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## **Honoring Oakland school kids with Pelican release after they fundraised for Mystery Goo Seabirds**

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**Park Day School 3<sup>rd</sup> graders will help release pelicans in Alameda on Thursday, Feb 26th**

**WHEN: Thursday, Feb. 26, 2015 11:00 AM**

**WHERE:** Near Encinal Beach in Alameda

**RELEASE: Encinal Boat Ramp**

(Look for Encinal High School 210 Central Ave., Alameda CA)

Google Maps: <https://goo.gl/maps/1flnm>

See East Bay Regional Parks map:

[http://www.ebparcs.org/about/stewardship/water/encinal\\_beach\\_water\\_quality](http://www.ebparcs.org/about/stewardship/water/encinal_beach_water_quality)

More than 30 Third graders from Oakland's Park Day School who singlehandedly raised more than \$600 for the seabirds affected by the Mystery Goo Response, will be honored with Pelican release in Alameda this Thursday, February 26 at 11 AM.

All of the Park Day students have photo/video releases on file.

Read more from the Park Day School/Bird Rescue support post:  
<https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.10155131950085322.1073741876.137233255321&type=1>

This symbolic release of birds will include **one adult** and **three juvenile** Brown Pelicans.

**Please note:** these Pelicans were not rescued as part of the Mystery Goo Response. The Brown Pelicans came in with fishing line injuries or other medical issues and have been cared for at our San Francisco Bay Center in Fairfield.

## **Update on Mystery Goo Birds**

The latest numbers on the Mystery Goo Response:

**323** brought to our center

**130** released to date

**51** still in care

**142** DOA, died in care or humanely euthanized

The state reports that 170 dead birds were also collected mostly along the east Bay shoreline.

With no responsible party to help with the cost of bird care, International Bird Rescue is still seeking public support to help with this response: <http://birdrescue.org/donate>

The birds that still remain in care are those that entered our San Francisco Bay Center with serious but treatable medical problems. These included severe emaciation, anemia, or injuries.

Many of the rescued birds came to the center with pressure sores to their hocks or toes from being stranded on hard land, and these may take up to 2 or 3 months to treat. Several dozen birds have also had surgeries for keel injuries but most of these healed quickly. Some of these have already been released; others should be ready to go soon.

**About International Bird Rescue:** International Bird Rescue (IBR) has been helping seabirds and other aquatic birds around the world since 1971. Our team of specialists operates two year-round aquatic bird rehabilitation centers in California, which care for more than 5,000 birds every year. IBR is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.

Learn more at [birdrescue.org](http://birdrescue.org)