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From: NYNAROSE@aol.com
Sent: Sunday, May 22, 2005 7:43 AM
To: msrp@noaa.gov
Cc: Diane@mail.house.gov
Subject: Bald Eagle Retoration Program

I heartily oppose any reduction in the Bald Eagle Restoration Program. I have spent many summers on my boat at Catalina Island, observing the eagles, and believe that this is a very worthwhile program, and should be retained.

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From: Chef Debbi [debbi@debskitchen.com]
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Subject: Catalina Bald Eagles

While it is understandable that it is frustrating to spend so much money and see little improvement it is still our obligation to the ecosystem to continue our efforts in helping these wondrous birds. By allowing them to become extinct on Catalina aren't we changing the existing ecosystem? We must continue to fight and improve their lives as ultimately it is us who are responsible for their plight. Don't give up.

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From: todd marsh [toddrmarsh@sbcglobal.net]
Sent: Sunday, May 22, 2005 10:07 AM
To: msrp@noaa.gov
Subject: comments to trustees

Per request made available to the Public in this Sunday's Los Angeles Times "California" "B" written by Marla Cone:

To: Greg Baker
From: Todd Marsh
Should you choose to respond to this email please do so visa vi my alternate email address:
toddmars@dtienergy.com
Thanking you in advance for your consideration

Greg,

First and foremost I commend the "trustees" for being considerate to allow comments and / or suggestions to be made.

On one hand I hope you are inundated with much to read (indicating the concerns and creative alternative ideas of many) on the other hand you're seated with a major task that appears quite heavy between now and tomorrow.

Time is of the essence so I don't believe you need lengthy comments to read right now.

I believe Ms. Cone in her article did a brilliant job in detailing both the background and current concerns of all parties. "Sitting outside the tent", so to speak, in her article she allowed me to see an opportunity that the campers inside the tent maybe overlooking. "1 million", visitors come to Catalina each and every year. I and my family account for five of those 1 million at least every other year. I believe the excitement of stepping off of the boat and the sadness of stepping back on the boat and having to say goodbye to an idyllic moment in time for all in their journey to Catalina is universal. No matter what the theoretical intent is for visiting Catalina, sun bathing, swimming, boating, jet skiing, scuba diving, snorkeling, even those who go there to over indulge in partying and getting drunk (though maybe not as conscious as the others) all 1 million are excited stepping off the boat onto the island and all have share some sadness getting back on the boat leaving the island. A brief sensational video should be done and presented on the boat ride going to the island. All 1 million visitors if properly and cleverly approached stepping back on or off the boat would gladly give 1-2 dollars each for the maintenance and restoration of eagles and ecology of Santa Catalina Island if what has been conveyed in this article was portrayed in a video thus generating minimally \$1-2million dollars per year.

The "croaker" fish may or may not be effective in being a "Guinea pig absorber of pollution" (kind of like putting a band aide over and infection/cancer).

However, the ability to use technology and with money properly spent with worldwide experts to find fish species that can be continuously commercially farmed immediately off the islands (Catalina , and its adjacent islands), not create an ecological imbalance and that will consequently make the overabundance and accessibility first most to the eagles and secondarily to the sport fisherman (with limited catches for the fisherman defined).

This will minimize significantly the eagles flight to Palos Verdes Peninsula and/ or other adjacent polluted waters while simultaneously address the "over fishing" concerns. Thus promoting and maintaining a healthy business climate and addressing the balance and maintenance of one of the most precious natural resources we have.

Santa Catalina can and should be the first of California's "Golden "Opportunities to incorporate the financial benefit of tourism and its excitement with the most pristine and beautiful exhibits of natural wildlife and the surrounding environments.

With Great Hope!

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Milena Viljoen

From: Joanne Lara [jolara@adelphia.net]
Sent: Sunday, May 22, 2005 10:33 AM
To: letters@latimes.com
Cc: msrp@noaa.gov
Subject: Re: DDT May Outlast Eagles

RE: "DDT May Outlast Eagles," Marla Cone, May 22: While I strongly support the efforts of Greg Baker to help save the bald eagle population on Catalina Island from man-made toxic pollutants - DDT and PCB's dumped into our California Coast from the 40's-70's - I suggest that the eggs (as well as the eagles themselves) be tested for methyl mercury, the toxic fall-out resulting from coal-burning power plant emissions (there are over 1,300 of these power plants in 45 states emitting 48 tons of poison mercury into our environment annually). Alarming figures. Methyl mercury is known to cause neurological and biological damage to human as well as animal embryos (Miller, A. C., & Hamburger, T. (2005, March 15). Critics swift to jump on rule to reduce mercury emissions. *The Los Angeles Times*, pp. A20.

That state and federal regulators now want to abandon the Catalina project is in line with the current Bush administration and his ludicrous "Clear Skies Act" - which is in theory- "put a band-aid over a bullet hole" strategy. Covering up the toxic mess on the ocean floor with silt will last for only a short period of time. We must direct our efforts to reduce mercury emissions in this country as well as globally in order to ensure a safe environment for the entire planet. Not only are we destroying our animals - we risk the chance of neurologically mutating our unborn future generations on the planet if we continue to delay the regulation of toxic mercury from coal burning power plants across the globe. Environmental awareness is all our concern.

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Milena Viljoen

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To: msrp@noaa.gov
Subject: Bald eagles on Catalina

Mr. Baker,

I grew up and still live in Los Angeles. The first place I ever saw a bald eagle in the wild was in Alaska in 1999. Until a few years ago, upon seeing these majestic animals while enjoying a weekend at Catalina, I had no idea that they had ever been part of the natural environment here. I now work weekends on Catalina and am thrilled to explain to customers that bald eagles are native to the island. For most people this is an education. All are thrilled to enjoy these sightings.

Catalina is the most accessible of the channel islands. The birds are native to the island. People have the greatest opportunity to enjoy the eagles in their natural habitat on Catalina.

My request to you is to continue funding the support for these birds in the area where they were most hurt by the chemical contamination. The money secured from the companies responsible should be spent where the damage was done. There is a future for the birds. Please don't cut them off too soon.

Respectfully,

Jim Adams.

