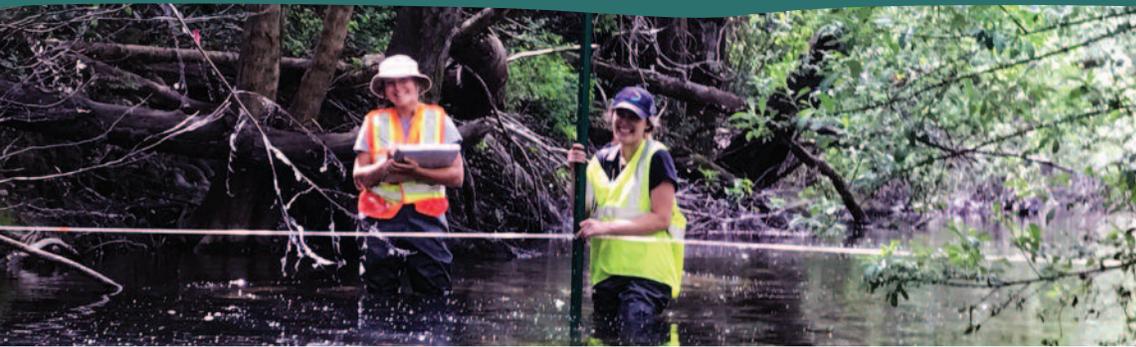




A CREEK RUNS THROUGH US

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SPAWN's Largest Ever Restoration Project Progressing

RETURNING THE OLD towns of Tocaloma and Jewell, located just west of Samuel P. Taylor State Park, back to their natural and wild state is one of SPAWN's most ambitious restoration projects to date. SPAWN is working in partnership with Point Reyes National Seashore. The project aims to ensure coho salmon remain part of our ecosystem for generations to come, and we are making great progress.

Initial studies along this one-mile stretch of river and floodplain habitat are now complete, and engineering, designs, and permitting are currently underway.

"This is one of the largest projects undertaken in the watershed," said SPAWN Director of Watershed Conservation Preston Brown.

Restoration begins in the summer of 2018. Our efforts will provide immediate habitat

and vital services, such as improved water quality, flood control, and protections for endangered wildlife. Creation of these habitats is being coordinated with the removal of concrete retaining walls, imported fill, bridge bulkheads, and septic tanks.

SPAWN thanks the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, the State Water Resources Control Board, and the California Coastal Conservancy for major project funding for this significant restoration. The Trees Foundation's Anadromous Forest Fund, the Schwemm Family Foundation, the Ballard Chapman Family Fund, Clif Bar Family Foundation, and members make SPAWN's work possible. For information on how to volunteer email Preston at preston@tirn.net.

SPAWN interns Katie Walker (L) and Elizabeth Villano (R) measuring Lagunitas geometry.

Nursery Day

BE A PART of our native plant nursery team and help us germinate seeds, plant seedlings and cuttings, and transplant mature plants. Learn what it takes to care for thousands of native plants. Afterwards, take a stroll with us as we collect wild seeds along one of many local trails.

This is a great opportunity to learn more about native plants and help restore wildlands.

Please join us for a great time with very skilled botanists! No experience needed.

**Every Friday
from 10 am – 4 pm.**

RSVP audrey@tirn.net.

Meet at our office:
9255 Sir Francis Drake Blvd.
Olema, CA 94950



West Marin Has a New County Supervisor

WHILE THE DARK winds emanating from the White House are downright scary, we are working on improving the environment in our local watershed.

The County district where our headquarters is based, and where we are working to protect and restore critically endangered coho salmon, has a new Supervisor for the first time in 20 years. While our relationship with the past Supervisor was rocky at best — we were constantly embroiled in battle — asking him to enact science-based, common sense policies to protect salmon habitat, we are now excited to potentially have a partner in fish restoration with our newly elected representative.

His name is Dennis Rodoni, and he ran on a platform that included restoring our endangered salmon species.

Dennis was born and raised in Marin County where his family has lived for over four generations. He and his wife Judy have two daughters and two wonderful grandchildren. He and his family have lived in Olema, the town



where we are headquartered, for over twenty years.

