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Subject: Re: gull hazing
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FAA for toys?

There's a model airplane park (for hobbists) near the Yolo County Landfill and every so often one comes over and raises all the gulls. I can contact them and see if anyone wants to bring their plane out to the Farallones.

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Steve,

Thanks. We're are looking into this and would like to test it. We're enlisting some folks from USGS that use Unmanned aircraft for research purposes that will bring some along when we conduct hazing trials this fall. Unfortunately, they have to get permits from FAA to use them, and FAA won't allow them to be used for bird hazing because of the chance of collision (injuring both bird and unmanned aircraft). So, we'll be working on other means. Know anybody who has a personal one or two they'd like to bring out and give it a try?

Gerry

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Gerry,

Maybe you're one step ahead of me on this one, but birders know one way to haze gulls (but we don't tell the landfills about it because we want to see the gulls there!). Model airplanes. Gulls hate these things.

Just one guy with a good remote control plane can chase the gulls all around and keep them away for a long time.

It's probably cheaper and more effective than fireworks. At the Yolo Landfill, the gulls return within 2-5 minutes after the fireworks stop.

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