Milena Viljoen

From: Gordon Priatko [gordon.priatko@nextsierra.com]
Sent: Sunday, May 22, 2005 11:29 AM
To: msrp@noaa.gov
Subject: Please continue funding for the Catalina bald eagle program

Hello,

Please continue funding for the Catalina bald eagle program

I've reviewed the proposals at:

<http://www.iws.org/eaglecam/Executive%20Summary.pdf>

and

<http://www.montroserestoration.gov/pdf/msrpdraftplan.pdf>

I appreciate that the Catalina bald eagle program will require human intervention for the foreseeable future. However I strongly believe that this program merits funding. This project has created a great deal of positive public awareness. Loss of funding for this project would be a great loss for all of us.

Thank you,
Gordon Priatko
San Francisco, CA

Milena Viljoen

From: Gardner, Phyllis [PGardner@visa.com]
Sent: Sunday, May 22, 2005 12:02 PM
To: msrp@noaa.gov
Subject: Restoration Plan Comment

To: Montrose Settlements Restoration Program, Attn: Greg Baker,

Dear Sir,

I'm writing to urge you to continue funding for the Catalina bald eagle program. I've been following the work of the IWS with bald eagles through their web site and it's helped me gain an appreciation of the issues affecting the bald eagles and the importance of the work being done to restore the eagle population and help make it self-sustaining. I feel that the project is very important and I appreciate the funding to date, and hope that the program will continue.

Sincerely,
Phyllis

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Milena Viljoen

From: Sfipp@aol.com
Sent: Sunday, May 22, 2005 12:11 PM
To: msrp@noaa.gov
Subject: Catalina Eagles

Dear Mr. Greg Baker:

Catalina Island represents what southern California would be like if it were not paved over or plowed under. Catalina turns back the hands of time. It allows locals and visitors including countless impressionable school age children (that participate in the Island's numerous programs such as the Catalina Island Marine Institute, YMCA, Girl and Boy Scouts, and Conservancy educational programs) to see living images of America. One does not have to travel to Montana, the Dakotas, or Alaska to witness buffalo, the bald eagles or even the endangered Catalina Island fox.

As an infant I took my first walking steps in the Island, and am proud to be a third generation summer Islander. I have witnessed the "come back" the Island has made under the stewardship of the Catalina Island Conservancy, the Institute of Wildlife Studies, Dave Garcelon and Peter Sharpe. I urge you to please continue funding the Catalina Island eagle breeding program so others can be touched by the majestic "magic" of nature on Santa Catalina Island. May our heritage never be plowed under, paved over or our precious wildlife be unprotected.

Most sincerely,
Sheryle Brent Fipp

Milena Viljoen

From: Patrick Hopkins [baldnezz@yahoo.com]
Sent: Sunday, May 22, 2005 12:14 PM
To: msrp@noaa.gov
Subject: Bald Eagles at Catalina Island

Dear Mr. Baker,

I strongly support keeping funding for the Catalina bald eagle project intact. This is more than a dollar and cents issue. Their continued presence symbolizes what we once had and the potential of what we can attain. Their mere presence, so close to an urban population center, raises ecological awareness through out the southern California coastal areas. Until more definitive answers to the question, "can they produce naturally?" is known, we should keep funding this important program.

Thank you for your time,

Pat Hopkins

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From: Scott Dennis [stdennis@prodigy.net]
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To: msrp@noaa.gov
Subject: Catalina Eagles restoration...PLEASE CONTINUE!!1

Greg,

As a very vocal and plugged in member of the LA business community, and a lover of nature and Catalina island...(possibly a future homeowner there), I STRONGLY wish that the bald eagle restoration continue to be funded by the superfund cleanup monies. The caviat of the public settlement put in trust was to use it in higher profile areas that impact the public.....where else is better than Catalina?

If people can't see eagles and learn about them and appreciate them when they travel, who the heck is going to care? You can't get this from the nature channel guys...wake up and use the money where it can do the most good for the greatest number....Catalina is the PERFECT spot to use for education of the public in these matters for many future generations.

Please act in our best interest...not some private government agenda.....

KEEP THE FUNDING GOING FOR THIS EAGLE PROGRAM ON CATALINA ISLAND!!!!!!

Thanks for listening...now go do the right thing.

Sincerely,
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Manager of Education
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Milena Viljoen

From: CASEY ALLEN [acaseyallen@hotmail.com]
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Subject: Catalina Eagles

May 22, 2005

To: Greg Baker
 Program Manager
 Montrose Settlements Restoration Program

My school, Haskell Middle School for the 4th year in a row has taken two all day trips a year with the Boone Foundation and the Catalina Island Conservancy. Over the years we have seen the progress of an environment trying to right the wrongs done by man and make sense of environmental issues that our students would never understand unless acquainted to it in the "real" method of field trip.

Catalina is a work in progress that cannot be seen anywhere else. ..Where man and the environment are working together to improve what man has done wrong and show we can live in an environment where man can be a part without too much harm.

If the Eagle project loses it's funding the eagles will leave, the environment will change and man will never learn how to "undo" some of the wrongs done by it. Public access--student access is so critical in educating our generation and future generations. You are not just funding an eagle project on Catalina, you are also making it possible to educate the next generation at the same time.

You say it's too expensive with not quick enough results? We Americans need to change our culture and not look always for the quickest, most money saving way of doing things...isn't that what happened when Montrose needed to get rid of their DDT??? Isn't that why it is in our ocean off the coast of San Pedro is harmful to all wildlife..because the DDT was not contained??

Can you as a committee take more time and study what really can be done without removing it from Catalina?? Unless you want to quickly get it out of the public eye again?? Please don't.

Our students need to learn about the eagles, the foxes, the biomes that are mostly unaffected by man and how man needs to take more responsibility for the earth....

I know that you know the end of your funding would end the eagles on Catalina. They will not stay in one location once they have had a season of not being able to reproduce. I know your plans are to take it to the other channel islands where there is very little chance, we of the populated world would ever see, hear or study about them again!!

I respectfully submit this for your consideration,
 Alma C. Allen
 235 La Verne Ave.