His years of community service are long and considerable in both environmental protection and human services delivery. Dennis has served as the Chair of the Point Reyes National Seashore Association, been a member of the Golden Gate National Recreation and Point Reyes National Seashore Advisory Commission, Director and Treasurer of the Tomales Bay Association, and Chair of the non-profit Coastal Health Alliance.

Having Dennis on the Board of Supervisors goes a long way toward establishing a respectful and hopefully collaborative relationship with our County government. We also realize he is just one of five voices on the Board,

and he will face a lot of pressure from development interests.

But if he is to live up to his campaign promise to restore Marin’s critically endangered coho population, he must move a science-based streamside protection ordinance soon, before it is too late to recover the population.

We will continue to grow, educate and mobilize our supporters to speak up for endangered coho salmon and to advocate for policies at all levels of government that give these noble species a chance at survival. We will continue our fight to keep laws that protect wildlife and human life. These include the Clean Water Act and the Endangered Species Act, which are both now under attack by the Trump Administration.

In these times of local and national political change, we need your support and actions more than ever! Please stay vigilant and active!

TODD STEINER, Executive Director
Salmon Protection And Watershed Network
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Give your Graduating Student a Unique Gift

AS STUDENTS start graduating this summer we want to offer you a unique graduation present that will live for hundreds of years!

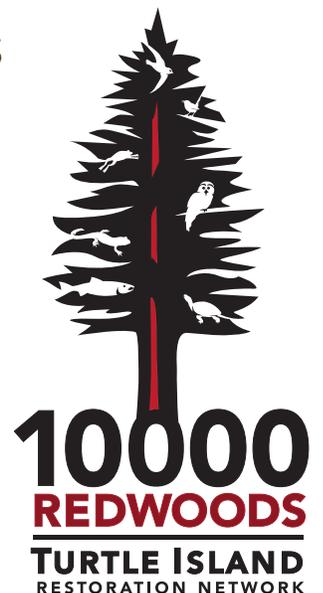
SPAWN’s 10,000 Redwoods Project provides an innovative way for you to buy a tree in honor of your graduate, and directly engage in slowing down climate change.

Why Redwoods? Redwood trees store more carbon per hectare than any other tree on Earth. Coastal Redwood trees sequester

triple the above ground carbon of any other type of tree, making them a key player in mitigating climate change.

When you buy a Redwood tree for your graduating student, he or she will receive a Certificate of Adoption, Tree Name Selection, GPS Location of their tree, and a picture of the tree on our website.

Visit www.10000redwoods.org to purchase your Redwood tree gift!



Turtle Island's Strong Finances Earn Top 4-Star Rating



FOR THE SECOND year in a row, Turtle Island — including SPAWN, an initiative of our organization — has earned the top, four-star rating from Charity Navigator. Charity Navigator is highly respected for its data-driven analysis of the nonprofit sector. This rating demonstrates that Turtle Island exceeds nonprofit standards for financial efficiency and transparency. Only 22% of the charities evaluated by Charity Navigator have received at least two consecutive four-star evaluations.

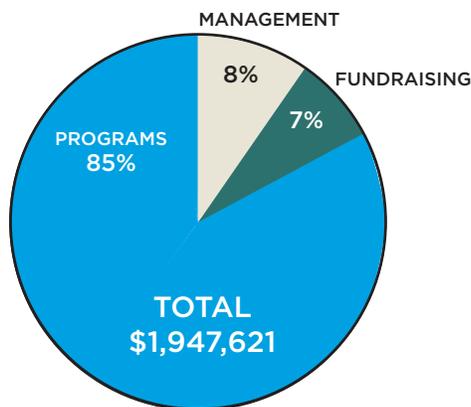
We are happy to report Turtle Island closed the 2015-16 fiscal year in a strong financial position.

Our work depends on the support of caring, committed individual donors and professionals who provide a wide range of pro bono services, progressive foundations, and wildlife agencies.

Eighty-five percent of our expenses were devoted directly to protecting marine wildlife and their habitats.

We sincerely thank our members and supporters for your donations and commitment to our mission. For more information on Turtle Island's finances, visit www.SeaTurtles.org/financials or contact Development Director Erica Heimberg at erica@tirn.net or 1-800-859-7283 ext. 105.

