Title: Seabird Monitoring Citizen Scientist

Purpose: To monitor seabirds and shorebirds on Sonoma Coast for the purpose of ensuring their protection through outreach, education as needed. Stewards will develop a Seabird Protection Network chapter from Bodega Bay to the Mendocino County line.

Duties: Make a commitment and show up on time for monitoring shifts that will take place as assigned. Use monitoring forms and equipment with accuracy and report to assigned supervisor as agreed upon.

Skills: Requires ability to identify seabirds and shorebirds. Must be proficient at recording accurate monitoring data on the forms provided. Must be able to use binoculars, spotting scope and a camera. Must have reliable transportation and be able to drive to Sonoma Coast from home and then potentially up and down the Sonoma Coast.

Reports to: Assigned supervisor under the direction of Stewards of the Coast and Redwoods, the manager of this program, in partnership with California State Parks in the Sonoma Mendocino Coast District.

Time: Shifts are scheduled monthly during the non-breeding season and weekly during the breeding season. Citizen Monitors should be available at least once a month for a shift during the breeding season.

Training: Training is required and provided by Stewards of the Coast and Redwoods and their assigned trainers.

Benefits: Participation in a program which provides scientific data to ensure seabird protection. This is a state park Volunteers in Parks program so volunteer hours qualify for day-use passes depending on the number of hours they work.

Partners: Partners with Stewards include: Bureau of Land Management, California Coastal National Monument, Seabird Protection Network, Madrone Audubon Society, Fort Ross Conservancy