

GULF OF THE FARALLONES
NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY

SUPERINTENDENT'S
MEDIA REPORT

JANUARY THROUGH JUNE 2010



*A compilation of media efforts and news clips
concerning the sanctuary or related issues.*

MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS

Major SF Bay Area Media Cover Ocean Climate Change Impacts Report

Several significant Bay Area media attended the media availability June 3 for the Farallones-Cordell Bank Climate Change Impacts report. The San Francisco Chronicle, KCBS and KGO Radio, KQED Public Radio "Climate Watch," the Bay Area News Group/Marin Independent Journal, Bay Nature Magazine, and several other media outlets covered the event.

Media Helping to Instill Public Awareness of Deep Sea Creatures and Habitats

In June, major coverage resulted from a media event for NOAA and other scientists returning from the 8-day leg of a research expedition to find deepwater corals and sponges in the Cordell Bank and Gulf of the Farallones national marine sanctuaries. Reporters interviewed Principal Investigator/Cordell Bank sanctuary superintendent Dan Howard, Farallones research coordinator Jan Roletto, and other scientists. The San Francisco Chronicle ran a front page story, with additional reports issued by the Associated Press, KQED Public Radio/Network, Live Science/Oceans and Discovery.com

KQED Airs Farallones Documentary, Highlights Sanctuary

On January 19th KQED Television's science program Quest aired the documentary, "Farallon Islands, California's Galapagos." The program features the sanctuary prominently, focusing on the interface between land and sea that provides habitat and sustenance to its wildlife. The show features interviews with Farallones sanctuary Superintendent Maria Brown. View the full program at <http://www.kqed.org/quest/television/the-farallon-islands--californias-galapagos>.

Public TV Science Program Features Sanctuary Twin Otter Overflight

In June KQED, the premier San Francisco-based public television and radio station, went live with the SOS "Marine Sanctuary Patrol Flight" video, slideshow, and blog. The



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Western Region Communications Coordinator initiated the project with Farallones sanctuary staff last January, and with NOAA Corps and Cordell Bank sanctuary staff, the media team took to the air in April for overflights of the San Francisco Bay Area marine sanctuaries. Twin Otter overflights are a tool by which the sanctuary lends support to the California Marine Life Protection Act by providing information on vessel use in and around the state's newly established system of Marine Protected Areas along the North-Central California coast. The segment can be seen at <http://www.kqed.org/quest/television/science-on-the-spot-marine-sanctuary-patrol-flight>. A radio story developed on the same subjects will air in the near future. On the web, go to www.kqed.org/quest.

January 4, KPIX TV5/CBS, "New clues to Disappearance of Pier 39 Sea Lions" See coverage at <http://cbs5.com/video/?id=59936@kpix.dayport.com>.

January 7, San Francisco Chronicle, Seattle Post-Intelligencer, St. Louis Post-Dispatch, "Sea lions showing up in Oregon" by Tom Stienstra. "The question on everyone's mind lately has been: Where have San Francisco's famous sea lions gone? ... One location with no apparent change is the Farallon Islands offshore of San Francisco. "Everything is pretty much normal," said Mary Jane Schramm of the Gulf of the Farallones National Marine Sanctuary. ..." SF Chronicle <http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?f=/c/a/2010/01/07/MN281BE41C.DTL> and <http://www.seattlepi.com>

January 7, Pacifica Tribune, "Wandering and Wondering ... Beach Watch ... Sixteen years of biological data from 41 beaches in North-Central California are now available in the new Beach Watch online query system (farallones.org). The Beach Watch shoreline-monitoring .."

January 23, Istockanalyst.com, "Blakeslee wants danger of sunken tanker assessed ..." by David Sneed. "... researchers were puzzled by repeated discoveries of oiled seabirds near San Francisco. The oil was eventually traced to the wreck of the Jacob Luckenbach, an oil tanker [sic] that sank near the Farallon Islands in the 1950s. The remaining oil was pumped from the wreck in 2002 ..." More information at <http://www.istockanalyst.com/article/viewiStockNews/articleid/3804880>

January-March, Bay Nature Magazine, "Beyond Jaws: Fathoming the Ways of the White Sharks" by Glen Martin. "... so great white sharks rule the Farallones ..."