Milena Viljoen

From: Marda Todd [MarDat@richardtoddmusic.com]
Sent: Sunday, May 22, 2005 2:45 PM
To: msrp@noaa.gov
Subject: Plight of the Bald Eagle

Dear Greg,

My 5 year old daughter Haley just saw the photo of the bald eagle on the front page of today's LA Times newspaper. She asked what the article was about and a brief discuss ensued. Her response was, "We must save the Eagles because they carry our heart on their back when they fly." The thought was so beautiful I wanted to share it with you.

Best Regards,

Marda Todd

Milena Viljoen

From: Robin Roe [birdegg.rrr@verizon.net]
Sent: Sunday, May 22, 2005 2:55 PM
To: msrp@noaa.gov
Subject: Public Comment

May 22, 2005

Greg Baker, Program Manager
Montrose Settlements Restoration Program
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Long Beach, CA 90802

I am writing in support of continued Montrose Settlement funding for the bald eagle restoration program on Catalina Island. While the bald eagles currently are unable to successfully hatch eggs without human intervention, I believe it is critical to maintain pair bonds on the island so that eagle pairs will be present when contamination levels are low enough that they can reproduce without human assistance. The continued presence of bald eagles on Catalina provides a native ecological niche filler, as well as an important cultural and aesthetic element. While contamination levels are unlikely to reach low enough levels in the near future, maintaining a successful fostering program allows wild-raised bald eagles to be introduced into the population. In addition, continuing this program provides vital experience in techniques that can be used in restoring bald eagles to other locations. The likelihood of successful breeding on Santa Cruz Island is also low. It would be irresponsible to completely eliminate bald eagles from Catalina (which will happen once pairs stop reproducing) and find reproduction unsuccessful on Santa Cruz Island. I recommend funding both programs until the feasibility of successful reproduction is determined on Santa Cruz.

Such amazing success has been achieved on Catalina Island with these birds. The fact that they still need human intervention to reproduce successfully speaks to the urgent need for clean-up measures for the spill. As long as we need to hatch the bald eagle eggs on Catalina, they are the canaries in the coalmine. They are the ruler by which we measure the ecological health of the waters of that region. We owe it to the eagles and their future generations to continue the program on Catalina and move quickly to decontaminate the ocean for all wildlife.

As an educator, I have recently taught my students about this issue and the bald eagles. Parents were stunned to learn that DDT is still affecting the birds and the ecosystem as a whole. Students and parents alike have followed the most recent chick fostering avidly on the website, thrilled that there are new chicks on the island. On a field trip to the island, many of my students had a chance to see one of the famous Catalina bald eagles. My son is one of these students, a fortunate child who has grown up visiting Santa Cruz Island on a regular basis through my years as a staff member of The Nature Conservancy. It is our dream that we will see bald eagles flying there some day as well and know they are helping to maintain a delicate balance. We hope to continue to see bald eagles on our visits to Catalina as well, knowing this is the place where it all began. The place where bald eagles were first

successfully and continuous reintroduced to the islands, to their ancestral home. Please continue funding for this invaluable program.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Milena Viljoen

From: f1racingfan@sbcglobal.net
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To: msrp@noaa.gov
Subject: Santa Catalina Bald Eagle Program

Dear Mr. Baker:

I am writing to express my support for the Santa Catalina Bald Eagle recovery program. Although I realize the decision to best allocate funds is a difficult one, I am hopeful that the Montrose Settlement Restoration Program will continue to support the Bald Eagle program.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
Grace Lalimar
Newhall, California

Milena Viljoen

From: John Martin [johnmartin654@cox.net]
Sent: Sunday, May 22, 2005 7:38 PM
To: msrp@noaa.gov; johnmartin654@cox.net
Subject: ATTN GREG BAKER FOR TRUSTEES OF THE BALD EAGLE PROJECT

DEAR TRUSTEES AND GREG BAKER,

THE SOLUTION TO THIS QUANDARY IS ONLY CAUSED BY WEAK KNEED PEOPLE WHO LISTEN TO THE PUBLIC RESPONSES. IN PARTICULAR President Ann Muscat of the Catalina Island Conservancy. Who cares if her one million visitors are denied the infrequent sight of a Bald Eagle flying over Catalina, but she says it should be considered a PRIORITY !

STATEMENT OF THE PROBLEM:

17 SQUARE MILES OF VERY CONTAMINATED SHELF AREA WITH PROPOSALS TO POUR SILT OVER IT TO COVER IT UP IS COSTLY, UNLIKELY TO SUCCEED JUST BECAUSE THE PACIFIC OCEAN MOVES EVERYTHING AROUND ANYWAY (EXCEPT THE THICK LAYER OF POISONS).

SILT IS NOT STABLE AND WILL DRIFT ANYWHERE. From my early career in Commercial Fishing, most of the Islands off the Coast are separated from the mainland by deep trenches; more than a half mile deep between the contamination and Catalina Island for example.

NOT SO THE CONTAMINATION, IT SEEMS TO BE HEAVIER THAN SILT OR IT WOULD HAVE BEEN SPREAD OUT A LOT MORE. CONTRARY TO THE PREVAILING WINDS AND FLOW AT THE SURFACE, THE CONTAMINATION SEEMS TO HAVE DRIFTED 6 TO 8 MILES NORTH WEST FROM THE OUT FALLS.

ALL FISHERMEN ARE WARY OF THE OUT FALL BECAUSE IT PROVIDES A SURFACE APPEARANCE THAT RESEMBLES A LARGE SCHOOL OF FISH. REPORTEDLY, YEARS AGO, SOME FISHING BOAT DROPPED THEIR NETS ON THE CIRCLE AND DID NOT CATCH FISH, JUST A MESS TO BE TAKEN BACK TO THE DOCKS AND STEAM CLEANED.

QUESTION ?????? IS IT BEYOND THE COST LEVEL THAT MAKES IT NOT FEASIBLE TO DREDGE OFF THE BOTTOM AT LESS THAN 200 FEET ?

QUESTION ?????? IF SIMPLY PUSHED OFF THE SHALLOW SHELF INTO DEEP WATER (OR DREDGED OR MOVED BY DISTURBANCE OF AIR AND WATER STARTING FROM THE DEEP AREA IN A GRID PATTERN)..... WOULD THE DEPTH OF THE POISONS BE MITIGATED IN DEEP CANYONS WHERE BOTTOM FEEDERS DO NOT TYPICALLY GO ?

