in the Channel Islands and Mexico. I believe

these suggested studies are plausible, will greatly enhance the habitat of many species located on these islands, and will have a dramatic effect in increasing seabird populations. Predator removal and other similar studies have been successfully carried out on Anacapa Island, with the successful removal of rats, on other Pacific islands off Baja California (see Island Conservation Group Website <http://www.islandconservation.org/>).

I also support the plan because it allows for continuation of a commitment to restore Bald Eagles to the Northern Channel Islands. It has become apparent that even today, Bald Eagles occupying the Southern California Bight continue to have increased levels of DDT in their blood and eggshell thinning affects the ability of this species to recover in this area. The plan provides for a later revisitation to restoration efforts for the Bald Eagle, should the feasibility of restoration efforts in the next 5 years be unsuccessful. This is a key issue for the plan and I believe it should be carried out because it has been a long time (over the course of the last 20-30 years) that resources, such as the Bald Eagle have been damaged by the chemical release, and thus, the plan should equally have a long time of commitment to mitigating the damage. This should be true for ALL damaged resources.

I commend the Trustee Council for their willingness to solicit suggestions from scientists in the research community, government agencies, and the public. They have been given a great task to decide how resources be restored from a long-term damaging event that occurred in the Bight over many years. My hope is that they will take the best course of action that will have the broadest range of consequences, with an ecosystem-wide range of results that includes restoration of species, the prey they feed upon, and their habitat. Thank you for taking the time to hear my comments.

Best regards,

Cheryl Baduini, PhD
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Keck Science Center
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These comments are my personal opinions and do not represent the opinions of any other persons or organizations of the The Claremont Colleges.

Milena Viljoen

From: Leslie Baer [lbaer@catalinaconservancy.org]
Sent: Friday, May 20, 2005 3:56 PM
To: msrp@noaa.gov
Subject: Please Don't Abandon Catalina's Bald Eagles! (BHCCV)

From: BHCCV@aol.com
Date: Thu May 19, 2005 7:15:14 AM America/Los_Angeles
To: Greg Baker Manager Montrose Settlement Restoration Program<msrp@noaa.org>
Cc: webmaster@catalinaconservancy.org
Subject: Please Don't Abandon Catalina's Bald Eagles!

As a interior resident and youth camp manager on Catalina Island I can not stress enough how important it is to continue to do whatever is necessary to insure the success of the eagle population. Please continue to support this program.

William W. Hartley
Site Manager
Camp Cherry Valley
San Gabriel Valley Council
Boy Scouts of America

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From: Leslie Baer [lbaer@catalinaconservancy.org]
Sent: Friday, May 20, 2005 3:57 PM
To: msrp@noaa.gov
Subject: Please Don't Abandon Catalina's Bald Eagles! (Caldwell)

From: "Todd Caldwell" <tcaldwel@dri.edu>
Date: Thu May 19, 2005 9:42:02 AM America/Los_Angeles
To: "Greg Baker Manager Montrose Settlement Restoration Program" <msrp@noaa.org>
Cc: <webmaster@catalinaconservancy.org>
Subject: Please Don't Abandon Catalina's Bald Eagles!

For years now, the Catalina Island Conservancy has worked diligently to manage and restore this unique island ecosystem. More amazingly, they've done the majority of this work with private monies. The Montrose Settlements Program could not be used at a better location. Please continue their much needed support.

Sincerely,

Todd Caldwell

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To: msrp@noaa.gov
Subject: Please Don't Abandon Catalina's Bald Eagles! (Sutton)

From: "Roy Sutton" <roysutton@jeffnet.org>
Date: Thu May 19, 2005 2:28:09 PM America/Los_Angeles
To: "Greg Baker Manager Montrose Settlement Restoration Program" <msrp@noaa.org>
Cc: <webmaster@catalinaconservancy.org>
Subject: Please Don't Abandon Catalina's Bald Eagles!

