

HELP! Federally Protected Seabirds



WHAT TO DO IF A SHEARWATER IS FOUND:

Contact Base Environmental at (808) 285-6464/ (808) 257-7129

Or Contact Military Police at (808) 257-2123

- Working hours: seabird will be picked up ASAP.
- After hours: response may be delayed until next day, seabird may need to be secured (see below).



Proper way to hold a distressed seabird (left). Note wings are in tight to the body and secure to avoid injury.

ANNUAL SEABIRD FALLOUT SEASON September - December

- Many juvenile seabirds are learning to fly from the beginning of September through the end of December. Peak fallout season is during November's new moon.
- During this period, young fledglings often get disoriented by urban artificial lights and become exhausted while trying to fly out to sea.
- The birds can fly inland where they collide with power lines, lights, and other man made structures.

This often results in injury or death to the seabirds!

How and When to Handle Downed Seabirds:

- If the seabird is in a safe location out of the sun and will be picked up soon, leave it be!
 - If the seabird is in harm's way and may become road kill, predated, or impact the mission, and if after hours, the bird should be secured in a box with ventilation.
 - When handling (see photo), cusp the bird firmly without squeezing and keep wings close to the body.
 - Gloves, eye protection, and a towel or t-shirt can be used to cover the bird prior to handling.
 - Keep the box in a cool, quiet, and dark place until picked up.
- NEVER feed or water the bird! Only one bird per box!