SAVE-THE-DATE! 6th International Sea Duck Conference 6-12 February 2017



Cavallo Point Hotel

under the Golden Gate Bridge San Francisco, California

"From Bay to Boreal: Challenges of Full-Annual Cycle Management of Sea Ducks"

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We are pleased to announce that the 6th International Sea Duck Conference (6th ISDC) will be held from 6-12 February 2017 near San Francisco, California at the <u>Cavallo Point Hotel</u> under the Golden Gate Bridge (Ranked #5 Top Resort in the USA by Travel and Leisure). The theme of the 6th ISDC will be:

"From Bay to Boreal: Challenges of Full-Annual Cycle Management of Sea Ducks"

6thISDC will include plenary talks by leading experts as well as wide-ranging topics including effects of climate change, harvest management, migration ecology, population modeling, productivity, and wintering ground challenges. Field trips will be organized to visit sea ducks in their wintering habitats immediately following the conference on 10–11 February.

In follow-up to the excellent 5th Conference held in 2014 at Reykjavik, Iceland, the 6th Conference will be hosted on the Pacific coast of North America on San Francisco Bay. The estuary represents a highly urbanized region and key sea duck wintering area in the Pacific Flyway where we can experience first-hand the numerous conservation challenges for management of sea ducks.

San Francisco is one of the top destination cities in North America, and the region is renowned for its setting and natural resource values. Populations of sea ducks including surf scoters, common goldeneyes, buffleheads, and common mergansers are regular wintering visitors in the estuary which also supports numerous bay ducks including canvasbacks, greater and lesser scaup, and ruddy ducks.

What:	The 6 th International Sea Duck Conference: <i>"From Bay to Boreal: Challenges of Full-Annual Cycle Management of Sea Ducks"</i>
When:	6-12 February 2017
Where:	Cavallo Point Hotel under the Golden Gate Bridge
Travel:	Flights to four international airports within one hour (SFO, OAK) or two hours (SMF, SJC) and train service to Oakland. Shuttle service may be organized to the Cavallo Point Hotel depending on demand.
Organizing Committee:	Ducks Unlimited, U. S. Geological Survey, National Audubon Society, U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service

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