IF THE EFFLUENT DISCHARGE WAS NOT HEAVIER THAN SILT, IT WOULD NOT BE STICKING TO THE SHALLOW SHELF AND WOULD HAVE BEEN SPREAD FAR MORE WIDELY BY NORMAL CURRENTS, AND MOSTLY INTO DEEP WATER.

SUMMARY: WHO CARES IF 80 PEOPLE AND 200 MORE IN PETITIONS HAVE URGED THE TRUSTEES TO KEEP SPENDING..... BECAUSE.... OF THEIR INDELIBLE IMPRESSION THE EAGLES MADE ON THESE UNTHINKING PEOPLE.

THE ONLY SAFE THING TO DO IS TO UNDO THE EXISTING PLAN WHICH IS OBVIOUSLY FLAWED, EXPENSIVE, AND DOOMED TO FAILURE.

1. LEAVE THE ALREADY POISONED BALD EAGLE POPULATION AT CATALINA, KEEP HARVESTING THE EGGS, AND INTRODUCE THE NEW BALD EAGLES AT FEEDING GROUNDS FAR FROM THE PALOS VERDES SHELF !

2. THESE GREAT THINKERS LIKE THE "ADJUNCT" PROFESSOR AT HUMBOLT

STATE WILDLIFE, SAY THAT IN A GENERAL STATEMENT, THAT GOLDEN EAGLES WOULD REPLACE THE BALD EAGLES AND CONTINUE TO WIPE OUT A DIMINUTIVE SPECIES OF FOX !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

3. WHAT A LOUSY ARTICLE BY THE LA TIMES ANECDOTAL STORIES FROM NON-ENTITIES WHO MAKE THEIR LIVING FROM THIS VERY SAME TYPE OF CONTROVERSY BY GETTING THEIR NAMES PUBLISHED.

THE WORD IDIOTS COMES TO MIND.

MAKE A BIG MISTAKE, SPEND MILLIONS OF WHAT THEY REGARD AS "FREE" MONEY, AND ADVISE THE EVENTUAL EXTINCTION OF THE BALD EAGLE IN THIS AREA !

SICK SICK SICK SICK SICK SICK PEOPLE.

CHEAP SIMPLISTIC ADVICE IS WORTH NOTHING, BUT

MOVE THE NEWLY HATCHED GROUP NORTH TO SAN MIGUEL/SANTA ROSA/SANTA CRUZ/ANACAPA ROCKS TO PUT THEM A MINIMUM 60 MILES FROM SAN NICHOLAS AND SANTA BARBARA ISLANDS. SANTA BARBARA IS. IS ONLY ABOUT 30 MILES FROM THE WEST END OF CATALINA AND THAT IS LIKE A NEIGHBORHOOD THAT THEY LIKELY FLY EASILY. SAN CLEMENTE IS LESS THAN THAT FROM CATALINA.

Islas de los Coronados only buys trouble with Mexico, which we found out when our government gave them new radar so they could catch and impound our fishing boats. They would want to run the program and spend the money.

Don't know the range for foraging, but Eagles in general can fly long distances.

I mention the Anacapas only because they can easily be seen from land and can be visited by the tourist fleet from Oxnard's Channel Islands Harbor. The birds could be established at one of the bigger Islands, and later introduced close to shore if practical for the tourist trade who might contribute to the Program.

Milena Viljoen

From: RichiesSister@aol.com
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To: msrp@noaa.gov
Subject: (no subject)

Please continue with the help on Catalina Island for the Eagles. It would be a blow to environment if they were not there. We need to preserve our natural habitats instead of ruining more. Please help....

Milena Viljoen

From: Donlloyd1@aol.com
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To: MSRP@noaa.gov
Cc: Donlloyd1@aol.com
Subject: EAGLES ON CATALINA--GREG BAKER

DON'T WASTE TIME ON THE CAT THING YOU'LL SPEND ALL OF YOUR RESOURCES FIGHTING THOSE DUMB**S CAT PEOPLE AND OTHERS LOOK AT THE PROBLEMS WITH THE GOATS AND PIGS AND PETA.....

JUST STAY WITH THE EAGLES 'TIL THEY'RE ABLE TO MAKE IT ON THEIR OWN....THEN IF THERE ARE ANY FUNDS LEFT OVE TRY OTHER VENTURES

THANKS AND GOOD LUCK
DON LLOYD DONLLOYD1@AOL.COM

Milena Viljoen

From: Sharon Hardy [msbrhardy@cox.net]
Sent: Sunday, May 22, 2005 8:58 PM
To: msrp@noaa.gov
Subject: save the bald eagles on Catalina Island

Hi Greg:

Please reconsider the funding redistribution. The eagles on Catalina Island really deserve a better chance to thrive and continue to reproduce. Future generations are counting on you and the Restoration Program to do the right thing. Thank you for your time and attention.

Sharon Hardy
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Milena Viljoen

From: Mathew Christianson [mchristi13@hotmail.com]
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To: msrp@noaa.gov
Subject: bald eagle restoration on catalina

Greg,

I have just become aware of the preferred proposal which would include abandoning recovery efforts for the bald eagle on Santa Catalina Island. I urge you to reconsider this stance. I was not aware the recovery of egg densities was under a timeline. These eagles would not be in jeopardy and would certainly not be facing the reproductive difficulties associated with egg density they are now experiencing if it were not for the chemicals dumped off the Palos Verdes Penninsula. I think it is unreasonable to now determine arbitrarily they have been given their chance and now it's time to give up on them. Their decline was due to a specific cause which resulted in a monetary settlement which should continue to be used for their recovery until the problems the settled issue caused are no longer a factor which the species no matter how long it takes. I appreciate your consideration.

Sincerely,

Mathew Christianson

Milena Viljoen

From: cphell@netscape.net
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To: msrp@noaa.gov
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Subject: Catalina Bald Eagle Restoration Project

Mr. Baker,

I would like you to continue funding the bald eagle's habitat restoration on Catalina Island. My first hand experience with these birds has been one of the great experiences of my life and an experience that I've been able to share with tens of thousands of island visitors. I'm a long time resident of this California island beginning with my first trip into the island's interior in 1960. It was a different landscape then, and since that first time, I've had the privilege of watching the island literally regrow through the Wrigley family and the Catalina Island Conservancy's restoration efforts.

