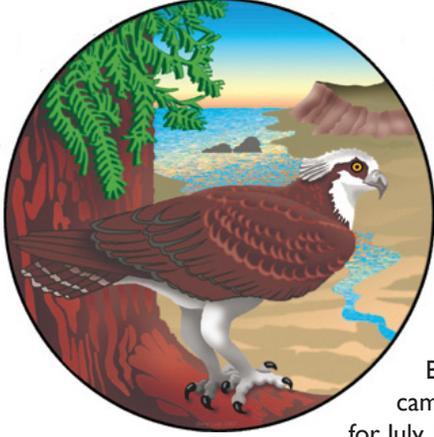


Stewards of the Coast and Redwoods

Preservation through Education and Stewardship

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Operating Proposal in Progress

Michele Luna, Executive Director

Stewards has submitted a proposal to California State Parks to keep Austin Creek State Recreation Area (currently on the closure list) and Sonoma Coast State Park open. Stewards is the nonprofit group that has provided interpretation, restoration and conservation assistance to state parks for over 26 years. Working with partners, Stewards' proposal would expand its work to include campground operations and fee collection.

State budget cuts over recent years have caused the seasonal closure of Austin Creek's Bull Frog Pond Campground, many coastal State Park access points and numerous coastal campsites. The full closure of Austin Creek SRA is proposed as part of a 70-park closure plan for July 1.

Stewards' proposal, if accepted, would keep these areas open and use locally-raised funds for local costs including campground operations, State Park rangers and seasonal staff, trash service, trail maintenance, septic system pumping and restroom maintenance.

Austin Creek SRA is a 5,700 acre wilderness area of oak woodlands, redwood forest, the headwaters of East Austin, Fife, and Gilliam creeks. Prehistoric sites date back 4,000 years. It also contains the home, workshop and school of internationally renowned potter, Marguerite Wildenhain, who passed away in 1985. It includes 24 campsites, 2 wilderness backcountry sites, and 20 miles of hiking and equestrian trails. Stewards is very concerned that closing Austin Creek could lead to, among other potential outcomes, increased fire danger, illegal marijuana grows and vandalism.

Sonoma Coast State Park comprises over 10,000 acres and over 20 miles of magnificent coastline including the Willow Creek watershed. Currently at Sonoma Coast State Park, service reductions have resulted in the closure of eight day-use areas, two environmental campgrounds, and 2/3 of Bodega Dunes Campground. This leaves only a few day-use areas open with restroom facilities and only 49 spaces available at Wrights Beach and Bodega Dunes combined for camping.

In preparation for making the decision to propose an operating agreement for these parks, the Stewards' Board of Directors embarked on an intensive strategic planning process in the fall of 2011. During that process Stewards met with park staff, docents and volunteers, the tourism community, and nonprofit partners to determine what their priorities should be for the next 3-5 years. The

Mission Statement

Stewards of the Coast and Redwoods (Stewards) works in partnership with California State Parks to protect and interpret the natural and cultural resources of the Russian River District.

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message was clear that Stewards should continue providing educational and stewardship volunteer programs and we should also help by opening up closed areas of Sonoma Coast SP. With visitation close to 3 million a year at Sonoma Coast, restoring public access is a high priority for the economic viability of the area and also for recreational opportunities.

Stewards believes their proposal creates a win/win for local State Parks with Stewards generating new revenue on the coast via new collection stations at day-use parking lots where services, such as restrooms and trailheads, are provided. These are different and unprecedented times when closing parks is very real as evidenced by the service reductions we have seen on Sonoma Coast since 2009. It's time for our local communities to take responsibility for our parks and help keep them open with volunteer and local fundraising efforts. Stewards has raised funds through local contributions in the town of Jenner to keep the Visitor Center and restroom open since 2009.

If Stewards' proposal is accepted, new fees locally could reopen Sonoma Coast locations as well as keep Austin Creek SRA open. With staffing at an all time low, funds could keep seasonal staff employed, who might otherwise lose their jobs. Ironically,

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

Michele Luna, Stewards Executive Director

Despite these challenging times, I believe by the end of 2012, Stewards will have achieved a huge accomplishment in keeping our parks open in partnership with State Parks and other notable partners. I have been in discussions with national, state and local organizations who believe that together we can successfully keep our parks open and at the same time enhance the natural and cultural experiences of park visitors. This innovative thinking keeps me energized and devoted to our cause.

