

# Help protect Richardson Bay's birds.

The Richardson Bay Wildlife Sanctuary is closed to all watercraft from **October 1<sup>st</sup> – March 31<sup>st</sup>**.



## Dear Neighbor,

The Richardson Bay Wildlife Sanctuary is closed to all watercraft including boats, kayaks, canoes, and paddleboards from October 1 to March 31 every year, per **Richardson Bay Regional Agency Ordinance 92-1**.

This 900-acre sanctuary is a designated **Important Bird Area**, managed by the National Audubon Society. The Bay is a crucial stop along the Pacific Flyway for migrating waterbirds.

Tens of thousands of migratory ducks, grebes, shorebirds, and more use the Bay during this time to re-fuel on fish and invertebrates found in the Bay. Just one boat can disturb thousands of birds!

The sanctuary boundary is designated by marked buoys and marked pilings. The Marin County Sheriff's Department has the authority to issue citations to anyone entering the sanctuary during the closure, but you can help too by spreading the word.