January 27, Santa Rosa Press Democrat, "High time for county to reject Dutra project" by Heidi Rhymes. "... Dutra's tactics to scare the community into supporting their sinking project include erroneous and misleading claims that commercial use of the river and U.S. Army Corps dredging will collapse without them ... Dutra's behavior here, like that in San Rafael, Miami and the Farallones, promises more excuses, more violations ..."

January 28, Coastsider, "Beach Watch puts 16 years of observations in the public's hands ... "The public now has access to sixteen years of biological data from 41 Northern California beaches through the Beach Watch online query system. ... The Beach Watch shoreline-monitoring program is a partnership of the Gulf of the Farallones National Marine Sanctuary and the Farallones Marine Sanctuary Association."

February 3, San Francisco Chronicle/SF Gate, The San Francisco Ocean Film Festival: ... "The Cove," with director Louie Psihoyos and dolphin activist Ric O'Barry in person; Friday's program of surfing films and Saturday's popular shark series, which includes the new documentary "White Shark Cafe," a documentary by Sean Aronson that follows tagged white sharks from the Farallones to Hawaii ..."

February 3, Half Moon Bay Review, Pescadero fishermen refuse to go with the flow. Anglers ponder suing State Parks to spur action at marsh."By Greg Thomas. "Steve Simms is losing patience. Each year of the past

decade, as fall becomes winter, the Pescadero fisherman watches the silver bodies of steelhead trout wash up on the banks at Pescadero Marsh, hoping the government will heed his call for intervention and respond with action. It's not happening fast enough....”

February, 4, Santa Rosa Press Democrat, Time to end Dutra's magic show. By David Keller “...Dutra still claims that dumping of more than 200,000 cubic yards of dredge spoils into our Gulf of the Farallones National Marine Sanctuary (more than 200 instances) was only minor “leakage” caused by high seas and defective computer-controlled pumps on their barges. But Dutra paid a \$735,000 fine to EPA in 2006 for these violations....”

February Issue, San Francisco Bay Crossings, “A lemon shark, one of the stars of Requiem, by Bryce and Jen Groark of Living Ocean Productions, breaching the surface of the sea. Requiem and more than 50 films will be screened during the 7th Annual San Francisco Ocean Film Festival, February 3-7 at Theatre 39 on PIER 39. Requiem will be shown during the Festival's shark program on Saturday, February 6. ...visit www.oceanfilmfest.org for tickets and the full Festival lineup.

February, San Francisco Bay Crossings, Sail the Seven Seas Without Leaving San Francisco. By Kati Schmidt. “Ocean and film lovers from around the Bay Area and beyond are preparing to take a dive into the seven seas—without getting wet—at the Seventh Annual San Francisco Ocean Film Festival, running February 3 – 7 at Theatre 39 on PIER 39...”

February 2, The Outside Blog (Outside.com) Miles of Ocean on the Big Screen. By Aileen Torres. “The San Francisco Ocean Film Festival runs February 3 through 7. You can check out the happenings at Pier 39. There are 50 films in the festival this year, and screenings include The Cove and the world premier of Isla Holbox, Whale Shark Island, a doc about whale sharks and their relationship to a fishing community transitioning into an ecotourism destination. You can buy tickets and check out the films at oceanfilmfest.org.

February 2, Discovery/TreeHugger.com Don't Miss San Francisco's 7th Ocean Film Festival. By Jaymi Heimbuch. “It's back! The San Francisco Ocean Film Fest is back for its seventh year. If you're in or anywhere near San Francisco this Wednesday through Sunday, you'll want to stop by Pier 39. I attended the event last year and was stunned by the quality and quantity of independent documentaries and short films exploring our oceans and the results - both good and bad - of human interaction with them. Check out some of the line up at this year's event, and learn how you can catch the films if you can't attend.