The next few months will be busy as we finalize our plans, negotiate an operating agreement and begin the process of reinventing the way parks are operated for the next five years and possibly into the future.

I can't tell you how much your acknowledgements and donations mean to us. At the end of 2011 when we ask you to help support our efforts we were overwhelmed with donations. Our annual membership appeal has also provided a huge response for which we are most grateful.

Stewards has been fortunate to be awarded the following grants to support our work from the following foundations and agencies:

California State Parks Foundation: We have been very fortunate and honored to be awarded two grants from the Foundation in the past few months. In December, we were awarded \$6,000 to support our Environmental Education and Docent Training Programs. In January, we were awarded \$9300 to support our Earth Day Projects that will take place on April 14th. Besides our annual beach and estuary clean-up, we will be building a new bridge on Sonoma Coast near Shell Beach and refurbishing the interpretive panels on the Jenner Visitor Center deck. In addition, we are partnering with the Foundation's Park Champion's program and undertaking our first restoration project in Austin Creek on March 24th (a pig fence removal project). We are also in discussions with the Foundation about other exciting efforts in Austin Creek.

Save the Redwoods League: We were awarded a grant in the amount of \$4,000 to enhance our redwood ecology program with educational stations that will accommodate larger groups visiting the park at one time.

Coastal Commission Whale Tail Grant: In February, Stewards was awarded a \$9,500 grant to support our environmental education programs on Sonoma Coast.

Monterey Bay Sanctuary Foundation: Stewards has also been awarded a \$2500 grant to interpret the new Marine Protected Areas along our coast and in the Russian River Estuary. Docents are currently being trained and new signage will be installed in the months ahead.

We are very thankful to each of these organizations who have been ongoing supporters of our work to protect and preserve our State Parks through education and stewardship programs.

OPERATING AGREEMENT PROPOSAL

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visitation to state parks has increased during the economic downturn and funding for state parks has decreased.

On February 2nd, the State Public Work Board approved the possible bundling of Austin Creek SRA with Mendocino County parks and allowing a for-profit corporation to take over operations. Stewards is hopeful that State Parks will decide that Stewards' operating proposal best meets their criteria for keeping Austin Creek open. We understand that State Parks needs to keep all its options open right now, but we feel that our proposal will best serve the State Park mission, the people that love their parks, and especially the natural and cultural resources.

Stewards and State Parks will educate the public about the reasons why and how fee collection will be implemented, ways to secure park passes and volunteer opportunities, which provide annual Russian River District day-use passes for 16 hours of service in a year's time.

CAL REPORT

Andrea Mapes, Supervising Ranger, CAL

With so many important “irons in the fire” with Stewards and State Parks, it was important to keep up the momentum and appoint an interim Cooperating Association Liaison (CAL) while I tend to the newest park steward (my newborn daughter). We didn’t have to beg, coerce or search high and low for a capable person, we had one volunteer unsolicited. His eagerness to take on this opportunity is a testament to both the reputation of Stewards and to this individual’s dedication to teamwork and the State Park mission.

It is my pleasure to introduce your interim CAL, Ranger Greg Probst. Ranger Probst has worked for California State Parks for fourteen years in several different locations and classifications. He began his career as a Guide, leading tours at Hearst San Simeon State Historic Monument in 1998. He also worked at Hearst as a Dispatcher Clerk and Park Aid. Before heading off to the Ranger training academy in July of 2000, Greg gained experience as a Communications Operator at Oceano Dunes State Vehicular Recreation Area. Upon graduating the academy, Ranger Probst did a four year “tour of duty” in the Santa Cruz District, working at New Brighton State Beach and Henry Cowell Redwoods State Park. In 2004, Ranger Probst transferred to Sonoma Coast State Park and has been enjoying his redwoods to coast patrols ever since. During his tenure in the Russian River District, Ranger Probst has served as an interim Supervising Ranger at Armstrong Redwoods and has trained new Rangers as a Field Training Officer.



Andrea and Adele

In addition to his fine professional skills, Greg is enjoying being a new homeowner locally and perusing the ice cream section at the grocery store. Greg is personable, has a wonderful sense of humor and I encourage all of you to experience his gift of gab first hand.

Editors Note: It has been a pleasure watching Andrea transition to motherhood with her wonderful sense of humor and enthusiasum. We are always thrilled to get to see Andrea and Adele, an adorable baby, during their walks in the Grove. Congratulations to Andrea and Loren.

