



## **For Immediate Release:**

### **First Release to the East Bay - Mystery Goo Birds**

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## **First East Bay Release of mystery goo birds!**

### **Mystery Goo Birds Release Information**

**WHEN: Wednesday, Feb. 4, 2015 11:00 AM**

**WHERE: Oakland Port**

**RELEASE: Middle Harbor Shoreline Park**

2777 Middle Harbor Road, Oakland, CA 94607

Google map: <https://goo.gl/maps/LNwha>

More park info: <http://portofoakland.com/maritime/middleharbor.aspx>

**WHO:** International Bird Rescue has partnered with the Port of Oakland for the first East Bay release of mystery goo birds.

International Bird Rescue and the Port of Oakland will both be available for questions/interviews

International Bird Rescue will release the latest group of 20-30 rehabilitated birds that came into care covered in mystery goo from the East Bay starting in mid-January 2015.

The testing of goo-covered feathers continues at government and private laboratories. But the substance remains a mystery.



Each of the birds was medically stabilized and then washed using a combination of baking soda and vinegar, followed by washing with Dawn detergent, and rinse to repair waterproofing.

To date, 323 birds were delivered to our center. Another 170 (updated 2/2/15) birds were collected dead by California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) personnel. A total of 81 birds have previously been released.

The East Bay is considered clean, however, as no new goo-covered birds have been found since Thursday, January 22, 2015 and there are thousands of seabirds in the East Bay that were not impacted from the goo.

The care of these birds, including Surf Scoters, Horned Grebes, Common Goldeneyes and Scaups, is lengthy and expensive. With no responsible party to help with the cost of bird care, International Bird Rescue is still seeking public support to help with this response: <http://birdrescue.org/donate>

**About International Bird Rescue:** International Bird Rescue (IBR) has been helping seabirds and other aquatic birds around the world since 1971. Our team of specialists operates two year-round aquatic bird rehabilitation centers in California, which care for more than 5,000 birds every year. IBR is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization.

Learn more at [birdrescue.org](http://birdrescue.org)