May 19, 2005

Please do not abandon efforts to help restore the bald eagle population on Catalina Island and the San Pedro Basin in California (decimated by msny decades of dumping of DDT's and PCB's by Montrose Chemical Company) . It is far to soon to abandon efforts at environmental restoration ordered by the court settlement in the year 2000.
 Here are some reasons why:

- 1) While DDT levels may be drecreasing in the eggs of one or two nesting pairs of eagles on Catalina Island, this is only the beginning--much more help is needed to restore health to these nesting birds now and in the future.
- 2) If these bald eagle recovery efforts succeed, then birds may be available to help recovery efforts on the mainland and Northern Channel Islands.
- 3) If efforts to help bald eagles and peregrine falcons on Catalina Island are abandoned, then the endangered Catalina Island fox population may be damaged by increasing golden eagle predation.
- 4) The Settlement Monies should continue to be used as they were meant to in helping restore impacted bald eagle and peregrine falcon populations on Catalina Island. This is not the time to siphon off needed monies for work on Northern Channel Islands and Mexico to the south.
- 5) Catalina Island Conservancy's educational programs can help assure continued public knowledge about bald eagles in their natural habitat and can increase public understanding and support for this restoration program, which in turn can help make this investment more cost effective.

Please do not lose this iimportant focus on restoring severely damaged, and still struggling golden eagle, peregrine falcon and Catalina Island fox populations.

Roy and Marge Sutton
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Milena Viljoen

From: Leslie Baer [lbaer@catalinaconservancy.org]
Sent: Friday, May 20, 2005 3:59 PM
To: msrp@noaa.gov
Subject: Please Don't Abandon Catalina's Bald Eagles! (Dnick07)

From: Dnick07@aol.com
Date: Thu May 19, 2005 9:06:20 PM America/Los_Angeles
To: Greg Baker Manager Montrose Settlement Restoration Program<msrp@noaa.org>
Cc: webmaster@catalinaconservancy.org
Subject: Please Don't Abandon Catalina's Bald Eagles!

catalina is the only place in southern califonia where i have seen bald eagles. Please contiunue founding the hatchery program for others to see and enjoy the indangered species. I hope you take this in to consideration of saving our bald eagle. This is the only place to see one in southern California.

Dominick Faraone, age 15

Please save our blad eagle,
Thank You

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Sent: Friday, May 20, 2005 3:58 PM
To: msrp@noaa.gov
Subject: Please Don't Abandon Catalina's Bald Eagles! (Martin)

From: "Chuck Martin" <chashub@catalinaisp.com>
Date: Thu May 19, 2005 3:40:04 PM America/Los_Angeles
To: "Greg Baker Manager Montrose Settlement Restoration Program" <msrp@noaa.org>
Cc: <webmaster@catalinaconservancy.org>
Subject: Please Don't Abandon Catalina's Bald Eagles!

I have lived on Catalina Island for 8 years and the sighting alone of Bald Eagles on our island is a thrill and joy for those lucky enough to have experienced that right. The fact that we here on the island are insuring the continued existance of these wonderous birds is a tribute to the world. As an islander and lover of nature please help us in whatever way possible to insure the necessary funding for their survival.

Charles H. Martin

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To: msrp@noaa.gov
Subject: Please Don't Abandon Catalina's Bald Eagles! (The Smiths)

From: "The Smiths" <smith@catalinaisp.com>
Date: Fri May 20, 2005 7:41:26 AM America/Los_Angeles
To: "Greg Baker Manager Montrose Settlement Restoration Program" <msrp@noaa.org>
Cc: <webmaster@catalinaconservancy.org>
Subject: Please Don't Abandon Catalina's Bald Eagles!

After the great success of this program another criminal act would be committed by ending it now. Years of painstaking work and care have brought these magnificent birds back from near extinction. But there is still along way to go.

Please let this program continue.

Thank you

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Sent: Friday, May 20, 2005 3:58 PM
To: msrp@noaa.gov
Subject: Please Don't Abandon Catalina's Bald Eagles! (Ginkgoone)

From: Ginkgoone@aol.com
Date: Thu May 19, 2005 8:08:48 PM America/Los_Angeles
To: Greg Baker Manager Montrose Settlement Restoration Program<msrp@noaa.org>
Cc: webmaster@catalinaconservancy.org
Subject: Please Don't Abandon Catalina's Bald Eagles!

Please help protect the Bald Eagles on Catalina Island. I spent many summers on this island as a boy and preservation of our natural habitat is what will keep our planet going. We as humans owe it to the animals and plants that were here before we modernized the Earth. Eagles are important in controlling rodent populations and keeping the food chain in check.