February 9, KQED Public Radio Forum with Michael Krasny ... “The Farallon Islands The Farallon Islands, vaguely discernible on the horizon west of San Francisco, are home to huge seabird colonies and a wealth of animal life. We talk with Bay Area experts about the Farallon National Wildlife Refuge ... Maria Brown who was out on Oahu on a shark conference, Superintendent of Gulf of the Farallones National Marine Sanctuary [joined by phone]. “Maria is on Oahu at a shark conference, one of the reasons it is being protected is that gulf is one of the richest biological places in the world ... “

February 11, Tonic.com, “Mavericks Surf Contest 2010: Keeping the Big Wave Green” by Jill Robinson. “Big crowds will come to the California coast from all over the world to see the biggest waves of the year on Saturday — ... The area around Half Moon Bay itself is a rich habitat for land and marine life. The waters of Mavericks are in a National Marine Sanctuary [Northern MBNMS] ... “These are protected waters,” advised Mary Jane Schramm, media and public outreach specialist for Gulf of the Farallones National Marine Sanctuary — the agency that administers Mavericks' waters. The organization's main priority is keeping marine life (from the smallest tide pool creatures to sea otters, harbor seals and whales) from potential disturbance. ...”

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February 13, Fox News, "Huge Wave Sweeps Away, Injures Calif. Surfing Contest Spectators." Two huge waves swept away spectators watching a Northern California surfing contest Saturday morning, causing broken bones and other injuries to people standing on a seawall ... The waves knocked out barricades, a spectator platform and a large scaffold holding speakers broadcasting the Mavericks Surf Contest, held in this tiny harbor town 25 miles south of San Francisco along Highway 1 [North Monterey Bay NMS] ... More at <http://www.foxnews.com/story/0,2933,585766,00.html>

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March 1, Pleasanton Weekly, "Day-trippers to Point Reyes will find parts of park closed starting today; Drakes Estero off limits for many recreational activities as seals take over. ... The seals generally congregate in Tomales Bay, Tomales Point, Double Point, Drakes Estero, and Bolinas Lagoon, according to park officials.

Last year about 3,500 harbor seals were counted in the area, including about 1,000 pups. ..."

March 14, San Francisco Examiner, "Watercraft at Mavericks ride a wave of regulations" by Katie Worth. "The Mavericks surf break is known for going off during a storm — but a new storm is brewing that may threaten to shut it down. Gulf of the Farallones National Marine Sanctuary authorities say they will begin enforcing new regulations that prohibit unpermitted personal watercraft at the famous surf break unless the swell is more than 20 feet tall. Full story at <http://www.sfoxaminer.com/local/Watercraft-at-Mavericks-ride-a-wave-of-regulations-87595002.html#ixzz0iFncxvAG>

March 20, San Francisco Chronicle, "Two gray whales spotted in San Francisco Bay" by David Perlman. "... Two gray whales migrating from Baja California to Alaska made a right turn off the Golden Gate and have been spotted unharmed in the bay during the past few weeks. Concerned whale protectors are urging boaters to steer clear of them. ... The Gulf of the Farallones National Marine Sanctuary reported one gray whale was seen swimming from the open sea toward the Golden Gate Bridge on Feb. 27..."

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March 31, Half Moon Bay Review, "School meets surf; Hatch School students spend two weeks immersed in ocean studies" by Stacy Trevenon. "On a sunny Friday morning at Hatch Elementary School, 20-plus first-graders sprawl on a classroom floor, clustered in groups around little plastic tubs. In each tub, a little live crab sits imperturbably, heedless of the children crowded around busily drawing its parts. Over all floats the voice of Gulf of the Farallones National Marine Sanctuary Educational Specialist Christy Walker, talking about crabs in the ocean ..."

Mar 25, San Jose Business Journal, "Santa Cruz plans whale of a project with marine sanctuary... NOAA operates several marine sanctuary visitors' centers around the nation — including in Hawaii, Florida, Michigan and Massachusetts. There are four in California, including the Gulf of Farallones National Marine Sanctuary Visitor Center in San Francisco.

March 31, Half Moon Bay Review, "Seabird population plummets on coast. Boating restriction at Devil's Slide takes effect in April" By Greg Thomas. Another concern is aircraft flying in and out of Half Moon Bay Airport. Fly-bys, regardless of the noise, spook birds and can drive them away from their colonies for good if they occur at "just the wrong time," said Mary Jane Schramm, spokeswoman for the Gulf of the Farallones National Marine Sanctuary ..."

April 4, Oakland Tribune, "Watching for more than whales off San Francisco's Farallon Islands" by Marta Yamamoto. "... The Gulf of the Farallones National Marine Sanctuary surrounds the islands and is one of the richest ecosystems on the planet. Here you will find the largest seabird breeding colony in the United States and an abundance of marine mammals, which provides plenty to see, even on elusive-whale days ..."