HAPPY TRAILS UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN

Ruby Herrick, Programs Manager

I will be retiring from Stewards mid-April 2012. I want to sincerely thank the State Parks, Stewards community for the support, insights and opportunities given to me. The Programs Manager position has been one of the most interesting and challenging jobs I’ve ever had. It has involved so many people, ideas, connections and activities that I couldn’t possibly talk about all of them here. Perhaps one evening we can sit around a campfire with S’mores and share some stories. State Parks staff have been the crucial part of the team with Stewards and volunteers. They are a dedicated, professional and often heroic group and I will miss working with them.

One of the most enjoyable and challenging aspects of the job has been recruiting speakers and putting the orientations and seminars together. Listening to the talks has always been an enjoyable learning experience, my reward for all that preparation. As volunteers you carry our programs forward and bring them to life, linking the “tangible with the intangible.” Many of you have volunteered for decades and many have recently started your tenure with State Parks and Stewards. I hope your volunteer time here continues and is rewarding. We make a living by what we do; we make a life by what we give. Thank you for giving the irreplaceable gift of your time. And before I forget, turn in your volunteer hours!

I want to thank my co workers at Stewards and let you all know how grateful I am for the opportunity of working with such an incredible group. Your generous spirits, all American work ethic, sense of humor and general all around brilliance (I’m not kidding on this one) have made working at Stewards more than a job, it has been a modern adventure, an experience that I will always cherish. I am thankful, proud, humbled and still amazed that I have worked with you. I will miss being part of the team and you will probably see me at future seminars and orientations. Can’t wait to sign in!



PROGRAM UPDATES

WHALE WATCH

Bea Brunn, Whale Mother

Whale Watch is going full speed—and what beautiful weather we have had on the coast this winter.

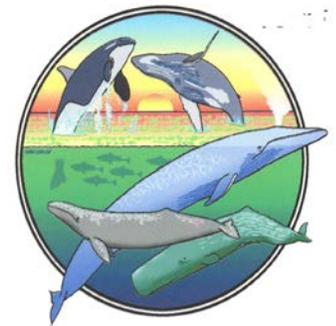


The first two weekends of January we had beautiful calm, warm weather with many excited new and “vet-eran” volunteers seeing whales every time—all of them heading south much to the excitement of hundreds of visitors and volunteers.

Then we had a weekend of stormy weather followed by beautiful weather again, many whales and more visitors than we have ever seen (probably because of all the great publicity we have had in the local press).

The whales are still heading south but we expect to see the first ones heading north at the end of February followed by the mothers/ calves starting end of March.

Thanks to all our volunteers for being at the Head faithfully and talking to our many visitors.



TIDEPOL PROGRAM

Hollis Bewley, Tidepool Coordinator

We launched the 2012 Tidepool season by orienting new volunteers for both the Tidepool Education and Weekend Roving Naturalist programs in the morning, then meeting at Shell Beach for an afternoon Exploration of the Intertidal seminar led by Karl Menard of the Bodega Marine Lab. Karl introduced the complex dynamics of ocean movement on this section of coastline and its influence on the life we see followed by the impact of last year’s unusual red tide event before we began exploring the pools and rocks exposed by the negative tide.

Karl had told us that purple urchins had disappeared completely but the absence of the ochre star which had been the “keystone species” determining what and where other animals live in the neighborhood has had the most immediate noticeable impact. We found numerous baby mussels (normally mid-zone) forming new small colonies much lower than usual in the low tide zone where they would have been eaten by ochre stars under “normal” circumstances and we discovered the foundation of a brand new colony of sandcastle worms, an animal seen at other locations on the Sonoma Coast, but never at Shell Beach. We also saw a variety of anemone species, a small sea clown nudibranch, sea pork, spiral tube worms, hermit crabs and turban snails, a beautiful scale worm, brightly colored bat stars, well-camouflaged drill snails and their egg clusters and beautiful sponges as well as highly varied forms of algae.

We’re very excited by the new docents joining us this year, the number of classrooms registered for field trips this spring and the rare opportunity to observe the kinds of changes occurring in a fiercely competitive environment when the balance of species is disrupted by this kind of event.