The restoration of the bald eagles is a significant element in restoring the island's ecosystems. I will not see the completion of this effort nor will my son, nor my grandchildren. But, my responsibility is to help with the efforts today, in order to insure its future success and their ability to experience one of the last natural California coastlines.

For the last eleven years I've conducted kayaking nature tours for Descanso Beach Ocean Sports. During that time eagle sightings have increased with each passing year. This year, the local pair, #80 and #91, has been fishing daily along the coast line west of Avalon. Nearly all of our customers remark that this is the first time they've seen bald eagles in the wild. For the children on our tour, it is a first experience in a life filled with first experiences.

"Wild" is an important distinction to make. Our technology seems to cushion and is that we have become a passive society engaged in virtual experiences. Reading and watching moving images communicates only information. Viewing a captive bird, even in the grandest cage, is still a limited experience. The sound of the wind in the feathers, the splash of talons, the bird's cries create an entirely different kind of knowledge.

This is not just another talking point on my tour or my political soap box. The smiles and the wonder I see daily on people who've ventured out into the ocean, most for the first time, is an equally rewarding experience. In all my touring experience, I've never heard anyone suggest that the effort and money could be better spent elsewhere.

Never.

Most people are glad to see that the deliberate degradation our coastal habitat is being restored. They can see it for themselves. They believe in corporate responsibility as well as individual responsibility. They tell me this every day that I work. The Institute for Wildlife Studies reports a reduction of DDT in the birds eggs. This is encouraging and should be enough evidence to justify the continuation of the project.

We are only beginning to understand the complex marine ecosystems along our coastline. The encroachment of development into the wild lands, the incidental pollution inherent with our development, and the deliberate polluting of our state's environment has altered all species and their habitat, our habitat. I do what I can to ease my impact on the environment. As a business owner, I took every step I could find to reduce the pollutants generated by my screen printing trade.

Today, I teach college students to write. Their studies involve more than just dotting the i's and crossing the t's. Like my kayak guiding, I'm introducing them into new and dynamic ways of thinking, to critical thinking and serious discussion of our concepts of responsibility. Our responsibility to our future generations is to improve the world they inherit and give them the means and education to continue to improve our world. Please, continue funding the eagle restoration project and provide another source of knowledge and

experience for our future.

Sincerely,

Chris Fell

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Milena Viljoen

From: Doug Bevington [dougbev@ucsc.edu]
Sent: Sunday, May 22, 2005 10:25 PM
To: msrp@noaa.gov
Subject: Comments on Montrose Settlements Restoration Program Draft Restoration Plan

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Long Beach, CA 90802

Dear Mr. Baker,

I am writing in support of Alternative 2 for the Montrose Settlements Restoration Program Draft Restoration Plan. Alternative 2 provides a more appropriate level of funding to restore seabird populations to regions impacted by the Montrose DDT releases. The proven effectiveness of the techniques used in this alternative to increase seabird populations ensures that the resources of this program will be best used to achieve the greatest benefit. I will be particularly grateful for the benefits of this program in terms of increased seabird viewing opportunities for myself and for other seabird enthusiasts when visiting that region. I also want to emphasize the importance of support for projects in Mexico to benefit seabirds impacted by the Montrose DDT discharges. These seabirds populations are fully deserving of your funding for restoration projects, and the potential for particularly significant benefits for low costs from projects in this area makes this an excellent opportunity to maximize the benefits of your program. So again I urge you to adopt the preferred alternative, alternative 2, as the best use of this funding. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Douglas Bevington
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Santa Cruz, CA 95060

Milena Viljoen

From: Allison Pitaccio [bambina7@yahoo.com]
Sent: Sunday, May 22, 2005 10:51 PM
To: msrp@noaa.gov
Subject: Catalina Bald Eagles

Dear Greg Baker and the Montrose Settlement Program,

I am writing you this email as a plea to continue funding to the Bald Eagle program. I've lived on the island, volunteered for the conservancy doing bird counts, and worked for the Santa Catalina Island Company in Avalon. Each time I saw one of the enormous birds flying over head I was in complete and total awe. It would be an absolute crime to give up so soon on such a majestic animal. Please allow these animals to reproduce and give them another chance to survive in the ecosystem the Superfund site almost destroyed. Santa Catalina Island is a beautiful and rustic place enjoyed by humans and animals alike. Please don't take this away from us!
Thank you for your consideration

Sincerely,

Allison Pitaccio

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Milena Viljoen

From: Steven Birenbaum [stevenbirenbaum@yahoo.com]
Sent: Sunday, May 22, 2005 10:51 PM
To: msrp@noaa.gov
Subject: To Greg Baker, Re: Montrose Settlements Restoration Program

Dear Greg Baker,

My name is Steven Birenbaum, I am 24 years old and a resident of Hermosa Beach California. I have recently come to understand the situation on Santa Catalina Island concerning the restoration of bald eagles. I am writing to let you know that I do not think that the restoration program should continue at this site. Due to the close proximity of the DDT deposits off the Palos Verdes Peninsula, I feel that continuing the allocation of funds from the Montrose settlements to restore bald eagles on Catalina would be a waste of money. I feel that a better way to use the money would be to begin a bald eagle restoration program further north, perhaps among the Channel Islands. Please take into consideration my feelings and discontinue the bald eagle restoration program at Catalina and use the funds elsewhere.

Thank you very much for your time,

Steven Birenbaum

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Milena Viljoen

From: david weisman [davidelweisman3@hotmail.com]
Sent: Sunday, May 22, 2005 11:44 PM
To: msrp@noaa.gov
Subject: Comments on the 445 page Montrose Restoration Draft Plan

Att. Mr Greg Baker

As the son of a man who served on a surveying ship in Alaska (real bald eagle country) for a predecessor of NOAA (the Coast and Geodetic Survey)

and as a former student of Stanford Prof. George Polya author of `How to solve it`who recommended shifting one's attention to a larger problem if the immediate problem seemed intractable.

and as an engineer who has watched the benthic surface concentration of DDT around the Palos Verdes outfalls drop orders of magnitude since the 70's

i agree that focusing on those bald eagles who have chosen to nest within 50 kilometers of the DDT deposits and the larges,busiest port in area in the West Coast of the Americas seems a recipe for frustration.