April 5, San Francisco Examiner, "Expeditions explore sounds affecting deep-sea life' by John Upton ... Pacific Environment ... ocean expeditions ... into the Gulf of the Farallones National Marine Sanctuary to raise awareness about the environmental threats of shipping traffic. Read more at the San Francisco Examiner: <http://www.sfexaminer.com/local/Expeditions-explore-sounds-affecting-deep-sea-life-89972307.html#ixzz0kKuT8kMF>

April 7, Santa Cruz Sentinel, "San Mateo County leaders discuss safety at Mavericks contest" By Julia Scott. "Mavericks Surf Contest organizers were chagrined when this year's competition made international headlines for wild waves that doused or injured dozens of spectators ... The trail leading to the beach is the responsibility of the San Mateo County Harbor District. And the tidal area up to the mean high tide line is part of the Gulf of the Farallones National Marine Sanctuary ..."

April 7, KQED Quest Television: 12 minute doc on white sharks of the Farallones, mentions NOAA studies. See more at <http://www.kqed.org/quest/television/the-great-white-shark-meet-the-man-in-the-gray-suit>

April 7, KTVU TV2/Fox, "Gray Whale Sighting Leads To Packed Ferries Of Hopeful Tourists [John Fowle... quotes Mary Jane Schramm/GFNMS on whale sightings. (see <http://www.ktvu.com/video/23084742/index.html>).

April 8, Marin Independent Journal, "Cargo container washes up at Bolinas Beach" by Christian Goepel. "A cargo container - one of five that was lost at sea last week - washed up on the Marin coast at Bolinas Beach on Wednesday. ... The container's owner, Hapag-Lloyd, is making arrangements with the superintendent of the Gulf of the Farallones for its removal ..."

April 8, KGO TV7/ABC, "Scientist questioned over treatment of sharks" by Dan Noyes. "A Southern California scientist faced tough questions and criticism Thursday for the methods he used to tag two great white sharks at the Farallon Islands off San Francisco last year ... Domeier came to Point Reyes Thursday, to face the advisory council for the Gulf of the Farallones National Marine Sanctuary ..." See <http://abclocal.go.com/kgo/story?section=news/iteam&id=7376356>

April 8, IndyBay.com, "California is moving ahead with plans to protect northern California's most iconic ocean places. The state's newest marine protected areas--a network that will dot the coast from Pigeon Point to

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April 9, San Francisco Chronicle/SF Gate, “After Farallones shark hook mishap, tagging under scrutiny.” “Farallones shark swallowed the hook during a tagging expedition in Nov. ... Domeier received permission from Farallones Sanctuary official Maria Brown to capture [sic] the endangered sharks -- something that California banned in the mid-1990s. But after a hook mishap, Domeier's tagging method became the focus of a KGO-TV investigation ... Read more: http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/blogs/scavenger/detail?entry_id=60972#ixzz0kdU387UJ

April 16, North Bay Bohemian, “News Blast: Shark hunter Dr. Michael Domeier seeks to continue SPOT tagging Great White sharks. When a San Diego County shark researcher shadowed by a documentary filmmaking team came to the Farallon Islands last fall to catch, tag and release as many as 10 great white sharks using controversial handling methods shunned by most of his peers, he bungled the expedition, which had been covertly facilitated by officials with the Gulf of the Farallones National Marine Sanctuary ...”

April 21, Coastsider, “Avoid disturbing seabirds during breeding season” by Barry Parr. “With breeding season underway, NOAA's Gulf of the Farallones National Marine Sanctuary urges coastal visitors, whether boaters and paddlers or small aircraft pilots, to avoid disturbing nesting seabirds. In Spring, seabirds often favor the protection of rugged coastal cliffs and offshore islands, and will form dense, noisy breeding colonies in areas such as Devil's Slide Rock, Pt. Reyes and the Marin Headlands north of San Francisco, and the Farallon Islands.

April 23, San Francisco Chronicle, “Tidepool Exploration at Duxbury Reef! Explore a fascinating world of interdependent life on and between the rocks, where sea meets shore in scenic Marin County. Learn about species with unique adaptations such as anemones, sea urchins, and chitons! Dr. Rebecca Johnson, Academy Invertebrate Zoologist and Farallones Marine Sanctuary educators. Reservations are required ...”