A TRIBUTE TO RUBY HERRICK

Michele Luna, Stewards Executive Director



Michele Luna, Ruby Herrick and Lanny Keyston ~ mid-90s

I have had the pleasure of knowing Ruby since 1995 when we first hired her as programs manager for Stewards. Ruby helped to successfully define the role of programs manager and our work to support the State Park Volunteers In Parks program. It was just Ruby and I for 5 years until Ruby decided to move on for a few years and then return as programs manager again in 2008. While she was away, we tried different versions of the position but nothing really worked as well as having a dedicated person providing much needed support for our dedicated volunteers, which Ruby has exemplified so well. When Ruby returned she also helped to improve the fledgling

Docent and Community Education Program so now it's running ever so smoothly and we've been able to enhance the program with her suggestions for wonderful, engaging instructors.

The decision to job-share this position with Sukey Robb-Wilder has helped to ease the transition and Sukey is quickly getting up to speed with all that this busy job entails. We are so fortunate to have Ruby training Sukey during this busy time of year.

I will personally miss the opportunity to draw on Ruby's perspective and the validation that she has provided me when I become challenged and need her ability to remind me of all that we have accomplished at Stewards over the years. I will mostly miss her genuine thoughtfulness and her amazing ability to make volunteers feel so welcomed and cared for. Ruby has always been the sort of person who has contributed selflessly and above and beyond the call of duty.

I know I am not alone in thanking Ruby for her years of dedication to State Parks and Stewards and wishing her a rewarding retirement. Ruby, we won't let you stay away too long so rest up while you can. We look forward to seeing you at future seminars and hopefully we can talk you into leading a plant ID walk of your own!

As you can see from the quotes provided by your friends at Stewards - We love you!

Ruby is right up there with my favorite people on earth. A good friend. ~ Joyce Bacci

I will miss Ruby with her ever cheerful greetings and happy smiles. ~ Lanny Keyston

Ruby will be sorely missed. All good things must come to an end. When I think of Ruby, I will miss her passion most of all. ~ Mike Wisheart

Ruby: friendship, curious, fun, strawberries, creative, sea stars, "Oooo look at that!", "dang!" conscientious, native plants, hard-working, algae, belt-and-suspenders, hermit crabs, chocolate, sense of wonder, laughing, "empty your pockets," badge-flowers. I will miss working with you. ~ Hollis Bewley

Ruby has been like a Rainbow here at Armstrong Redwood's Volunteer Center, the Stewards' headquarters. She has brought many colorful talents to this organization and has had a heart of gold toward everyone she works with! I will miss her brightness in our neck of the woods. Best wishes always, Love ~ Laura Parent

Ruby's energy and devotion to making the VIP programs work is an inspiration to all volunteers. Not only did she organize volunteer orientations, education, and scheduling, she was out there with us making sure each volunteering event was successful. She will be missed, but I hope she will find time to volunteer now that she is retiring. ~ Bill Bambrick

Volunteer Opportunities

Call the Stewards office:
869-9177 x1# or email
volparks@mcn.org

Program Activities

Armstrong Redwoods

Visitor Center Staffing
Friends of Armstrong
Redwoods
Docent Tour Guides
Trail Maintenance
Habitat Restoration Project
Pond Farm Interest Group

Sonoma Coast State Park

Visitor Center Staffing
Seal Watch
Whale Watch
Tidepool Programs
Watershed Program
Environmental Living Prog.
Sonoma Coast Stewardship

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DOCENT AND COMMUNITY EDUCATION PROGRAM

Ruby Herrick, Programs Manager

This spring has been less eventful than last year when storms had us canceling and rescheduling some of our orientations & seminars. Bea led the Whale Watch orientation in November with Ranger Lexi Jones, talking about the State Parks, Stewards connection.

Our first **General Orientation** welcomed 12 new volunteers. Ranger Greg Probst our CAL (Cooperating Association Liaison) gave a presentation on the State Parks Volunteers In Parks Program and Stewards Executive Director Michele Luna gave an overview of all our programs.

At our first seminar this year, **Cultural History of Armstrong/Austin Creek**, Docent Doris Dickenson gave an interesting presentation and talked about the books she and Carmen Finley co-wrote about the Legacy of Colonel Armstrong and Parson Jones.

The **Armstrong Tour Guide Orientation**, welcomed five new volunteers with Docent Lanny Keyston and Stewards Board Vice President Rich Lawton giving excellent presentations and an informative walk. Between these two guys there is over 80 years of accumulated knowledge and experience!

