

More trout rescued

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Four more adult steelhead trout migrating up Alameda Creek were rescued below a migration barrier Saturday, and moved upstream into Niles Canyon.

Two large adult male steelhead were previously moved upstream on March 4. The fish moved Saturday were from 22 to 27 inches long, weighed from 3.7 to 8.3 pounds, and included one female and three male trout.

This is the ninth consecutive winter the Alameda Creek Alliance documented ocean-run steelhead trout in the creek. Migratory fish are currently blocked below the Bay Area Rapid Transit weir, a barrier to fish migration in the Alameda Creek flood control channel in Fremont.

Alameda Creek Alliance volunteers and an East Bay Regional Park District fisheries biologist captured the steelhead and moved them upstream to suitable habitat, operating under state and federal permits.