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More Seabirds to be Released - Mystery Goo Birds

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International Bird Rescue will be RELEASING another group of birds caught in the mystery goo

Mystery Goo Birds Release Event Information

WHEN: Thursday, Feb. 12, 2015 11:00 AM

WHERE: Fort Baker - 435 Murray Circle, Sausalito, CA 94965

RELEASE: at boat launch

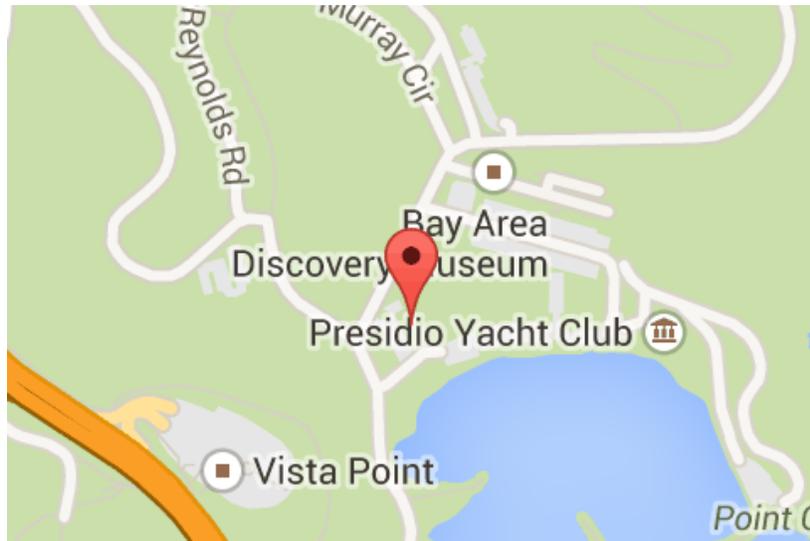
PARKING: Discovery Museum

WHO: International Bird Rescue personnel will be available for questions/interviews

International Bird Rescue will release another group of clean, healthy birds that came into care covered in mystery goo from the East Bay. Many of these birds have been in care for 3 weeks or more.

International Bird Rescue's has been treating and cleaning the rescued seabirds. They all exhibited matted and sticky feathers covered in the mystery goo that resembled a greyish rubber cement.

Note: The mystery substance has still not been identified.



Map: Cleaned bird Mystery Goo release location at Fort Baker at the base of Golden Gate Bridge in Marin County.

The birds were mainly rescued along the East Bay shoreline beginning on January 16, 2015. All of the live birds were in care at our San Francisco Bay Center in Fairfield, CA.

Of the 323 brought in for care, 101 have been released back in to the San Francisco Bay. Another 91 birds are still in care. 131 died on arrival, in care or were humanely euthanized.

Another 170 birds were collected dead by California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) personnel.

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

Without a responsible party, Bird Rescue continues to shoulder the full cost of this response. We're asking the public to donate to help us pay for the bird care. **Contribute:** <http://birdrescue.org/donate>

Bird species treated include: Surf Scoters, Horned Grebes, Buffleheads, Common Goldeneyes and Scaups.

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.