Our returning speaker for the **Principles of Interpretation Seminar** was SRJC instructor Kasey Wade, who gave an inspiring presentation on the history of Interpretation and took the group on an interpretive hike. Kasey suggested that we all draw tree rings of our lives as a project. For the **Interpretation with Children Seminar**, we welcomed a new excellent presenter David Zuckermann, of Tilden, East Bay Regional Parks who reminded us that, "Interpreters relate the tangible to the intangible."

At our annual **Redwood Ecology Seminar** we enjoyed State Parks Environmental Scientist Brendan O'Neil's talk on Redwoods and the National Geographic DVD, Climbing Redwood Giants, (you have to see this DVD!) followed by a hike.

The speakers for **Pinnipeds and Coastal Birds Seminar**, Dr Sarah Allen from Pt Reyes and Mary Follis, Stewards Docent gave us entertaining and informative presentations, which is not always easy to do. Sarah and Joe Mortenson recently co-authored, A Field Guide to Marine Mammals of the Pacific Coast. Sarah brought signed copies as a donation to Stewards, which we sold at the seminar. Mary Follis gave an engaging presentation which included bird calls, skulls and pellets (find out what those are yourself) to pass around. The **Seal Watch Orientation** followed in the afternoon with Program Coordinator Bob Caricato talking about logistics, volunteers signing up for shifts and the group adjourning to the coast for a State Parks Lifeguard ocean safety talk and site visit. You can still sign up for Seal Watch by contacting Stewards.

The **Tidepool Orientation** was also held at the Stewards office instead of the Jenner Visitors Center this year. Hollis Bewley Tidepool Ed Program Coordinator and Stewards Board Member gave a short but gorgeous Intertidal slide presentation. Bill Bambrick, Stewards Board President took new volunteers on a tour through the equipment packs, we saw the "World Between the Tides" DVD and Keary Sorenson, Tidepool Roving Coordinator talked about visitors to our beaches, tidepooling safely and Marine Debris. Signing the calendar concluded this busy and successful orientation.

Did you attend these seminars and orientations? If so and you are an active volunteer you may add the time spent at seminars and orientations to your volunteer hours.

Many thanks to the speakers and those who volunteered their time at the seminars and orientations; Linda Price, Michele Sokol, Elizabeth Vega. We look forward to seeing you at future seminars and orientations.

PINNIPED MONITORING PROGRAM TRAINING

Our annual Pinniped Monitoring Training was conducted on February 14th by Jessica Marini-Lamb and Andrea Pecharich of the Sonoma County Water Agency, Dr. Joe Mortenson, Julie Cross and Annie Cresswell. The day began with updates on the data being collected by our dedicated monitoring volunteers and then a review and update of data collection protocols. We had about five new volunteers and most of our veterans join us for an informative and worthwhile day. Despite the wind, new volunteers enjoyed a chance to visit our monitoring locations with Joe who provided some interesting tidbits about each site. Anyone who is interested in this volunteer opportunity and missed the training is welcome to contact Annie Cresswell (ace@mcn.org) who will set up personal mentoring for you.





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Frequently Asked Questions: Japan Tsunami Marine Debris

<http://marinedebris.noaa.gov/info/japanfaqs.html>



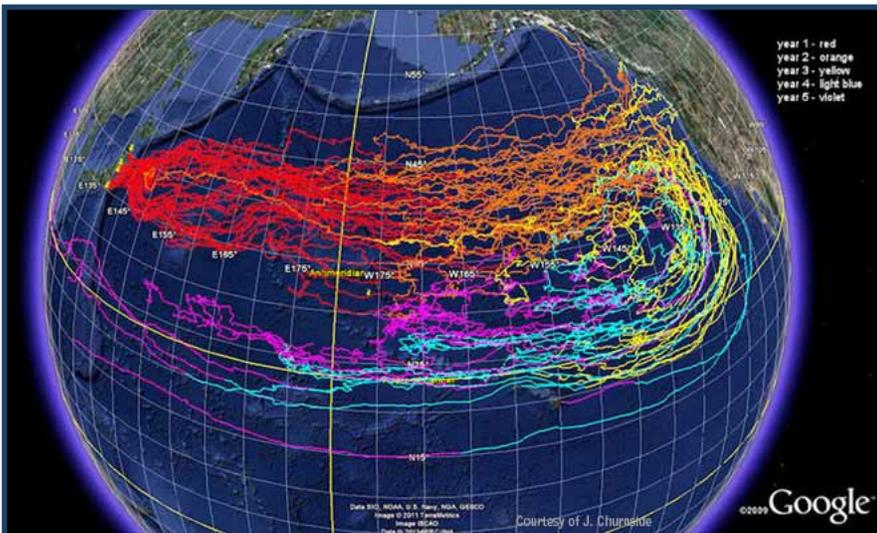
The mass of debris stretches for miles off the coast near Sendai soon after the tsunami.
Photo courtesy of Pacific Fleet, U.S. Navy.

