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Lisa Habecker and Ellison Randall release young common murres into the surf near Haystack Rock.

BACK TO THE WILD

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Haystack Rock Awareness Program volunteers spend much of their time interacting with the public. They educate visitors and show them interesting features of the rock. Wildlife Center of the North Coast volunteers work with birds all day long. Last week the two groups came together in Cannon Beach with a common goal — to release young seabirds back into the wild, where they belong. The juvenile common murres were rescued from the surf near Haystack Rock and rehabilitated before being released close to where their journey began.



ABOVE: Lary Lipe and Lisa Habecker move a carrier containing the birds into position for release. BELOW: Common murres huddle together before being released near Cannon Beach.



Volunteers with the Haystack Rock Awareness Program and the Wildlife Center of the North Coast prepare to release juvenile seabirds back into the wild.



A young common murre is released back into the wild near Haystack Rock.



A young common murre prepares to navigate the waves near Haystack Rock.