Thanks for your commitment to this needed project.

Carl Mellinger
President Western Chapter International Society of Arboriculture
Certified & Consulting Arborist

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From: Leslie Baer [lbaer@catalinaconservancy.org]
Sent: Friday, May 20, 2005 4:00 PM
To: msrp@noaa.gov
Subject: Please Don't Abandon Catalina's Bald Eagles! (C. Falsetta)

From: "Falsetta, Christopher J." <christopher.falsetta@wamu.net>
Date: Fri May 20, 2005 8:20:05 AM America/Los_Angeles
To: "Greg Baker Manager Montrose Settlement Restoration Program" <msrp@noaa.org>
Cc: <webmaster@catalinaconservancy.org>
Subject: Please Don't Abandon Catalina's Bald Eagles!

To Whom it May Concern,

It is extremely important to continue the funding for Catalina. The Bald Eagle restoration project is one the most important and publically successful environmental projects I've seen during my life. But it is not done, These funds which were designed to help restore nature from damage cause by DDT are best spent in a place where it did the most damage. The Bald eagles will soon be able to reproduce on their own, which is great! But their not their yet, a stop in funding would be like cutting their wings off just as their about to learn how to fly.

The Bald eagles are also a factor in the survival of the Catalina island fox. I have been a part time resident of Catalina for 15 years and would be devastated if something which has helped the island so much is discontinued. The beauty of Catalina is the most public place where these funds can do the most good. Why spend money on places less impacted by the DDT and less in the public eye, not a smart public relations move. Please please please, reconsider any attempts to remove funding from the gem of the islands off Catalina.

Thank you,

Christopher Falsetta

Milena Viljoen

From: Leslie Baer [lbaer@catalinaconservancy.org]
Sent: Friday, May 20, 2005 4:01 PM
To: msrp@noaa.gov
Subject: Please Don't Abandon Catalina's Bald Eagles! (Mullin)

> From: "Mullin, Shadi \ (Exchange\)" <SMullin@bear.com>
> Date: Fri May 20, 2005 8:23:19 AM America/Los_Angeles
> To: "Greg Baker Manager Montrose Settlement Restoration Program"
> <msrp@noaa.org>
> Cc: <webmaster@catalinaconservancy.org>
> Subject: Please Don't Abandon Catalina's Bald Eagles!
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> Please save the bald eagles. I grew up w/ bald eagles in the midwest.
> Everyone should have a chance to watch these intelligent birds.
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From: Leslie Baer [lbaer@catalinaconservancy.org]
Sent: Friday, May 20, 2005 4:01 PM
To: msrp@noaa.gov
Subject: Please Don't Abandon Catalina's Bald Eagles! (Ross Turner)

Begin forwarded message:

> From: "Webmaster" <Webmaster@catalinaconservancy.org>
> Date: Fri May 20, 2005 12:33:58 PM America/Los_Angeles
> To: "Leslie Baer" <Lbaer@catalinaconservancy.org>
> Subject: Fwd: Please Don't Abandon Catalina's Bald Eagles! (From the
> Webmaster)
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> From: Ross Turner <rturner@GuidedDiscoveries.org>
> Date: Fri May 20, 2005 12:22:35 PM America/Los_Angeles
> To: Greg Baker Manager Montrose Settlement Restoration Program
> <msrp@noaa.org>
> Cc: <webmaster@catalinaconservancy.org>
> Subject: Please Don't Abandon Catalina's Bald Eagles!
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> As the Executive Director for the Catalina Island Marine Institute for
> the
> past 27 years, I am very concerned with the natural history of
> Catalina.
> The island is a unique educational environment and each year CIMI
> serves
> over 30,000 children and teachers in our educational programs.
>
> Over the years, I have experienced many changes on the island and
> perhaps
> one of the most significant was the reintroduction of the Bald Eagles.
> These magnificent birds have been admired and studied by
> hundreds-of-thousands of our students over the years. Imagine a group
> of
> 6th grade students suiting up for a snorkel or boarding a research
> boat and
> all activity stops as 3 Bald Eagles fly overhead. What a great
> teaching
> opportunity. Our enthusiastic staff are always on the look out for the
> eagles and this becomes an immediate focus when they appear. We tell
> the
> story of the Eagles of Catalina and how they were brought back to the
> island. Of course this would not have been possible without the
> generous
> funding that has been provided in the past.
>
> Now, this is in jeopardy. It is possible that future students will
> not see
> the Eagle, but only hear stories and look at pictures. Now I know the
> reintroduction was not done for educational reasons. This however, is
> a huge
> side benefit. It affects so many children and adults.
>
> There are many valid reasons to keep the program and continue the
> funding
> and I support the Catalina Conservancy in this effort. Catalina
> Island is

