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Subject: FW: Stop the Dumping of Toxic Rodenticides on the Farallon Islands
Date: 05/10/2011 03:20 PM

Hi Team – sorry if I have left some off – please forward on as appropriate.

Wildcare has definitely begun a campaign on this. Too bad but it's great we did some proactive outreach at the JV, they have the clear message and understanding.

I'm thinking of not calling the Point Reyes Light back, unless you want me to. I don't like their reporting, I don't think they are a major outlet but let me know.

Ok, see you on Thursday. I will be available sporadically on Wednesday as I will be facilitating a meeting but can check email here and there on my phone.

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From: Beth Huning [<mailto:bhuning@sfbayjv.org>]
Sent: Tuesday, May 10, 2011 2:37 PM
To: LANGSTON, Brooke
Cc: Christina Sloop; Melissa Pitkin
Subject: Re: Stop the Dumping of Toxic Rodenticides on the Farallon Islands

Thanks. Yep. Melissa's phone has been ringing off the hook, and Caroline has been in touch with her. Damage control time.

On May 10, 2011, at 2:33 PM, LANGSTON, Brooke wrote:

[In case you hadn't seen.](#)

From: Maggie Sergio, WildCare [<mailto:wildcare@wildcarebayarea.org>]
Sent: Tuesday, May 10, 2011 2:21 PM
To: LANGSTON, Brooke
Subject: Stop the Dumping of Toxic Rodenticides on the Farallon Islands

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Dear Brooke,

The United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) is considering the **aerial dumping of hundreds of pounds of toxic rodent poison on the Farallon Islands** to eradicate non-native house mice. [Join us to tell them this is wrong!](#)

Like you, WildCare is shocked that they would even consider this!

The Farallon Islands, located 27 miles west of San Francisco's Golden Gate are one of the most unique, sensitive and fragile ecosystems in the world. The proposal to dump pellets of extremely toxic Brodifacoum-25 Conservation rodenticide across the entire habitat would catastrophically affect many non-target species, including seabirds, marine mammals and aquatic life.

Animals will die from consuming the highly toxic and long-lasting poison pellets, from feeding on sick and dying poisoned victims and from this toxic pesticide's integration into the entire island ecosystem. [Sign WildCare's petition demanding they stop even considering this proposal!](#)

On May 12, 2011 from 6 - 8pm, the USFWS will hold a Public Scoping Meeting at Fort Mason in San Francisco([click for directions.](#)) [Sign our petition.](#) which will be presented at the meeting, and then please join us to demand a safe, non-toxic and environmentally responsible approach to rodent population control on the Farallones!

Arguments in favor of rodenticide dumping overwhelmingly focus on protecting the many endangered and threatened species that live and breed on the Farallones. [Help WildCare convince USFWS that dumping rat poison over the islands entire ecosystem will only destroy the very environment they hope to conserve.](#)

[Click to sign WildCare's petition now!](#)

Thank you,

Maggie Sergio
Director of Wildlife Advocacy
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PS: WildCare works on the front lines to advocate for wildlife. [Click to make a donation to help us always be ready to fight for wildlife!](#)

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Farallon Islands. Photo by Jan Roletto



The beautiful Farallon Islands, located 27 miles west of San Francisco's Golden Gate are a unique habitat for an incredible array of sensitive wildlife species. Indiscriminately dumping rodenticide here would have disastrous consequences! Photo by Jan Roletto



Seabirds by the thousands inhabit the Farallon Islands throughout the year. Gulls and other species will eat the poison pellets and die of internal bleeding too. [Please sign our petition!](#)

Burrowing Owls. Photo by Tom Grey



When a predator eats a poisoned rodent, he gets poisoned too, and often dies! A population of 13 threatened Burrowing Owls on the Farallon Islands will surely jump on dying rodents as an easy meal. [Help us protect these and all the other non-target animals on the islands!](#) Photo by Tom Grey

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