

**SRC COMMENTS ON CARCASS REMOVAL/SCAVENGING TRIAL DRAFT
MEMO, OCTOBER 2008, M31**

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Alameda County Scientific Review Committee

The Altamont Pass Avian Monitoring Team in October 2008 produced a Carcass Removal/Scavenging Trial Draft Memo and asked for members of the Scientific Review Committee (SRC) to submit written comments on the draft report for discussion at an SRC conference call meeting on 29 July 2009. Individual SRC comment documents and e-mails are compiled here, in the order they were submitted.

FROM: Joanna Burger

RE: COMMENTS on M31

M31: Carcass Removal

OVERALL: This is a good start on the question.

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1. This requires a clear, concise abstract.
2. Separate results and discussion
3. Need information in methods on analysis/statistical approach
4. The data are useful, but more data are necessary. It's still a small sample size, dependent on population numbers, and dependent upon season.
5. It also needs to be clear this study was only large birds.