> such a unique environment and the Conservancy is dedicated to
> preserving the
> island. It is truly a place that inspires people and touches lives.
> The
> Bald Eagle is a big part of Catalina's magic.
>
> Please reconsider the decision to stop funding this wonderful project.
> The
> Bald Eagles of Catalina should be an example of what we can do to
> protect
> and restore our precious natural environments.
>
> Sincerely yours,
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> Ross Turner, Executive Director
> Catalina Island Marine Institute
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Milena Viljoen

From: Leslie Baer [lbaer@catalinaconservancy.org]
Sent: Friday, May 20, 2005 4:02 PM
To: msrp@noaa.gov
Subject: Please Don't Abandon Catalina's Bald Eagles! (C. Heffernan)

----- Original Message -----

From: [charles heffernan](mailto:charles.heffernan)
Sent: Friday, May 20, 2005 3:27 PM
Subject: Please Don't Abandon Catalina's Bald Eagles!

Greg Baker Manager Montrose Settlement Restoration Program <msrp@noaa.org>

Dear Mr. Baker,

Shame on you and the Trustees of the Montrose Settlement Restoration Program! I, along with The Catalina Island Conservancy respectfully disagree with the proposals favored by the Trustees, which would discontinue funding of eagle restoration efforts on Catalina Island. I am a parent volunteer (with a degree in Biology from U.S.C.) and for the last 5 years I have led groups of 6th grade students to Catalina Island to attend CIMI Camp. I take my family to Catalina Island on vacation. We look for the bald eagles everytime we return to the island. I use Los Angeles Times articles featuring the "dope on a rope" for discussion sessions with the students before we attend CIMI at Fox Landing. We need to protect the Catalina Bald Eagles for future generations to enjoy!

Wendy Heffernan
Santa Clarita, California

Milena Viljoen

From: Christine Abraham [cabraham@prbo.org]
Sent: Friday, May 20, 2005 4:25 PM
To: msrp@noaa.gov
Cc: Bill Sydeman
Subject: RE: Comments on MSRP



MSRP Comments
May 20 2005.doc ...

Dear Greg,

We (PRBO Conservation Science, Marine Ecology Division) have reviewed the restoration actions listed in the draft MSRP (please see attached comments). Please contact us with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,
Christine

Christine Abraham
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PRBO Conservation Science
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94970
phone: (415) 868-1221 (ext. 334)
cell: (415) 717-6348

-----Original Message-----

From: Annie_Little@r1.fws.gov [mailto:Annie_Little@r1.fws.gov]
Sent: Monday, March 28, 2005 1:29 PM
To: cabraham@prbo.org; wsydeman@prbo.org
Subject: Release of Montrose Draft Restoration Plan

Hi Christine and Bill,

I wanted to let you know that the Montrose Draft Restoration Plan will be released for public review on April 8. The comment period will run through May 23. There are multiple seabird projects included in our Preferred Alternative. The plan will be available on our web page at: www.montroserestoration.gov. Hard copies are also available upon request. Thanks for your interest in this restoration program.

Thanks,

Annie

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www.prbo.org



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Greg Baker
Program Manager
Montrose Settlements Restoration Program
501 W. Ocean Blvd., Suite 4470
Long Beach, CA 90802

May 20, 2005

Dear Greg,

We have reviewed the restoration actions outlined in the draft MSRP. Considering the overall restoration goals and objectives of the MSRP and the priorities listed in the action plans for the restoration, management and protection of marine birds, it is our position to support management action "Alternative 2".

Thank you for your consideration of our comments. Please contact us with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,
Christine

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4990 Shoreline Highway
Stinson Beach, California
94970
phone: (415) 868-1221 (ext. 334)

CC: William J. Sydeman, Marine Ecology Division (Director)

Milena Viljoen

From: Vandever, Ina [ivandever@redding.com]
Sent: Friday, May 20, 2005 4:25 PM
To: 'msrp@noaa.gov'
Subject: eagle cam

This work is so important to our future world. If a project was ever worthy of funding, it is this one.