As your plan report statesL: Bald eagles can and do fly from Catalina to the northern Channel islands and from the noirthern islands to the mainland.

Let our perspective zoom out and see the entire archipelago of Channel Islands as one ecological niche. and the the species of bald eagle as one important top predator species

Maybe the program should move eagles from both Alaska and Catalina to the northern Channel islands -to maintain a top predator for the channel islands ecosystem,un til a reasonable rate of erburial of hte DDT occurs -- following the susbstantial loss of cover when the outfalls ceased toi carry much `clean sediment deposits from primary sewage effluent.

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Milena Viljoen

From: Leslie Nyquist [leslienyquist@cox.net]
Sent: Sunday, May 22, 2005 11:53 PM
To: msrp@noaa.gov
Subject: MSRP Draft Restoration Plan

May 22, 2005

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

FROM:
Leslie Nyquist
27132 Camino Barcelos
Laguna Niguel, CA 92677

COMMENT ON MSRP DRAFT RESTORATION PLAN:

Thank you for considering my comments on these issues. It is a shame there is not enough money to fund all of the options and get rid of the DDT/PCBs as well.

I am in favor of Alternative 3, in which the Catalina Island eagle restoration program continues to be funded. However, I think the \$12 million for Fishing/Fish Habitat Restoration should be distributed according to Alternative 2.

Kind regards,
Leslie Nyquist

Milena Viljoen

From: Bill Hurst [hurstb@worldminerals.com]
Sent: Monday, May 23, 2005 2:35 AM
To: MSRP@NOAA.Gov
Subject: DDT/ Potential Remedy

Greg,

I read the LA times piece. I know of at least one recent example where highly toxic organics (e.g., sarin gas) can be rendered harmless by an industrial enzyme.

The enzymes are cheap and there is plenty of capacity to make them at companies like Genencor International. The difficulty is engineering the enzyme that could take 12-24 months. They are made with recombinant yeast.

If the DDT is still in localized deposits one could release these enzymes under water (over the deposit) over a period of years to get a reduction in DDT.

Best Regards,
Bill Hurst
Senior Director of Regulatory Affairs & Process Development, Worldwide

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Milena Viljoen

From: Flo Loring [floring@saugus.k12.ca.us]
Sent: Monday, May 23, 2005 7:44 AM
To: msrp@noaa.gov
Subject: Bald Eagles

Dear Mr. Baker,

I visit Catalina Island each year with around 100 students. One of the most inspiring sights we have seen are the bald eagles. Seeing those magnificent birds so close is an indescribable thrill. And hearing the story about their comeback helps students understand the responsibility we all have toward our environment and the creatures who share it with us.

It would be a shame if these birds were no longer part of our world. I urge you to find a way to keep funding for this program.

Florence Loring
Plum Canyon Elementary School

Milena Viljoen

From: hobraigh kozlow [hobie90@juno.com]
Sent: Thursday, April 28, 2005 7:58 AM
To: msrp@noaa.gov
Subject: CATALINA BALD EAGLES

PLEASE, PLEASE SAVE THE BALD EAGLES. WILDLIFE IS TO PRECIOUS AND SO IN DANGER THANK YOU,
HOBIE KOZLOW

Milena Viljoen

From: Candice Broussard [croussard@sbcglobal.net]
Sent: Monday, May 23, 2005 8:27 AM
To: msrp@noaa.gov
Subject: Comments on the Catalina Bald Eagle Breeding Program

As a diver and kayaker, I visit the Channel Islands often, Catalina Island with the most frequency - at least monthly. I've observed the bald eagles nesting and hunting for prey in the oceans offshore. I with this in mind I would like to provide input to the plans under consideration.

- I do not agree with the trustee's "preferred alternative" of diverting funds away from Catalina to bring eagles to more remote islands. The bald eagles are needed to restore the correct balance of nature on Catalina. If we let this plan go, we may find ourselves spending even more (taxpayer) money later on trying to restore the balance through other means.

- I do not agree with the point in the plan to spend \$1,000,000 on educating fisherman on where to fish to avoid the contaminated fish. Much has already been spent in this area and so many people go out on commercial sport fishing boats who are well versed in this area. Instead, the \$1,000,000 should be combined with the \$500,000 set aside for enforcing the no-fishing reserves which are in place and planned for the future.

Thanks for the opportunity to comment.

Candice Broussard
26359 Regent Ave.
Lomita, Ca. 90717

Milena Viljoen

From: Deborah Edwards Lerner [LernerDE@adelphia.net]
Sent: Sunday, May 22, 2005 5:48 PM
To: greg.baker@noaa.gov
Subject: Eagle Project

Good morning Mr. Baker,

I understand from Sunday's LA Times article that you are the person receiving comments regarding continuation of the eagle project.

As a retired chemist, I find it very difficult to believe that DDT & PCBs from fish are responsible for the failure of this project. If this were the case, I reckon we would find the following:

1. The CA-EPA would have issued warning about human consumption of fish caught in the Catalina Channel and for some area around Catalina.
2. The brown pelican, previously endangered by soft shells due to DDT, would still be experiencing the problem; it is not.
3. Seagulls, the most prolific scavenger of the ocean, would be found to be suffering from soft shells.
4. Given the time between dumping and today, considering the normal deposition rate of sediments, it is very likely the toxins are capped. (Refer to the current fight over dredging the Hudson River for PCBs after science has determined they are capped by sediments and disruption of the bottom will renew the toxic problems.)

If these birds are unable to survive, it is a pity. But we must move funding to places that benefit the environment better. One more bird of prey will make little, if any difference, to the ecology of the Channel Islands.