April 23, indybay.com, “Oceans a major focus for Earth Day 2010” by CalOceans. “ ... California's visionary ocean protection law, the Marine Life Protection Act, is designed to safeguard this public trust, so that we can all continue to use and enjoy an abundant ocean. ... The network that will extend from Mendocino to Half Moon Bay will go into effect on May 1, protecting beloved places like Fitzgerald Marine Reserve [MBNMS north], the Farallon Islands, and Pt. Reyes Headlands [GFNMS] while leaving nearly 90% of coastal waters open for fishing ... “<http://www.indybay.org/newsitems/2010/04/23/18645556.php> ...”

April 29, indybay.org, “Northern California Hot Spots Receive New Protections as of May 1” ... “On May 1, California's underwater state park system will expand to include north central coast hot spots like Point Reyes Headlands, Bodega Head, the Farallon Islands, and Fitzgerald Marine Reserve. The science-based marine protected area network, which extends from Point Arena to Pigeon Point, is designed to restore sea life and protect habitat while leaving almost 90% of the coast open for fishing.

The north central coast network, approved last August by the Fish and Game Commission, creates 21 marine protected areas, 3 marine management areas and 6 special closures. Eighty-six square miles (11 percent) of state waters have been designated as fully protected marine reserves.

April 30, SF Weekly, “Expert Teaches You How to Get Eaten by a Great White Shark” by Andy Wright. “Dr. John McCosker, the Senior Scientist and Chair of the Department of Aquatic Biology at the California

Academy of Science, presented a talk called "Sharks: Why We Love, Fear, and Need Them" at the museum last night. ... the Farrallon Islands used to be a favorite spot for abalone diving. It's also one of the Great White Sharks favorite places to gather, which is why most people gave up on abalone diving at the Farallons a long time ago. ..."

April 30, Pro Publica, "Chemicals Meant To Break Up BP Oil Spill Present New Environmental Concerns" by Abrahm Lustgarten. "... "There is a chemical toxicity to the dispersant compound that in many ways is worse than oil," said Richard Charter, a foremost expert on marine biology and oil spills who is a senior policy advisor for Marine Programs for Defenders of Wildlife and is chairman of the Gulf of the Farallones National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council. "It's a trade off – you're damned if you do damned if you don't -- of trying to minimize the damage coming to shore, but in so doing you may be more seriously damaging the ecosystem offshore..."

April 13, San Francisco Appeal, "Before You Plan Your Coastal Fun, Think Of The Seabirds. "... Seabirds, which completely unsurprisingly spend the majority of their time "at sea," hit the coast to rest, nest, and have babies. Folks like the Farallones Marine Sanctuary Association totally get that those dense, noisy seabirdtowns can be of interest to "boaters, pilots, birdwatchers and other wildlife enthusiasts. ..."
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April 14, San Francisco Bay Guardian, "Drowned out" by Rebecca. GREEN ISSUE: Endangered whales may be threatened by a noisy side-effect of globalization ... Despite growing evidence that noise pollution and ship strikes pose big problems for the planet's largest mammals, it's likely to be an uphill battle. Endangered whales favor the Gulf of the Farallones and Cordell Bank sanctuaries, not far from San Francisco, so Pacific Environment has chartered a catamaran to take ecologically-minded whale watchers out to what Dragon dubs the "Yosemites of the sea."

April 15, San Francisco Chronicle, by Dave Perlman. "The Gulf of the Farallones National Marine Sanctuary is asking visitors to avoid the Bay Area's coastal cliffs and offshore rocks, where breeding season has started for thousands of seabirds and disturbances could disrupt their nests and threaten their eggs. Cormorants and common murres are laying eggs there and preparing to rear their chicks; Western gulls, tufted puffins and pigeon guillemots will soon follow, said Mary Jane Schramm of the sanctuary ..." <http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/object/article?f=/c/a/2010/04/15/BAJO1CU6OJ.DTL&o=0&type=printable>

April 23, Marin Independent Journal, Brad Breithaupt, "College of Marin is waiting to hear whether its long-shuttered Bolinas Lab will qualify for federal stimulus bucks. ... The district has recently been working with the Farallones Marine Sanctuary and the California Academy of Sciences to come up with a plan and federal and nonprofit cash - \$3 million - to repair and reopen the lab ..."