Ina Vandever
Redding Record Searchlight
ivandever@redding.com
(530)225-8206

Milena Viljoen

From: Marilyn Frost [frost1027@earthlink.net]
Sent: Friday, May 20, 2005 5:42 PM
To: msrp@noaa.gov
Subject: Catalina Island Bald Eagle program

For seventeen years, I have been bringing students to Catalina Island. In the early years, I would see the island fox scamper about the environs and the bald eagle nesting on the cliffs..... Then both disappeared. It has only been in recent years that once again the bald eagle has been spotted, and it always brings excitement since it is a rare occurrence. It is now my understanding that funding to support the reintroduction of the bald eagle is in jeopardy of ending. I feel it is too soon to do so since the island's habitat has not have regenerated enough time to secure the future of this wild species. Please reconsider the funding for this project so that the good work that has begun can be sustained.

Sincerely,

Marilyn Frost
Teacher

Milena Viljoen

From: WILLOUGHBYLasV@aol.com
Sent: Friday, May 20, 2005 5:41 PM
To: Greg Baker Manager Montrose Settlement Restoration Program
Cc: webmaster@catalinaconservancy.org
Subject: Please Don't Abandon Catalina's Bald Eagles!

To whom it may concern,

I am writing in an effort keep Catalina Island's bald eagle program going. It is too soon to abandon this project. Much effort has been put into studying the DDT levels and progress is being made. Catalina Island is a tourist destination that provides many people a year the opportunity to view these truly unique birds. Don't risk losing that opportunity! Due to the fact that most damage occurred off the coast of Palos Verdes and San Pedro, doesn't it stand to reason that Catalina Island would be included in compensation efforts? That is common sense to me. I have witnessed, first hand, the bald eagles on Catalina Island and have seen the dedicated staff taking care and pride in their conservancy efforts. Please take these points into consideration before making your decision.

Amy Willoughby
Las Vegas, NV

Milena Viljoen

From: dawn breese [dawn.breese@sbcglobal.net]
Sent: Friday, May 20, 2005 6:28 PM
To: msrp@noaa.gov
Subject: Draft MSRP, Montrose Trustees

Dear Montrose Trustees,

I want to express my complete support for Option #2 in the Draft MSRP. I am a seabird biologist and have worked extensively in the California Current System. Option #2 is the best option because it protects all the resources damaged by the long-term spill. Option #1 is absurd. Option #3 wastes money on Eagles that simply cannot maintain a viable population without constant input of large amounts of money.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Dawn Breese

Milena Viljoen

From: CB [cathetwo@cox.net]
Sent: Friday, May 20, 2005 7:56 PM
To: msrp@noaa.gov
Subject: Montrose Settlements Restoration Program

To whom it may concern;

I am going to begin with pleading. Please do not take away the funds for the Eagles over fishing. This is so totally wrong.

The Eagle and other endanger wild life needs our assistance and funds. It is because of us, humans, that they almost became a thing of the past, it is not only fair but our responsibility to help them make a large come back with our funds. Be it funds given by us or our tax dollars. Especially on the west coast and mainly in the Catalina area where the eagles eggs are still very thin due to our thoughtlessness in the past. We must turn things around and make this right again. For you to divert funds for sport fishing is selfish and self centered.

Have you view and watch our beautiful National symbol???? Have you not seen the love they share for one another and the young? Have you not seen how protective they are with the young and their own 'home'?

Please do the honorable and correct things and keep the funding coming for these remarkable birds. If I lived in your area I would be attending your meetings and stating the same things but this is the best I can do since I do live on the east coast.

Please do not let these beautiful creatures have to try and reproduce when it is plain to see they still need our assistance.

Thank you.

Regards,

Cathy Brockman
P.O. Box 9302
Norfolk, VA 23505

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I Live in my own little world,
But it's OK,
Everyone knows me here.

