

First Steelhead Spawning in Watershed Since 1960s?

The pair of radio tagged steelhead trout that were given a helping hand on February 26th past the BART weir in lower Alameda Creek have paired up and made their way together into Stonybrook Creek in Niles Canyon, where they were observed traveling together and exhibiting spawning behavior for two days in early March. This marks the first time that adult steelhead have attempted to spawn in suitable trout habitat in the Alameda Creek watershed since the early to mid 1960s, a significant milestone in our effort to restore steelhead and salmon to Alameda Creek.

Bonnie (a female steelhead measuring 27 inches long and weighing 8.5 pounds) and Clyde (a male 28 inches and 8 pounds) were initially observed in the Alameda Creek flood control channel in Fremont on February 25th, attempting to jump the BART weir. They were netted by Alameda Creek Alliance volunteers, East Bay Regional Park District biologists, and Alameda County staff operating under state and federal permits on February 26th, fitted with radio tags and moved upstream into Niles Canyon. Both fish are currently holding together in a pool in the creek and could attempt to spawn again - they are being monitored daily via the radio tags.

Read the [press release](#) about the historic steelhead pair.

Photos of the steelhead pair together in Stonybrook Creek on March 3rd are posted [here](#).

Photos of the February 26th rescue, capture, transport and release of this pair are posted [here](#).

Please do not attempt to locate or view the steelhead - they need their privacy and are in a vulnerable location where they could easily get spooked. Thank you.

Recent Media on Alameda Creek

[Groups Ask Army to Consider Critters](#)

Environmentalists fear redevelopment plan may hurt Camp Parks wildlife
Contra Costa Times - March 1, 2008

[Steelhead Trout Pair May Be Spawning In Stonybrook Creek](#)

First in Alameda Creek Watershed Since 1960s
Alameda Creek Alliance press release – March 7, 2008

[Alliance Hopes Steelhead Trout Making Comeback](#)

Alameda Creek watershed once boasted many of the species
Fremont Argus - March 12, 2008

Funding For BART Weir Fish Ladder

The Alameda County Water District and Alameda County Flood Control District were recently notified by the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation that they will receive a \$500,000 grant to help fund the design, permitting, and environmental review for the BART Weir/Middle Dam Fish Ladder Project.

Volunteers Needed for Alameda Creek Table at Earth Day Events and Salmon Festival

We need volunteers to help staff the Alameda Creek Alliance table at a few upcoming events:

April 19 - Fremont (Tri-City) Earth Day Family Fair; 10 am to 4 pm at the Lake Elizabeth Teen Center

April 19 - Livermore Earth Day, 8:30 am to 2 pm at the Livermore Community Center

May 31 and **June 1** - SalmonAid Festival in Oakland; all day at Jack London Square

SalmonAid (www.salmonaid.org) is a free, family-friendly two-day event celebrating wild salmon and steelhead. It is organized by the largest ever coalition of West Coast salmon advocates: commercial, recreational and tribal fishermen, conservation organizations, chefs, restaurants, scientists, and many others.

If you are interested in helping to staff our display table at one of these events, for just an hour or two, or all day, contact Diana Brumbaugh, ACA Volunteer and Outreach Coordinator at (510) 209-6114, e-mail alamedavolunteer@yahoo.com

Native-Spanish Contact Commemorative Events

The Vinapa Foundation for Cross-Cultural Studies is hosting a series of events commemorating the entry of the Spanish into Alameda County, including films, discussions, music and many more interesting programs. The full list of events is on www.vinapafoundation.org. Of interest along Alameda Creek are a presentation on Anza, Monday, March 31, at Coyote Hills Regional Park, and films about local bandit Joaquin Murieta at the Niles Essanay Museum on April 6, 2-4 pm.