May 11, San Francisco Examiner, "Oil-spills response subject of forum" by Katie Worth. "With all eyes on the Gulf of Mexico's catastrophic oil spill — which continues to gush — and memories still fresh of San Francisco Bay's 2007 Cosco Busan oil spill, environmental officials will hold a forum Tuesday on how to better respond to such disasters. The forum is titled "Oil Spills in San Francisco Bay: Preparing a Better Response." Panelists

will discuss at [sic] the impact of the Cosco Busan and Dubai Star oil spills, as well as the current state of oil spill prevention and response in the Bay ...”

May 22, 2010, “Pier 39, hundreds of sea lions mark 20 years” by Carolyn Jones. “The barking is back - with a rollicking, fish-reeking, tourist-pleasing vengeance. ... The sea lions first came to Pier 39 in 1990 because of an exceptionally abundant run of their favorite meal, herring. By October 2009, more than 1,700 sea lions - the highest number yet - had decamped to Pier 39. They saved their breeding for the Farallones and Channel Islands, but seemed very happy to use Pier 39 as a way station along the 1,000 miles or so of coast they travel ...” Read more: <http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?f=/c/a/2010/05/22/BAA11DION8.DTL#ixzz0oyftoErz>

May 19, Associated Press, “Judge sides with farmers in delta pumping lawsuit” By Terence Chea, Associated Press “ A federal judge ruled Tuesday in favor of Central Valley farmers and urban water agencies seeking to loosen restrictions on pumping from the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta, a major source of irrigation and drinking water for much of California. <http://www.sacbee.com/2010/05/18/2759833/judge-sides-with-farmers-in-delta.html>

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May 23, San Francisco Chronicle, “Outdoors: Krill's return is good news for ocean” by Tom Stienstra. “The old sea off the Bay Area coast is showing new life, and it's the best news in years for salmon, marine birds and whales. ... "The water is full of feed, with massive spots of krill," said Tom Mattusch, captain of the Huli Cat out of Half Moon Bay. Other skippers across the Gulf of the Farallones are reporting similar finds in many areas. Read more: <http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?f=/c/a/2010/05/23/SP2I1DHPP0.DTL#ixzz0ozZISSHr>

May/June, Coastal Services/NOAA, “Putting Beach Watch Online” in California.” By Hannah Goss. “For 16 years volunteers have collected shoreline data along the central California coast ... Beach Watch Online is an Internet portal to information on wildlife collected at 41 outer coast beaches in the Gulf of the Farallones and Monterey Bay national marine sanctuaries ...”

May 24, RawStory.com, BP ignores government order to stop using toxic oil dispersant in Gulf” by Stephen C. Webster. “ ...The chairman of the Farallones National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council called it "worse than oil". By roughly two weeks into the now month-long gusher, BP had bought up more than a third of the world's supply and had contracted Nalco Energy Services, L.P. in Sugarland, Texas to produce more.

May 26, San Francisco Chronicle, “California Academy of Sciences, San Francisco” by Stephanie Wright Hession. “At the California Academy of Sciences, spend the day observing creatures that inhabit four of the world's rain forests, admire the wonders of the sea ... Nearby, rock fish and other marine life native to the Gulf of the Farallon Islands navigate through seaweed in the Northern California Coast tank ...” More at <http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?f=/c/a/2010/05/26/NSKG1DIO4B.DTL>

May 26, Marin Independent Journal, Marin beaches get high marks for water quality” by Mark Prado. “Marin beaches have some of the best water quality during spring and summer months, according to the 20th annual Beach Report Card released Wednesday by environmental group Heal the Bay based in Santa Monica. Heal the

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Bay gave an "A" or "A+" to all 24 Marin beaches in its report based on data from 2009. Heart's Desire Beach on Tomales Bay [GFNMS]. Heart's Desire received an A grade from Heal the Bay ...”

May 31, Nature News by Jack Sigg, “Gulf of the Farallones National Marine Sanctuary Public event to release report, "Ocean Climate Change Impacts on SF Bay Area Marine Sanctuaries, Gulf of the Farallones and Cordell Bank," and expert panel discussion; a public Question and Answer session will follow. ... June 3, 2010 from 8:30 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. (Doors open at 8:00 a.m.) California Academy of Sciences Planetarium..”

