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PUBLIC MEETING COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

FARALLON NWR RESTORATION PROJECT

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Strongly supports the project **6**

Wants to be informed of results after project is completed **2**

Animal rights activists might agree that the extermination might be cruel, arduous, and torturous considering they are really harmless to us and may seem to dominate native insects plants, and nesting seabirds. Humans don't have the right to interfere with a dominant species (house mice) or nature. Could be considered genocide.

Please add me to the mailing list **3**

How long are pellets toxic?

Do you remove pellets after the application?

Have there been studies on marine invertebrate? LD50? Algae? Anacapa monitoring?

Toxin is not water soluble so what happens to it long term?

What about accidental ingestion by seabirds and young pinnipeds particularly stellar sea lion and northern fur seal. How much must be ingested to be toxic?

Surrogates: terrestrial species that have somewhat similar metabolism as pinnipeds (Stellar and fur seals) for organo-chlorides

Socio-economic impact: close area to fishing (~2 days), perceived degradation of fishing ground

Secondary and/or non-target poisoning: seabirds and raptors scavenging poisoned mice
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Residue in tidepools that are rarely flushed

What are the effects of the rodenticide on benthic invertebrates?

What happens when contaminated sediment gets resuspended in the water column?

Where do the mice end up?

What about use of helicopter in wilderness area?

How are you preventing reintroduction?

What are the long term monitoring plans?

No comment at this time (EPA)