The Marine Mammal Center

The Marine Mammal Center advances ocean health through marine mammal rescue and rehabilitation, research, and education.

Stewardship Saturday: Organizing Oysters

Thank you for joining us at June's Stewardship Saturday event in collaboration with The Marine Mammal Center, REAP, and Wild Oyster Project.

The Marine Mammal Center uses the "What, So What, Now What" framework to link its efforts to broader issues of ocean health and climate change. We've applied this framework to reflect on and highlight key takeaways from our recent event.

What?

What impact do oysters have on coastal ecosystems and marine animals?

So What?

Through our partnership with REAP, Wild Oyster Project, and The Marine Mammal Center, we deepened our understanding of how oyster restoration strengthens coastal ecosystems. Together, we moved 600-700lbs of oyster shells—about the weight of an adult male sea lion! These recycled shells will be used to rebuild oyster reefs that provide habitat, improve water quality, and support marine biodiversity. These organizations shared the critical role oysters play in our ecosystem, the importance of restoring native oysters to the Bay Area, and ways we can support this interconnected ecosystem.

Now What?

You can help protect coastal habitats by reporting sick or injured marine mammals to The Marine Mammal Center, or volunteering or participating in programs offered by REAP, Wild Oyster Project, and The Marine Mammal Center.

During this event, the following next-step ideas were shared, and we've provided resources to help you explore these topics in more depth.

REAP	Wild Oyster Project	The Marine Mammal Center
Volunteer	Volunteer Volunteer Work Days at REAP (same location as this event) August 3 – National Oyster Day Social & Fundraiser Subscribe to WOP Quarterly Newsletter	Report a Sick or Injured Marine Mammal Volunteer

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