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Fort Ross and Salt Point parks have benefited greatly from many dedicated volunteers and staff who have given generously to these parks. Board of directors from FRIA and FRC have fundraised, organized events, overseen volunteers, spearheaded interpretation and restoration projects, and offered substantial support to California State Parks across many decades.

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- Fort Ross Interpretive Association (FRIA): 1976 - 2012
- Fort Ross Conservancy (FRC is the same legal entity as FRIA but the organization changed its name): 2012 - present

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FORT ROSS INTERPRETIVE ASSOCIATION
19005 COAST HIGHWAY # 1 AT FORT ROSS
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FORT ROSS NEWSLETTER

GREETINGS FROM FORT ROSS

" APRIL, MAY AND JUNE -THESE MONTHS CAN BE CALLED BLOSSOMING ONES:
AT THIS TIME ALL THE FIELDS AND MOUNTAINS ARE ADORNED WITH
LUXURIANT FLOWERS AND FORM AN INIMITABLE PICTURE. ESPECIALLY
AT THIS TIME IS THE HEART IMBUED WITH A REVERENT FEELING
TOWARD THE PERPATRATOR OF LIFE. "

YEGOR CHERNYKH WROTE THE ABOVE FROM THE ROSS SETTLEMENT IN 1836.
AND HE GOES ON TO WRITE:

"THERE ARE TWO PROMINENT WINDS; NORTHWESTERN AND SOUTHERN; THE
FORMER IS MOST USUAL AND BLOWS ALMOST CONSTANTLY FROM MAY
TO OCTOBER, ALWAYS BRINGING CLEAR WEATHER; FROM TIME TO TIME
THERE OCCUR RAINY SOUTH WINDS."

AH, CHERNYKH, HOW WELL YOU OBSERVED 140 YEARS AGO. THIS WEEK, THREE
FISHING VESSELS SHELTERED IN THE COVE, WAITING FOR THAT NORTHWESTERN
WIND TO ABATE SO THEY COULD FISH. BUT, WHILE THEY SHELTERED, FOUR
FISHERMAN ROWED ASHORE AND VISITED FORT ROSS, AND RELATED WHALE
STORIES AND OTTER TALES TO THE SALES' COUNTER FORCES' DELIGHT.

THE WHALES WITH THEIR YOUNG ARE MORE FUN GOING NORTH AS THEY ARE
DOING NOW, SPRING 1978. THEY TAKE MORE TIME TO FEED AND SHOW THEIR
YOUNG THE INLETS AND THE COVES SO THEY CAN FIND THEIR OWN WAY IN
FUTURE YEARS ?

THIS REMINDS ONE OF "ROGGING DAY" - AN OLD AMERICAN CUSTOM ON
"ROGATION DAY". THE LAND-OWNERS TOOK A SUNDAY TO WALK THEIR PROPERTY
LINES; MOTHERS CARRIED SWEETS TO REWARD THE CHILDREN WHEN BUMPED
INTO A TREE OR WATER HOLE -WHICH FATHER HAD SELECTED AS A "SPOT TO
REMEMBER". THAT WAS IN NEW ENGLAND WHERE YOU COULD WALK YOUR LINES
IN A DAY. IN CALIFORNIA, THERE WERE "SPREADS"; NO ONE COULD WALK
THOSE LINES IN A DAY. KASHAYAS WALKED NOT THE PROPERTY LINES BUT
SEASONAL FOOD TRAILS. THIS BOUNTEOUS TIME OF THE YEAR LED THEM
COASTWARD FOR THE SEA FOOD, LETTUCE, ABALONE AND OTHER SHELL FISH
THAT THEY FAVORED. THEY TOO THANKED THE PERPATRATOR OF LIFE.

MAY 29 MONDAY (MEMORIAL DAY) TRADITIONAL RUSSIAN CHURCH SERVICE
AT FORT ROSS: THE RUSSIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH IN EXILE

JULY 4 TUESDAY - TRADITIONAL RUSSIAN CHURCH SERVICE
AT FORT ROSS: THE RUSSIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH IN NORTH AMERICA

OUR STATE PARK OFFICIALS SUGGEST THAT THEY MAY ADD AN OCCASION OF
THEIR OWN TO BE GRATEFUL FOR - A GROUND BREAKING CEREMONY FOR THE
OFFICIALS BARRACKS. WE HOPE THAT IT MAY HAPPEN SOON.

SUMMER DAYS AT FORT ROSS SEEM TO COME ALIVE AND WEAR A DIFFERENT
GUISE FROM THE QUIET OUTPOST ATMOSPHERE OF WINTER : THE HUMMING-BIRDS
AND PEOPLE INCREASE IN NUMBERS.

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