Introduction

Of all Earth's natural hazards, tsunamis may be among the most infrequent, but they pose a major threat to coastal populations, particularly in the seismically active Pacific Ocean. The tragedy of the March 2011 tsunami in Japan had far-reaching effects that included the U.S. West Coast and Hawaii. As the tsunami receded from land, it washed much of what was in the inundation zone into the ocean. Heavier materials sank closer to shore while the buoyant materials went on to make up the debris fields we have seen in satellite imagery and aerial photos of the waters surrounding Japan.

When will the debris from the tsunami in Japan reach the U.S.?

Many variables affect whether and how long it will take debris items from Japan to reach the United States. It is safe to assume that debris will move across the Pacific, but exactly where, when, and how much it will potentially impact the continental U.S. and Hawaii are unknown.



NOAA has run a model using OSCURS (Ocean Surface Current Simulator). The results are shown here. **Year 1 = red; Year 2 = orange; Year 3 = yellow; Year 4 = light blue; Year 5 = violet** Courtesy of J. Churnside, NOAA; created using Google.

Independent models run by NOAA and University of Hawaii researchers agree on the general direction and drift rate of debris generated by the tsunami in Japan. If the models are correct, debris could pass near or wash ashore in the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands in winter 2012, approach the West Coast of the United States in 2013, and circle back to Hawaii in 2014 to 2016. **Contact James Churnside in NOAA's Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research (OAR) to discuss the NOAA Ocean Surface Current Simulator model. Contact University of Hawaii's Drs. Nikolai Maximenko and Jan Hafner to discuss their model.**

How dense will the debris field be?

The initial debris fields will continue to disperse as they move with ocean currents and winds, essentially becoming scattered and unlike the large “mats” of debris seen in the days after the tsunami. Some items may break apart into smaller pieces or sink.

Will Hawaii and the continental U.S. have to worry about radioactive debris?

There is consensus among scientists that radioactive contamination is highly unlikely, for several reasons: 1) the tsunami generated debris over a long stretch of shoreline, mostly located many miles away from the Fukushima power plant, and 2) the debris washed out to sea before the release of radioactive water. **For more information on radiation monitoring and safety, please visit U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and U.S. Food and Drug Administration websites:**

<http://www.epa.gov/radiation>

<http://www.fda.gov/newsevents/publichealthfocus/ucm247403.htm>

What about navigational safety hazards created by the tsunami debris?

If you have questions about navigation safety, please contact the U.S. Coast Guard and view the U.S. Department of Transportation’s MARAD advisory at http://www.marad.dot.gov/news_room_landing_page/maritime_advisories/advisory/advisory2011-06.htm.

What is NOAA doing about the tsunami-generated marine debris?

- NOAA convened scientists to review available data, including modeling output, and provide insight on debris fate and transport.
- NOAA is one of the lead members on a Japan tsunami workgroup including the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and University of Hawaii researchers.
- NOAA is gathering information on significant sightings of marine debris in the N. Pacific through NOAA Office of Marine and Aviation Operation’s Pacific fleet of vessels, the NOAA Voluntary Observing Ship Program, and NOAA Pacific Islands Regional Observer Program and their work with the Hawaii longline fishing industry.
- NOAA is working with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service on shoreline debris monitoring in the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands.

How can I help?

Debris sightings: Information on significant marine debris sightings in the North Pacific Ocean and along the coasts is greatly needed and can be reported to DisasterDebris@noaa.gov. It is helpful to include as much information about the debris as possible. (Example: location, description of items, any significant markings).