June 4, Fishlink/ Sublegals, “San Francisco Bay Area marine sanctuaries release climate change impact report: Sanctuary advisory councils from NOAA Gulf of the Farallones and Cordell Bank National Marine Sanctuaries released a climate change impacts report on 3 June as the first step of planned sanctuary climate change action plans. “Climate Change Impacts: Gulf of the Farallones and Cordell Bank National Marine Sanctuaries,” ...”

June 4, KGO ABC Television, “New signs of global warming in the Bay Area” by Wayne Freedman. “As the gulf leak wears on and on, it has almost upstaged another environmental issue: climate change. ... "We can expect changes more in accordance with a tropical environment," report author Dr. Bill Sydeman said. Sydeman helped author a report by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. It looks at the Gulf of the Farallones and concludes that the effects of climate change are well underway in that region ...”

June 5, ScienceBlogs.com, “Oiled SeaBirds: To Kill Or Not To Kill? What Is The Ethical Thing To Do? British Petroleum's current disaster in the Gulf of Mexico is unfortunately one of many oil spill events that occur every year due to rampant corporate greed and systemic corner-cutting. ... "There is a chemical toxicity to the dispersant compound that in many ways is worse than oil," remarked Richard Charter, an expert on marine biology and oil spills who is Senior Policy Advisor for Marine Programs at Defenders of Wildlife and chairman at the Gulf of the Farallones National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council. ...”

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June 14, Tour boat operators look to seize on public's fascination with sharks" "...A Stanford University study found that great white sharks are now more rare than Bengal tigers. With whale and seal watches using virtually guaranteed sightings to control quality, area captains find themselves in unfamiliar waters. Filling boats will not be an issue, but fulfilling tourists' expectations will. Unlike great white habitats in South Africa or San Francisco's Farallon Islands [GFNMS] ..."

June 18, San Francisco Examiner, "Team entering danger zone for charitable swim" by Erin Sherbert. "On Saturday, six Bay Area residents will strive to set a record by swimming 28 miles through the notorious Red Triangle, known for its cold temperatures and deadly shark attacks. It would be the first time a relay team completed the dangerous swim, which starts at the Farallon Islands and ends at the Golden Gate Bridge ... Read more at the San Francisco Examiner: <http://www.sfexaminer.com/local/Team-entering-danger-zone-for-charitable-swim-96631349.html#ixzz0rIptdYi1>

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swimmer suffered hypothermia. ... Cutti said he was more worried about the frigid water than swimming in an area [GFNMS] noted as the nation's favorite feeding ground for great white sharks ...”

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June 21, San Francisco Chronicle, “Scientists search for coral off California coast” by David Perlman. “Scientists are looking for coral reefs off the coast of Marin County to help understand the effects of climate change on the ecology of the deep sea. All week, researchers for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration are conducting tests 600 to 2,500-feet beneath the sea around the Cordell Bank and Gulf of the Farallones national marine sanctuaries ...”

June 24, Laist.com, “Day trippin’ checking out the island ... Each of California's major coastal cities has some islands nearby. Up in San Francisco, the Farallones are 27 rough miles from the coast and is a wildlife refuge for birds and marine life (lots of great white sharks!) ...”

June 26, Associated Press/San Francisco Chronicle/Fresno Bee, “Scientists find new coral species off Farallones” by Evelyn Nieves/AP. “Scientists exploring a marine sanctuary off the Northern California coast have found several species of deep water coral that have never been seen there before. Researchers with the Cordell Bank National Marine Sanctuary returned to land on Friday after surveilling the sanctuary's outer margins. The sanctuary is near the Gulf of the Farallones. ..”. Read more: <http://www.fresnobee.com/2010/06/26/1985602/scientists-find-new-coral-species.html#ixzz0sTKZyJEj>

June 30, Associated Press, “Suspected Calif abalone poachers cited, arrested. Rangers have cited or arrested 10 people on California's north coast suspected of illegally taking abalone, a struggling species with strict fishing limits. Point Reyes National Seashore rangers on Saturday issued citations to six people at Tomales Bay [GFNMS] for taking undersize abalone, failing to fill out required punch cards that track abalone takes and other violations. The citations totaled \$2,600 ...”