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Hi Polly, Stacy & Mark - FYI Here's a quick summary of media interview and public comments received to date on the federal consistency determination that's before the CA Coastal Commission on Wednesday (staff report attached and additional materials posted here: <https://www.coastal.ca.gov/meetings/agenda/#/2019/7>)

Media Coverage to date:

- [LA Times: The U.S. wants to dump 1.5 tons of rat poison pellets on the Farallon Islands. Biologists say it's for the best](#)
- [Fox News LA: US may dump 1.5 tons of rat poison on Farallon Islands to halt invasive rodents](#)
- [KCBS Radio: Plan To Curb Farallon Islands' Rodent Population Comes Under Attack](#)
- [Marin IJ: Marin critics decry rodent poison plan for Farallon Islands](#)
- [CNN: The US wants to start dumping rat poison on these islands. It will help the birds, scientists say](#)
- [Sac Bee: 'Use your brains here.' Plan to dump rat poison on Bay Area islands draws criticism](#)

Additional media interviews to date:

- Guardian
- San Francisco Chronicle
- KTVU Fox TV Bay Area
- KRON 4 TV Bay Area

Websites:

- [Restore the Farallones](#) project website hosted by Point Blue
- [Point Blue Conservation Science: An Important Moment for Conservation on the Farallon Islands](#) and [Addressing misinformation and misleading statements](#)
- [No Drop Zone](#) includes video [Poison Free Sanctuary](#) project website hosted by Richard Charter (The Ocean Foundation)

Public Comments: According to the CA Coastal Commission website: As of 5:00 pm on Friday July 5, 2019, the Commission received approximately 700 emails commenting on the proposed project. Of those emails, approximately 600 stated opposition to the project (including 460 form emails).

Organizational Letters of Opposition

- Marin County Board of Supervisors
- Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors
- Sonoma County Board of Supervisors
- The Ocean Foundation
- Coastwalk/California Coastal Trail Association
- Western Alliance for Nature

- Raptors Are The Solution/Earth Island Institute
- Pesticide Free Zone
- Marin Municipal Water District Board of Directors
- Watershed Alliance of Marin
- Tri County Wildlife Care
- Save Our Shores
- Animal Legal Defense Fund

Organizational Letters of Support

- Point Blue Conservation Science
- Golden Gate Audubon Society
- Marin Audubon Society
- Audubon CA
- BirdLife International
- Agreement on the Conservation of Albatrosses and Petrels
- Pacific Seabird Group
- Citizens Committee to Complete the Refuge
- The Nature Conservancy
- Farallon Islands Foundation
- Natural Heritage Institute
- California Institute of Environmental Studies
- South Georgia Heritage Trust
- American Bird Conservancy
- San Diego Audubon Society
- Institute for Bird Populations

Gerry, Doug and I are traveling down tomorrow to attend the Wednesday morning hearing. Gerry will give 10 minute project overview following the CCC staff report, then there'll be a public hearing, followed by commissioner's Q&As and vote. I'll keep you posted!

Thanks,
Anne

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