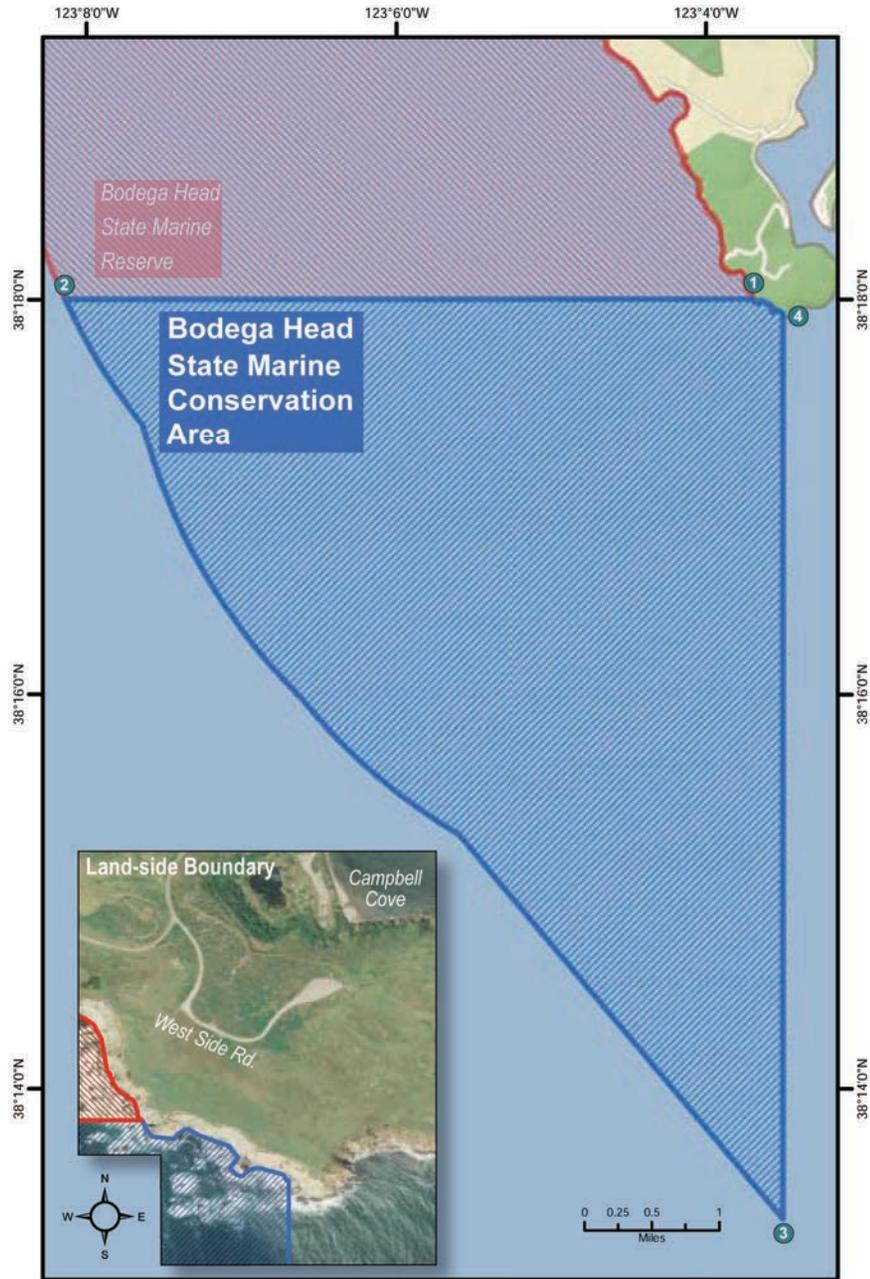
Shoreline marine debris monitoring: The NOAA Marine Debris Program is happy to provide information to individuals or groups interested in undertaking shoreline monitoring studies for Japan tsunami marine debris. Effective monitoring of changes in environmental conditions, such as the abundance of marine debris, requires a good deal of forethought. For tips and suggestions or to request a copy of the MDP’s Shoreline Survey Field Guide and electronic data sheet visit <http://marinedebris.noaa.gov/info/japanfaqs.html>.