Kind regards,
Geoff Lerner
Yorba Linda, CA

Milena Viljoen

From: Stephen Walton [sww@propertyline.com]
Sent: Monday, May 23, 2005 9:09 AM
To: msrp@noaa.gov
Subject: Eagle Project

To whom it may concern,

Please continue funding the important work of the Bald Eagle Restoration Project. The DDT problems have been a disaster, and work such as this is critical for such species' recovery from the damage we, as humans, have caused. It would be a shame to stop now, with the progress that has already been made and the potential progress that could be made with your continued funding.

Thank you,
Stephen Walton
swalton@propertyline.com

Milena Viljoen

From: mike ezell [mikeezell@hotmail.com]
Sent: Saturday, May 21, 2005 4:46 PM
To: greg.baker@noaa.gov
Subject: Funding for the restoration of Catalina Bald Eagles

We feel that the funding for the restoration of the bald eagles on Catalina Island should continue. This island is visited by more people than any of the other channel islands, a successful program is already in place, and if this funding is withdrawn the success of the birds on this island and others is at risk.

Mike and Connie Ezell

Milena Viljoen

From: Myra Finkelstein [myraf@cats.ucsc.edu]
Sent: Monday, May 23, 2005 10:23 AM
To: msrp@noaa.gov
Subject: comment - Montrose Settlements Restoration Program

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

Dear Mr. Baker,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Draft Restoration Plan of the Montrose Settlements Restoration Program. I commend the council for their efforts in developing a well-researched and comprehensive plan. As a lifelong California resident, avid bird watcher, and toxicologist, I want to take this opportunity to provide comments on several of the proposed restoration actions.

I agree with the council's efforts to pursue restoration projects that have the goal of permanent restoration. Because of the extremely high DDE concentrations present in egg tissue, I believe the council has made the right decision to not continue the Catalina Island Bald Eagle restoration program at this time. I also agree the Santa Cruz Island eagle restoration program should be postponed until the birds are able to reproduce on their own. DDE and PCBs impact wildlife beyond just reduced reproductive success and I feel it is the council's duty to also consider these other effects when weighing the decision of whether to proceed with eagle restoration. DDE concentrations high enough to cause impaired egg shell production are most likely also causing immune and/or endocrine disruption in the resident eagle population. If the council were to enact alternative three and continue Catalina Island Eagle restoration and / or proceed with the Santa Cruz Island eagle restoration, these additional impacts to eagle health should be considered.

Sincerely,

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Milena Viljoen

From: shlomiller@aol.com
Sent: Monday, May 23, 2005 10:39 AM
To: msrp@noaa.gov
Subject: Catalina bald eagle project

Dear Mr. Baker,

The Montrose Settlement Restoration Program should continue funding the Catalina Island bald eagle project, at least temporarily while its effectiveness and long-term prospects are further evaluated. To discontinue funding now would be a premature admission of defeat.

I may be considered biased since my family has owned a home in Avalon since 1968, but on the other hand I have been boating locally since 1970 from the Coronados to San Miguel Island, as well as from San Francisco to Cabo San Lucas and out to Hawaii. I have come to appreciate the unique histories, beauties and ecologies of each of these areas and therefore realize it is difficult to choose among worthy goals. On balance, though I believe Montrose money should go to the "Montrose problem" in the area bounded by Pt. Vincente, Angel's Gate and Catalina. The area should not be written off when issues still hang in the balance.

The Catalina project is worthy in and of itself but also has dramatic symbolic value in raising public awareness of issues related to the islands and waters beyond. Its success, however fragile, provides hope and stimulates fundraising for other environmental efforts. Allowing the project to founder might cause that hope to give way to a sense of resignation and inevitability that would be counterproductive in the long term, not just for restoration efforts in the Montrose-blighted area but elsewhere.

Although success on other issues elsewhere would be welcome, I urge you to give considerable weight to the symbolic value of the Catalina bald eagle project in deciding how best to allocate funds among various competing goals in Southern California and beyond.

Sincerely,

Jim Miller
Torrance, CA.

Milena Viljoen

From: Dennis, Meg (IBD) [Meg.Dennis@morganstanley.com]
Sent: Monday, May 23, 2005 10:48 AM
To: msrp@noaa.gov
Subject: Catalina Bald Eagles

To Whom This Concerns:

I read the article in Sunday's Los Angeles Times regarding the possible cessation of efforts that work to diminish the effects of chemical deposits and promote the preservation of the bald eagles on Catalina Island. I feel very, very strongly that just because a great deal of money has already been spent, this does not mean it has been in vain. As the article stated, experts predict that if the chemical deposit were sealed, poison concentrations in Catalina's eagles and Southern California's other wildlife would decline rapidly. Regardless of there being no guarantee that all the females will be able to reproduce, we must continue to recognize that these animals are our heritage. We should honor that and continue the restoration efforts.

Sincerely,

Margaret C. Dennis
Los Angeles, CA

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senator.lowenthal@sen.ca.gov; frank.clifford@latimes.com; jkay@sfchronicle.com
Cc: WebMaster@catalinaconservancy.org
Subject: CATALINA ISLAND BALD EAGLE POPULATION

I urge you to support the continuation of funding to support the restoration effort of the Institute for Wildlife Studies to enable a continuing growth of the Bald Eagle population on Catalina Island. I offer the following points in support of this request:

>- Too Soon to Abandon Efforts - 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.

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>- Eagles Now Present May Leave - It cannot be assumed that Catalina's
>current population of eagles would stay on the Island if they couldn't
>reproduce over the next few years; and, in fact, the reallocation of
>funds could mean the disappearance once again of bald eagles from
>Catalina. This could impact all of the Channel Islands.

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>- Public Access to Eagles Should Be a Priority! - With more than a
>million visitors each year, and as the only Channel Island with
>significant visitation, 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. Since the Montrose Settlement was meant to
>restore this natural resource to the public, Catalina should be a
>priority where funding restoration efforts is concerned.

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>- Settlement Monies Are Most Appropriately Used On and Near Catalina -
>Montrose Settlement monies were meant to address damage to natural
>resources such as bald eagles that were impacted by DDT and PCBs
directly.