Milena Viljoen

From: Thomas Oberbauer [toberbauer@cox.net]
Sent: Friday, May 20, 2005 10:25 PM
To: msrp@noaa.gov
Subject: Montrose Settlements

Dear Sirs:

I have been performing research on the islands of Southern California and the Baja California islands for the past 30 years. These are tremendously important islands and ecosystems, both terrestrial and marine. This region supports a broad diversity of marine animals and sea birds including at least seasonally a large pod of Blue Whales with up to 30 to 50 animals at a time. The islands are also critical breeding locations for a number of the seabirds that inhabit the region, several of which are not found elsewhere including a variety of storm petrels and the Xantus Murrelet, to name a few.. I am familiar with the history of the California Brown Pelican as well and how it was affected by eggshell thinning. It is extremely disturbing to find that the levels of DDT in the marine environment in this region are still so high that the Bald Eagles are still unable to produce fully viable eggs that have not been weakened by thinning of the shells as a result of pesticide residue. Under these settlements, I believe that the main efforts for improving wildlife that was affected by the industrial toxins should be on the general seabird and fish populations rather than the Bald Eagles because it is important to ensure that their populations can be raised up and maintained at sustainable levels. For this reason, I support the Second or preferred alternative. While I feel that the conservation of the Bald Eagle in this region is important, I also appreciate that this alternative will provide for a reasonable level of conservation of the eagles.

I am sending this message of support for the Second alternative by E mail as well as by written mail.

Sincerely,

Thomas Oberbauer
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County of San Diego

Milena Viljoen

From: Aaron Joseph Hebshi [hebshi@hawaii.edu]
Sent: Saturday, May 21, 2005 9:16 AM
To: msrp@noaa.gov
Subject: Montrose settlement - in support of Alternative #2

Dear Mr. Greg Baker,
As a biologist who formerly worked on the Channel Islands for Point Reyes Bird Observatory and Channel Islands National Park, I am elated about the restoration monies available from the Montrose settlement.

I would like to give my support to Alternative #2, which attempts a more ecosystem-based restoration effort than Alternative #3, which skews money towards a single species, the Bald Eagle. While it is imperative that the Bald Eagle populations on the channel islands ultimately be restored, this can be done more inexpensively in the future when DDT levels are below levels at which the eagles can reproduce with minimal assistance. Alternative #2 distributes the money to crucial island restoration programs, such as feral cat eradication on Guadalupe and San Nicholas Island, and black rat eradication on San Miguel Island. These projects will benefit many species, and the island systems as a whole, and should receive top priority for funding.

Thank you for your attention,
Sincerely,
Aaron Hebshi

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From: Steve and Liza [steveandliza@cox.net]
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To: msrp@noaa.gov
Subject: Bald Eagles

Dear Mr. Baker,

Please don't think that because a few Bald Eagles have been sited in this area that the recovery program needs to be eliminated. We need to expand it and expand all recovery programs, this is our national bird. As a child I grew up learning that we had managed to kill off a lot of species and in my life time I've watch us try to bring back some of those species only to find out we've manage to destroy others. Our environment is all we have to give to our children, we need more recovery programs everywhere to teach our children how important it is to save our planet.

Please don't eliminated this important program, I'd like my son to enjoy watching this magnificent bird fly through the air.

Thank you,

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From: Cole Miller [musicalcole@pacbell.net]
Sent: Saturday, May 21, 2005 12:16 PM
To: Greg Baker Manager Montrose Settlement Restoration Program
Cc: webmaster@catalinaconservancy.org
Subject: Please Don't Abandon Catalina's Bald Eagles!

Dear Mr. Baker,

I am deeply concerned that the proposed reallocation of funds that would end funding of the Catalina Island eagle restoration program will have profound consequences for the eagles that now inhabit the island. The work of Conservancy scientists and the Institute of Wildlife Studies has shown remarkable results and, as you know, the Montrose settlement was intended to remediate environmental damage caused by the systematic corporate dumping of DDTs and PCBs, which wiped out the Catalina Island bald eagle population. If the proposed reallocation is adopted, the bald eagles now restored to the island may well disappear, eliminating the opportunity for generations of Americans to experience viewing the bald eagle -- our national symbol -- in one of its native habitats. This reallocation, if approved, would also disregard the clear intent of the settlement, which was to address damage caused to natural resources such as the Catalina bald eagles.