For more information visit

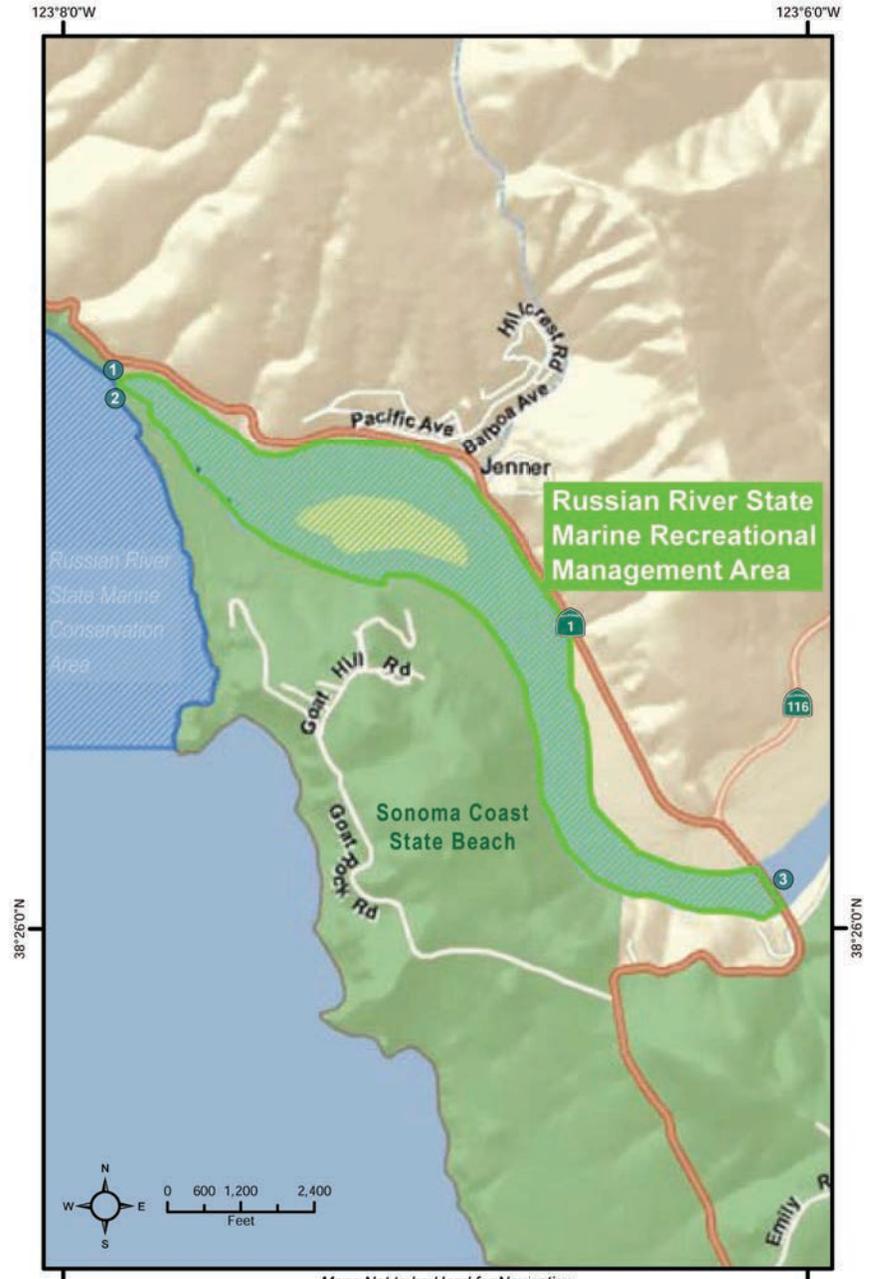
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Bodega Head State Marine Conservation Area



Russian River State Marine Recreational Management Area



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Armstrong Redwoods State Natural Reserve



June 23, 2012 - Art in the Park

Art Exhibit, Sale, Music, Food, FREE Admission, Noon to 5pm
Wine/Beer tasting for a fee (includes glass), Parking fees apply

July 21, 2012 - Gourmet Hike

Stroll through the park sampling appetizers & wine,
entertainment along the trail & silent auction in the Forest Theater
\$35 per person, \$65 for two, Purchase tickets online

Sept. 15, 2012 - Old Grove Festival

"Swinging in the Redwoods" with Dan Hicks

An evening of music, wine/beer and a Great Feast in the ancient redwoods
\$25 per person \$40 redwood circle, child - free w/adult
Great Feast - \$15 per person, \$5 child, wine/beer extra

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Renewal

YES, I'd like to become a member.

- Senior/Student \$25.00
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 Contributing \$100.00
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