

# BAYKEEPER®

**PROTECTING THE SAN FRANCISCO BAY FROM POLLUTION SINCE 1989.**

San Francisco Bay is a local treasure—defining the character and quality of life of Bay Area communities and providing residents with endless recreational opportunities. It is also one of the most ecologically productive bodies of water in the world. And yet the Bay continues to be threatened by pollution—environmental laws are still routinely broken and government agencies provide inadequate enforcement. Baykeeper has been the Bay’s pollution watchdog for over 25 years. Protecting the Bay on behalf of our communities is Baykeeper’s mission, passion, and core competency.

Our highly-skilled staff has the scientific knowledge, advocacy experience, and legal expertise to identify the greatest threats to the health of San Francisco Bay and pursue effective solutions that stop pollution, strengthen laws, and restore water quality. Our accomplishments include:

- ☞ Legally requiring over 200 industrial facilities to reduce runoff of heavy metals and toxic chemicals into the Bay by requiring installation of storm water controls to protect the Bay.
- ☞ Keeping swimmers and wildlife safe from bacteria by securing legal agreements that have resulted in 75% fewer sewage spills from 20 Bay Area cities that were required to upgrade sewer systems.
- ☞ Orchestrating the passage of 13 new state laws that provide bays, rivers, lakes, and creeks with oil spill protections and continue funding for the rescue and care of wildlife injured by an oil spill.
- ☞ Securing the removal of 20 tons of toxic pollution from the “Ghost Fleet,” a group of 57 decaying military ships that poisoned Suisun and San Francisco Bays for over 40 years.
- ☞ Mapping over 325 miles of the Bay shoreline with technology from Google to help the Bay Area prepare for sea level rise.
- ☞ Directing over \$10 million in legal penalties to shoreline restoration projects by Bay Area partners.
- ☞ Logging over 8,900 staff and volunteer hours patrolling the Bay by boat for pollution.

Baykeeper is the sole on-the-water advocacy nonprofit dedicated to defending San Francisco Bay from pollution. We have a vision of restoring the San Francisco Bay to a healthy ecosystem, where recreation is safe and wildlife thrives. We welcome everyone who shares our vision for the health and future of San Francisco Bay to join us. [www.baykeeper.org](http://www.baykeeper.org) | [@SFBaykeeper](https://twitter.com/SFBaykeeper) | [fb: San Francisco Baykeeper](https://www.facebook.com/SanFranciscoBaykeeper)



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