>They were not meant for addressing the impacts of introduced predators
>and invasive plant species that are now negatively impacting sea bird
>populations. The Trustees are proposing that as an alternative to
>funding the important bald eagle or peregrine falcon restoration work
>on Catalina, or fisheries restoration around Catalina, the monies be
>reallocated to

fund
>bald eagle and marine restoration on the Northern Channel Islands and
>for the eradication of cats and rats, some of which would be done in
>Mexico. These locations are far from Catalina and the San Pedro Basin,
>the site of the greatest impacts. 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.

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>- Catalina's Endangered Fox is at Risk - Abandoning bald eagle
restoration
>on Catalina may put the Catalina Island fox population at risk. While
>much is unknown, it is possible that the presence of bald eagles on
>Catalina deters the formation of a golden eagle population. Golden
>eagles have decimated Island fox populations in the Northern Channel

>Islands. Discontinuing bald eagle restoration efforts on Catalina is
>simply too risky to the continued recovery of the Catalina Island fox,
>which is federally listed as an endangered species and is found on
>Catalina and nowhere else in the world.

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>- Catalina's Bald Eagles Fuel Recovery Elsewhere - The bald eagles
>that are being produced on Catalina Island are a potential source
>population
for
>recovery of bald eagles on the Northern Channel Islands, and for the
>adjacent mainland.

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>- Catalina is the Most Cost-Effective Investment - 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, the protection and restoration of eagle habitat
>that is critical to the birds' survival on the Island, and, important
>educational outreach efforts that engender an appreciation of these
>magnificent birds and inspire the public to support their
>reestablishment and protection.

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>- Support the Catalina Bald Eagle Alternative - In their own plan, the
>Committee identifies an alternative that would use part of the
>settlement funds to support eagle restoration on Catalina in the long
>term. They
would
>prefer, however, to spend the money on species in far-away places.
>Please ask that they 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.

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>- Support Habitat Restoration on Catalina Island - Bald eagles,
>peregrine falcons, and sea birds need a healthy ocean and island. The
>Committee also proposes to spend significant funds supporting research
>on fisheries in
the
>recently designated Marine Protected Areas on the Northern Channel
Islands.
>Catalina, the island hardest hit and most visited, should be considered
for
>funding for its fisheries and ecosystems.

Thank you for your consideration.

Milena Viljoen

From: Aspray, Robert W [robert.w.aspray@boeing.com]
Sent: Monday, May 23, 2005 10:42 AM
To: msrp@noaa.gov
Subject: Continue Funding the Catalina Bald Eagle Project

Greg Baker, Program Manager
Montrose Settlements Restoration Program

The continued funding of the Catalina Island Bald Eagle Project is of great importance due the fact that hundreds of thousands of visitors to the island each year will have the opportunity to see the Eagles. Last year, my wife and I, our two daughters, and two grand-daughters saw a Bald Eagle for the first time ever during our visit to Catalina Island. This would not have been possible if the eagles where on the Channel Islands.

Thank You

Milena Viljoen

From: Mike Raugh [raugh@interconnect.com]
Sent: Monday, May 23, 2005 11:30 AM
To: msrp@noaa.gov
Cc: webmaster@catalinaconservancy.org
Subject: Please Don't Abandon Catalina's Bald Eagles!

Come on, you guys, get serious! If Catalina is where Montrose Chemical did the most damage, then that's where most of the remediation funds should be directed. If other projects need your support, then raise funds for those other projects, don't divert! -Mike Raugh

Milena Viljoen

From: Leslie Baer [lbaer@catalinaconservancy.org]
Sent: Monday, May 23, 2005 11:58 AM
To: msrp@noaa.gov
Subject: MSRP/Mr. Baker, reply to ZRHockey@aol.com

From: ZRHockey@aol.com
Date: Sun May 22, 2005 12:28:37 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!

Mr. Baker and Others,

I am an environmental educator on Santa Catalina Island. I work with students who are Island residents, as well as those visiting from elsewhere.

Occasionally, during our programs, we have had the unique experience of having a bald eagle soar proudly over our heads. No matter the academic level of the students, the reaction is always the same. Students stop whatever they are doing and simply watch. They can't help it. They are captivated. The impact of a bald eagle sighting out in the wilder parts of Catalina cannot be matched. It is difficult for me to imagine that these experiences may be in jeopardy.

It seems to me that the Montrose Settlement monies would be best spent with recovery efforts in the area that was most affected by the actions that led to the lawsuit. The Bald Eagle Restoration project on Catalina Island has shown great successes. It is working. We just need more time to finish what was started.

Also, please allow me to write about the potential environmental impact of losing this magnificent bird. Some scientists suggest that the golden eagle may populate Catalina Island if the bald eagle moves away. We have just recently had success repopulating the Island with our endemic subspecies of island fox. As you know, golden eagles are natural predators for foxes, especially the pups. The potential presence of golden eagles on Catalina should be sufficient reason to make sure that bald eagles maintain a presence here.

Please do not move funding away from the bald eagle efforts on Catalina Island. The long-lasting effects could be irreparably damaging to the experiences had by residents and visitors alike.

Thank you for your attention.

Naturally,

Rich Zanelli

Milena Viljoen

From: Leslie Baer [lbaer@catalinaconservancy.org]
Sent: Monday, May 23, 2005 12:03 PM
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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 think this is a worth wild cause and should be continued. We are losing too much of our environment now. Please help....

Leslie C. Baer, MAOM
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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 urge you to continue the eagle restoration project. Thank you. Alexandra Katehakis
Los Angeles, CA

Leslie C. Baer, MAOM
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> <msrp@noaa.org>
> Cc: <webmaster@catalinaconservancy.org>
> Subject: Please Don't Abandon Catalina's Bald Eagles!
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>
> I am writing to you to ask that you continue funding the Bald Eagle
> Restoration on Catalina Island. I am the Chairman of the Development
> Committee of Camp Emerald Bay on Catalina Island. In 2004 we have
> revised our mission statement to include "preserving the natural
> environment of Santa Catalina". We have over 10,000 campers a year
> that we teach about the amazing environment of this island. It is and
> will be important to the youth and adults who attend our camp to show
> how we have saved our national bird on the island. Please let me know
> what I can do to help.
> Alan Solursh
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Date: Mon May 23, 2005 9:51:48 AM America/Los_Angeles
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Subject: Fwd: Please Don't Abandon Catalina's Bald Eagles! (From the Webmaster)

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