I urge you to respect the intent of the settlement by continuing to fund the eagle restoration program on Catalina Island. Much has been done to protect this vital public resource, and abandoning the eagles now may cause irreparable harm to island's ecosystem.

Sincerely,

Cole Miller

Milena Viljoen

From: Lillian Heintz [lheintz@comcast.net]
Sent: Saturday, May 21, 2005 3:35 PM
To: msrp@noaa.gov
Subject: Catalina Island's Bald Eagles

Catalina Island holds a special place for our family through continuous years of attending scout camp there through several generations. This special location has given us up close interaction with nature. It would be a catastrophe to lose any of the natural inhabitants of the island. Catalina was hard hit by the systematic dumping of DDTs and PCBs over decades. Please consider the adverse ramifications of redirecting the Montrose Settlements Restoration Program funds.

- ❖ Catalina, the island hardest hit by the chemical devastation and most visited, should be considered for continued funding for its fisheries and ecosystems.
- ❖ Create an alternative that continues to provide funds for bald eagle restoration work on Catalina, ensuring that these magnificent birds will fly free for millions of Catalina visitors to enjoy today and throughout future generations.
- ❖ An investment in Catalina's recovery efforts is an investment in a comprehensive eagle recovery effort which includes the human intervention still necessary to ensure reproduction.
- ❖ Catalina's bald eagles fuel recovery elsewhere and have the potential to rehab the North Channel Islands as well.
- ❖ In order to meet stated goals of the Montrose Settlement, these funds should be applied in the areas of greatest impact, making Catalina Island and its surrounding waters the most appropriate site for use of Montrose Settlement funds.
- ❖ Public access to eagles should be a Priority. Catalina Island is the one place in Southern California that a significant number of people can visit to enjoy bald eagles in a natural setting.
- ❖ According to IWS's current data, DDT levels are decreasing in the eggs of at least one pair of nesting eagles. This suggests that Catalina's bald eagles may soon be able to reproduce on their own, and it is simply too soon to abandon restoration efforts on Catalina.

Respectfully submitted,

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From: KEVIN STREGE II [kstrege@catalinaisp.com]
Sent: Saturday, May 21, 2005 5:50 PM
To: Greg Baker Manager Montrose Settlement Restoration Program
Cc: webmaster@catalinaconservancy.org
Subject: Please Don't Abandon Catalina's Bald Eagles!

Dear Mr. Baker,

As a member of the business community on Catalina Island, I respectfully ask that you help ensure continued funding of the Catalina Bald Eagle Project. Avalon exists almost entirely as a tourist destination. Much of the fascination in a Catalina visit centers on our ability to take a visitor back in time, visiting a pristine wilderness not unlike that which was present at the turn of the last century. Projects such as restoration of our island fox and reintroduction of the bald eagle strike at the heart of what the Wrigley's intended the island should provide; A place of natural beauty, accessible by a caring public. What better place to exemplify a successful Montrose Settlement Restoration Project. Having a resident and visiting population that fully supports the efforts of this project is certainly one factor in measuring the success of such a program.

Scientifically there are probably a number of reasons to continue the bald eagle restoration project. I know you have heard them all, many times. Having experienced some of these efforts first hand, I want you to know that participants, both professional and volunteer, are all working diligently towards the success of the program. This kind of dedication cannot be found simply by funding. It requires people willing to do what is necessary, backed by the needed funding. Taking your funding elsewhere certainly appears to be a bigger gamble than further investment in a project such as ours that already has such strong community support. Please stay the course and let the scientific results catch up to the community success.

I realize the ultimate goal of the Montrose Program is to restore species affected by years of pollution. What better way to exemplify the programs' success than by reintroduction of our national bird, the bald eagle, on historic Catalina Island.

Thank you for your consideration,

Kevin Strege
President / CEO
Catalina Island Vacation Rentals, Inc
Catalina Island Real Estate, Inc.
Future Chairman - Catalina Island Chamber of Commerce

Milena Viljoen

From: Dot Karlsen [dkarlsen@nyc.rr.com]
Sent: Sunday, May 22, 2005 7:13 AM
To: msrp@noaa.gov
Subject: Santa Catalina Eagles

Dear Mr. Baker -

I am writing to express my support for the continued funding of the Santa Catalina Eagles. I hope a decision is made in their favor.

Sincerely,

Dorothy Karlsen
Flushing, New York