Up Your Creek! The electronic newsletter of the Alameda Creek Alliance

Steelhead Trout Tagged In Alameda Creek



Alameda Creek Alliance volunteers on Wednesday helped fish biologists from the East Bay Regional Park District capture adult steelhead trout in lower Alameda Creek below an impassable concrete barrier that blocks fish spawning migration, and moved them upstream into Niles Canyon. Five steelhead trout were netted during a half hour fish rescue by about 30 volunteers and fisheries staff. Radio transmitters were attached to four steelhead so their upstream migration can be tracked by Park District biologists. There may be another attempt next week to capture several dozen more steelhead that are thought to remain in lower Alameda Creek below the BART weir, the site of a future fish ladder.

Read the Alameda Creek Alliance press release

News stories and video: <u>Endangered Trout Get Human Help Moving Through East Bay Creek</u> - ABC7 News <u>Threatened Fish Get Truckin' With A Lift To Spawning Grounds</u> - East Bay Times

More photos and videos are posted on the Alameda Creek Alliance Facebook page



Sunol-Ohlone Wildflower Festival - April 9

Join the Alameda Creek Alliance at the Sunol-Ohlone Wildflower Festival on Sunday, April 9, from 11 am to 4 pm. This free festival is put on by the East Bay Regional Park District in Sunol Regional Park. There are hikes, crafts, music, and nature activities. Parking is \$5 cash. Please carpool as parking is limited. More information about the festival <u>here</u>.



March for Science – April 22

Join the Alameda Creek Alliance at the San Francisco March for Science on Earth Day, Saturday, April 22nd, from noon to 4 pm.

The March for Science is a call to support and safeguard the scientific community and science-based decision making. Recent Trump administration policy changes have caused heightened worry among scientists. The mischaracterization of science as a partisan issue, which has given policymakers permission to reject overwhelming evidence, is a critical and urgent matter. It's time for people who support scientific research and evidence-based policies to take a public stand and be counted.

Science is a method to study the physical and natural world with observable physical evidence as the basis of that understanding. Science has guided the activities of the Alameda Creek Alliance and the restoration of steelhead fisheries in Alameda Creek since our inception in 1997. Science has helped us to answer such questions as, "Can the Alameda Creek system support a steelhead fishery?" (YES!), "How large of a population can the system support?", "Where is the best habitat located in the Alameda Creek watershed?", and "When are creek flows adequate for steelhead to exists in the system, how does this match with the life cycle of the fish, and what changes could be made to water management to support steelhead recovery?"

The March for Science is an international movement, led by organizers distributed around the globe. Join us this Earth Day in San Francisco to march in support of science! More information to come.

Are you interested in helping to organize people for the march? Contact Ralph (ralph@alamedacreek.org) to help organize, make signs, or outreach for the event.

Earth Day Creek Restoration – April 23

Save the date for our Earth Day Cleanup and Habitat Enhancement in Niles Canyon on Sunday, April 23rd. More information <u>here</u>.

Regional Salmon Restoration News

Check out this short video about the restoration of Redwood Creek at Muir Beach in Marin County.

Federal Scientists Find Delta Tunnels Plan Will Devastate Salmon Daily Kos – March 20, 2017

<u>Yuba Salmon Numbers Drop Again</u> Yuba Net – March 16, 2017

Baby Salmon Trickle Back to Russian River Waterways After a Long Absence Santa Rosa Press-Democrat – March 15, 2017

<u>With Some Chinook in Trouble, California Faces 'a Pathetic Scrap' of a Salmon Season</u> KQED – March 14, 2017

<u>Republicans in Hot Seat over Landmark Deal for Dam Removal</u> E&E News – March 13, 2017

<u>Endangered Steelhead Spotted in Local Creek</u> Ventura County Star – March 7, 2017

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