



# MARIN COUNTY FISH AND WILDLIFE COMMISSION

*This newsletter is an annual publication of the Marin County Fish and Wildlife Commission.*

*Volunteer members are appointed by the Board of Supervisors for three year terms.*

*The Commission serves to advise the Board and administer the annual grant program.*

*Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month.*



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*From The Commission...*

This year the Commission was pleased to receive proposals for many wonderful education programs and restoration projects. The Marin County Board of Supervisors reviewed and approved the following grant proposals for funding in FY 2023-2024. These grant recipients, a mix of Marin non-profit organizations, will use the awards for equipment and supplies that directly benefit habitat, wildlife and fish populations in Marin.

## ***Marin Audubon Society***

Marin Audubon Society (MAS) was established more than 50 years ago to protect the environment. Marin Audubon's educational activities focus on birds and other wildlife, as well as wildlife habitat.

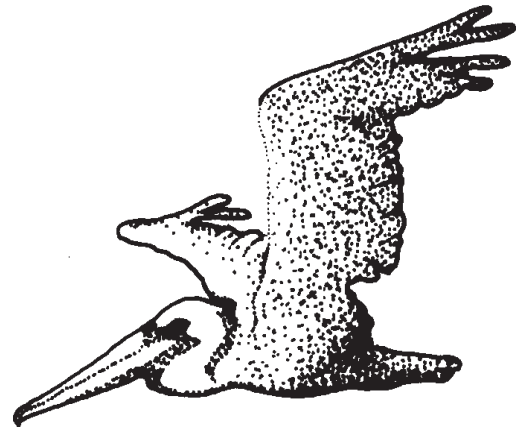
The grant funding is providing native plants for habitat resoration at Bahia.

Information:

[www.marinaudubon.org](http://www.marinaudubon.org).

## ***Shark Stewards***

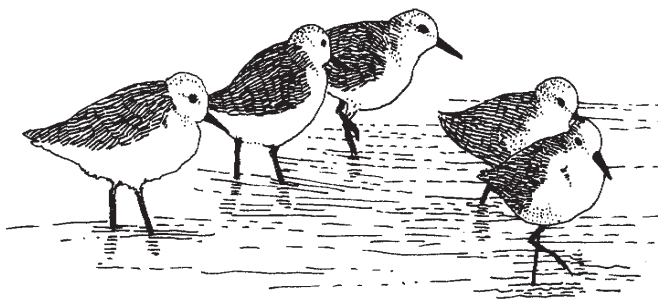
Founded in 2006, the Shark Stewards host community field events and ambassador training, featuring MPA science and regulations. They stress awareness of violations that will impact sensitive seabirds, marine mammals, and habitat. The grant is to host a meeting to support awareness to the Eastern Marin and ESL underserved fishing community. Information: [David@sharkstewards.org](mailto:David@sharkstewards.org).



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### ***Chileno Valley Newt Brigade***

Established in 2019, the brigade saves hundreds of newts as they cross Chileno Valley Road to Laguna Lake for breeding and egg laying during the seasonal rains. The grant is for purchasing safety equipment for the trained volunteers. Information:  
[www.chilenovalleynewtbrigade.org](http://www.chilenovalleynewtbrigade.org).



### ***International Bird Rescue (IBR)***

Founded in 1971 in response to massive oil spills, IBR services all injured birds. They rescue and rehabilitate all bird species in Northern California. The funding is for clinical and medical supplies. Information: (707) 704-0350.

### ***Environmental Action Committee of West Marin (EAC)***

EAC provides youth outdoor experiences to learn about the unique habitats of West Marin fish and wildlife. The grant funding is for printing of California Department of Fish & Wildlife guidelines for visitors of Marin's ocean public access locations. Information: (415) 663-9312.

### ***Felidae Conservation Fund (FCF)***

The FCF monitors puma activity in Marin County to determine their populations and movements. Funding is for scat screening lab costs. Information: (415) 354-5655.

### ***Wildcare***

Wildcare/Terwilliger Nature Education and Wildlife Rehabilitation operate a wildlife rehabilitation center for injured animals. In addition, Terwilliger nature vans travel off-site to dozens of schools throughout the area each year to provide hands-on nature education. The grant funding is for materials, literature, and support items for Nature Discovery Programs, Terwilliger Nature Camps, and Wildlife Ambassador Programs. Information: (415) 295-4471 or [www.wildcare.org](http://www.wildcare.org).



**Golden State Salmon Association (GSSA)**

Since 2010, GSSA has worked to restore California's salmon population through habitat restoration and education. The grant funding is to design and install interpretive signage, and to provide opportunities for underserved youth to attend and witness a hatchery raised salmon release in San Francisco Bay.

Information:  
Scott@ GoldenStateSalmon.org.

**Richardson Bay Audubon Center and Sanctuary**

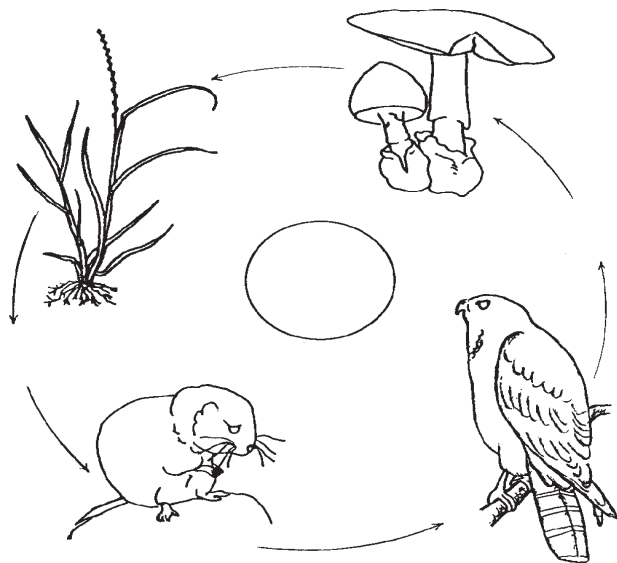
The Bay Audubon Center and Sanctuary protects open space in Tiburon along the San Francisco Bay and provides nature education programs about local flora and fauna. The grant funding is for native plants, signage, and tools to support their pollinator gardens. Information: (415) 388-2524 or www.tiburonaudubon.org.

**Salmon Protection and Watershed Network (SPAWN)**

SPAWN works to protect endangered salmonids and improve ecosystem health in the Lagunitas Creek Watershed. The grant funding is for related equipment for tags, readers, and nets to monitor coho in the San Geronimo Valley. Information: Preston@tirn.net.

**Friends of Corte Madera Creek Watershed**

Founded in 1995, "Friends" works on habitat enhancement, fish passage, flood management, and public outreach and education. The grant funding is to provide handouts and maps to educate the public at events in Fairfax and Larkspur. Information: (415) 456-5052.



**Mark Your Calendars!  
Annual Barbecue**

Thursday, September 21, 2023  
4:30 pm - 7:30 pm

PICNIC AREA

(next to playground, near jury duty parking lot)

Marin County's Fish and Wildlife Commission Annual Barbecue. Meet Commission members, grantees, wardens, and others associated with Commission activities. Learn more about the Commission grant projects to enhance the fish and wildlife habitat and populations of Mairn County.