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Don Edwards San Francisco Bay National Wildlife Refuge Featured in Film Series on Urban Refuges

October 11, 2016, Los Angeles, CA — The National Wildlife Refuge Association and Tandem Stills + Motion have released a short film on the Don Edwards San Francisco Bay National Wildlife Refuge located in the southern part of San Francisco Bay.

The film is one of several being created by Tandem in an ongoing collaboration with the Refuge Association to document and celebrate the importance of urban national wildlife refuges throughout the United States.

The Don Edwards San Francisco Bay National Wildlife Refuge is a 30,000-acre oasis for hundreds of thousands of migratory birds as well as endangered species. Situated in the heart of California's Silicon Valley next to tech giants such as Google and Facebook, the stunning wetlands and waterways of the refuge provide a welcome respite from the hustle and bustle of the booming tech industry, and allow residents of the surrounding communities to fish, hunt, hike, explore, and view wildlife. The refuge and its partners are currently spearheading a major wetlands restoration project and groundbreaking programs to adapt to rising water levels due to climate change. Since its establishment in 1972 as the first truly urban National Wildlife Refuge with dual purposes of preserving wildlife habitat and providing for wildlife-oriented recreation and nature study, it brings refuge staff together with youth in the community to foster environmental awareness and groom future environmental stewards in one of the largest and most culturally diverse urban centers in the county.



The National Wildlife Refuge System is managed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS). The Refuge Association is a nonprofit that supports the National Wildlife Refuge System through various strategic programs. The USFWS recently created an Urban Wildlife Conservation Program to engage

communities around national wildlife refuges and to provide new opportunities for residents of America's cities to learn about and take part in wildlife habitat conservation. The films are a part of this program.

The USFWS has identified 14 priority urban wildlife refuges within the National Wildlife Refuge System. Tandem documented seven in 2015 and the remaining seven are being documented this year. In addition to Don Edwards, the others this year include the Patuxent Research Refuge in Maryland, Arthur R. Marshall Loxahatchee National Wildlife Refuge in Florida, Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge, Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge in Utah, Detroit River International Wildlife Refuge, and three refuges in South Texas — Santa Ana National Wildlife Refuge, Laguna Atascosa National Wildlife Refuge, and Lower Rio Grande Valley National Wildlife Refuge.

“These refuges are in close proximity to many of the major metropolitan areas in this country. They are a natural treasure that connect these urban communities to wildlife and wild places, and provide a variety of recreational opportunities for outdoor enthusiasts, children, and families,” said filmmaker and Tandem CEO Ian Shive. “The Urban Wildlife Conservation Program is fostering a sense of appreciation for these refuges, and providing a place for the next generation of nature lovers to learn and grow.”

The film is available at this direct link: <https://youtu.be/cNeMxScnM0o>. It is also available on the [USFWS Urban Wildlife Conservation Program website](#) and the [Urban Wildlife Conservation Program YouTube playlist](#). High-resolution photos are available at this link: <https://urbanrefuge.tandemvault.com/lightboxes/kj7CMRwc3>. *Photo credit: Tandem/USFWS.*

About National Wildlife Refuge Association

The National Wildlife Refuge Association (refugeassociation.org) works to protect America’s wildlife heritage by bringing a unique perspective and creative strategies to conservation. The Refuge Association has created a powerful recipe for success by leveraging the world’s largest wildlife conservation program — the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service’s 150-million acre National Wildlife Refuge System — and engaging other conservation nonprofits, private land owners, and refuge Friends groups in safeguarding wildlife. By mobilizing citizens in support of conservation, generating support for wildlife conservation among decision makers, and creating mosaics of public and private protected lands, the Refuge Association is ensuring a future for wildlife across America.

About Tandem Stills + Motion

Tandem Stills + Motion (www.tandemstock.com) is a leading visual media company that provides premium photographs, film footage, and digital asset management for the nature, outdoor adventure, healthy living, and travel industries. Under the creative direction of Ian Shive, Tandem Stills + Motion has developed award-winning documentary-style films for television and other media outlets. As executive producer and cinematographer, Shive recently led a team of filmmakers and scientists on a groundbreaking expedition in Cuba for a segment on Discovery Channel’s “Shark Week.” Shive also recently partnered with the Sierra Club to produce two films for a national conservation campaign and with the United States Fish and Wildlife Service to celebrate America’s urban wildlife refuges. The company is recognized as a global leader of digital content for the conservation, outdoor adventure, nature, and travel markets, and provides a state-of-the-art digital asset management service.