

October 10, 2006

### **Stonybrook Creek Cleanup and Fish Surveys - Saturday October 14**

Come help the ACA clean up trash in Stonybrook Creek in Niles Canyon, **this Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup>, from 10 am to noon**. We will meet at 9:45 at the Niles Staging Area at the bottom of Niles Canyon, off Old Canyon Road, and carpool to our cleanup spot on Palomares Road. Bring work clothes, gloves and a water bottle. Snacks and drinks provided. After the cleanup, lunch will be provided (pizza), and then we will join the East Bay Regional Park District Fisheries Biologist in surveys for native rainbow trout in Stonybrook Creek, **from noon until 2 pm**. Please RSVP to Diana Brumbaugh, ACA Volunteer and Outreach Coordinator, at [alamedavolunteer@yahoo.com](mailto:alamedavolunteer@yahoo.com) or by phone at (510) 794-4252.

### **Sinbad Creek Outreach - Saturday October 28 and November 4**

Come walk door-to-door with the Alameda Creek Alliance on **Saturday, October 28<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, November 4<sup>th</sup>, from 9 am to 2 pm**, talking to residents along Sinbad Creek in Sunol about our steelhead restoration efforts.

We will be doing outreach to residents along Sinbad Creek to provide them with information about our steelhead restoration work, and to meet and identify landowners interested in allowing us to do small-scale restoration projects on their property. The creek is a tributary to Alameda Creek with viable steelhead spawning habitat.

ACA volunteers are needed to go door-to-door to give prepared packets of information to the residents. We will meet in the morning for a brief training, and then caravan to Sinbad Creek.

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### **Urban Creek Survey for Creekside Property Owners and Government Agencies**

The Urban Creeks Council is seeking feedback on how they can assist both creekside property owners and public agency staff in better care for urban creeks.

To take one or both of the surveys, please go to the following links. Each survey contains only 10 questions:

Creekside Property Owner Assistance  
<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.asp?u=764032598975>

Creeks -- Maintenance and Training Survey  
<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.asp?u=191642532248>

### **Farmed Salmon Killing Off Wild Cousins**

Recent research by the National Academy of Sciences shows that fish parasites from salmon farms along the British Columbia coast kill up to 95 percent of wild juvenile salmon as they head out to sea. Read the article at <http://ipsnews.net/news.asp?idnews=34966>.

Farmed salmon harm wild salmon stocks and other fish in several ways, including spreading parasites and diseases to wild fish and by escaping from ocean pens and competing with them for food and spawning grounds. It takes three pounds of wild fish to grow one pound of farmed salmon, using more fish than are produced and putting more pressure on wild fish populations. Salmon farms also may use pesticides and antibiotics which consumers eat.

Wild salmon tastes better, is healthier for you, and has less impact on the ocean environment and wild fish populations. Wild-caught salmon from Alaska comes from sustainably harvested that is eco-certified by the Marine Stewardship Council. Salmon fisheries in California, Oregon and Washington are also well managed, but there are concerns about the long-term health of populations. For information on why to buy wild caught salmon over farmed salmon and other information about sustainable seafood fisheries, visit the Monterey Bay Aquarium Seafood Watch web site at <http://www.mbayaq.org/cr/seafoodwatch.asp>.

### **Pombo-McNerny Congressional Race**

One of the more important congressional races next month involves Rep. Richard Pombo, who represents portions of the Alameda Creek watershed, including parts of Dublin, Pleasanton, San Ramon and Livermore.

Pombo is one of the nation's most rabid anti-environmental legislators and has been working to destroy our basic environmental safeguards for over a decade – see <http://www.biologicaldiversity.org/swcbd/Programs/policy/esa/atax.HTML> for information on his attempts to gut the Endangered Species Act.

See recent Center for Biological Diversity press releases on Pombo's antics:

May 11, 2006 - *It's Endangered Species Day, Pombo Must Be Lying* - <http://www.biologicaldiversity.org/swcbd/press/PomboLieAgain-05-11-2006.html>

April 6, 2006 - *GAO Study: Pombo Endangered Species Act Claims Misleading* - <http://www.biologicaldiversity.org/swcbd/press/pombo-04-06-2006.html>

February 27, 2006 - *Pombo's Hypocrisy Highlighted at Bay Delta Hearing* - <http://www.biologicaldiversity.org/swcbd/press/pombo-hypocrisy2-27-2006.html>

September 19, 2005 – *Pombo Bill Would Rip The Heart Out Of The Endangered Species Act* - <http://www.biologicaldiversity.org/swcbd/press/pombo9-19-05.html>

May 17, 2005 - *Pombo Endangered Species Report Flawed* - <http://www.biologicaldiversity.org/swcbd/press/pombo5-17-05.html>

April 27, 2005 - *GAO: Endangered Species Expenditures Match Biological Priorities: Unhappy With Positive Review, Representative Pombo Tries To Mislead Media With False Press Release* - <http://www.biologicaldiversity.org/swcbd/press/pombo4-27-05.html>

I can't tell you how to vote, but can tell you it is going to be a disaster for the environment, endangered species, salmon populations, wildlife, wilderness, and public lands if Pombo is re-elected. His opponent, Jerry McNerny, has been endorsed by the San Jose Mercury News and Livermore Independent recently. Check out the McNerny web site at <http://www.jerrymcnerney.org/news.asp>.

Pombo is also considered one of the 20 most corrupt members of Congress by Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington. See <http://www.beyonddelay.org/summaries/pombo.php>

Please tell your neighbors about this important election and Pombo's shameful record.