Turtle Island 2015-16 Expenditure Breakdown



Shop at the Turtle Island Store

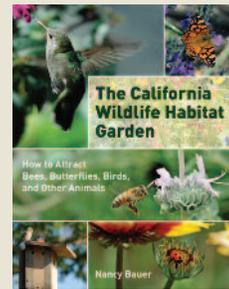


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**SPAWN
Hat**
\$21

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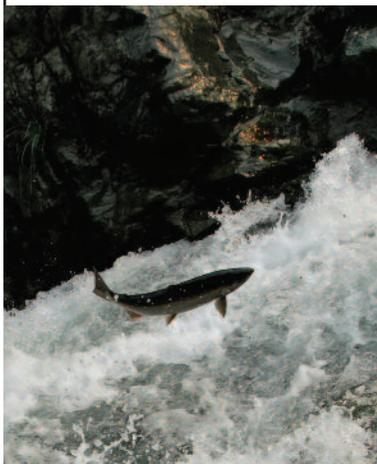
**Calif. Wildlife
Habitat Garden
Book \$30**

A 250-page guide on how to transform your garden to attract bees, butterflies & birds.

Order online on our secure server at SeaTurtles.org/Shop, call 1-800-859-7283 or send a check to SPAWN, P.O. Box 370, Forest Knolls, CA 94933.

All prices include shipping & handling

Leave a Legacy for Wild Salmon



THROUGH A BEQUEST to the Salmon Protection And Watershed Network in your will and other estate plans, you can leave a legacy for wild coho salmon.

Visit SeaTurtles.org/bequest for details and recommended language, or call us at 415-663-8590 x105 for information on including a bequest to SPAWN in your will, adding a simple codicil to your existing will, and other ways to give through your estate. All information discussed is confidential. Thank you for considering this important way to give.

Introducing Our New Look

AS YOU CAN SEE in this issue of SPAWN, we have a new look. We are now using a new printer. They use a whiter, higher quality paper, and soy-based ink. And just like earlier editions, they also print on recycled paper, and run a union shop. They are also saving us money on production costs, which helps us continue our mission of being good financial stewards. We hope you like the new look, and we are interested in your thoughts! Please email your comments to Marty at morgel@tirn.net.

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ABOUT SPAWN TURTLE ISLAND RESTORATION NETWORK'S SALMON PROTECTION AND WATERSHED NETWORK (SPAWN) program works to protect endangered coho salmon and steelhead trout, and the environment on which we all depend. The protection of these keystone species leads to the protection of all the wildlife of our community, and indeed, the protection of our land and us.

SPAWN uses a multi-faceted approach, including grassroots action, habitat restoration, policy development, environment education, collaboration with other organizations, media campaigns, and strategic legal action.

Visit SeaTurtles.org/Salmon to learn more.



New Logos, Graphics, Looking Good



HERE AT SPAWN we are proud to unveil three new graphic designs and logos we are now adding to our palette. SPAWN member Barry Deutsch created the graphic for Turtle Island's 10,000 Redwoods Project. His design will help our drive to grow and plant thousands of new redwood trees to reduce the world's carbon footprint.

Barry also created our new RESIST! logo, signifying our continuing commitment to fight for the rights of all marine life. In creeks, oceans and across the globe. And member Steven Lyons' graphic, WE ARE ALL IMMIGRANTS, takes a powerful stand in these tough, and anti-conservation, political times. You can visit Steven's other designs at www.graphicresistance.com.

These incredible illustrators produced these three logos and graphics pro bono. Our thanks go out to Barry and Steven! Steven is a creative director, UI designer, and award-winning illustrator and lecturer in illustration and design. Barry (now retired) co-founded Deutsch Design Works with the idea of combining creativity with strategic thinking to generate ideas that engage and enlighten. He and partner Lori Wynn are responsible for a number of Turtle Island logos including our Turtle, Salmon, hammerhead, and now our 10,000 Redwoods design.

You will soon be seeing more of these new, great designs in upcoming communications in social media, print, our eNewsletters, and our websites. So if you are not getting our emails, visit SPAWNUSA.org and sign up.



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