

## **Calaveras Dam Permit Must Consider Steelhead Trout**

Alameda Creek Alliance press release April 17:

### **[SAN FRANCISCO REBUKED OVER STEELHEAD TROUT CONSIDERATION FOR CALAVERAS DAM REBUILD](#)**

*National Fisheries Service Will Require Consultation on Impacts to Steelhead for Federal Permit*

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## **SFPUC Planning Environmental Improvement Projects**

In 2005 the SFPUC initiated the [Watershed and Environmental Improvement Program](#) (WEIP), which will provide \$50 million over 10 years for the SFPUC to more proactively manage, protect and restore environmental resources affected by SFPUC operations, including in the Alameda Creek watershed.

Funded WEIP projects in the Alameda Creek watershed for 2007/2008 include:

- Alameda Watershed Road Management Project (finalized scope of work and budget, waiting for fiscal approval) - survey and evaluation of roads and remediation to provide fish passage at culverts, improve drainage and reduce sedimentation of creeks
  - Education/Outreach Plan for Watershed Education Center - first phase for a proposed watershed education center in the Alameda Creek watershed
  - New Zealand Mud Snail Survey in Alameda Creek (beginning soon) - surveys for invasive snail which may affect creek food chain
  - Sudden Oak Death Adaptive Management Project (waiting for access permit) - will begin treatment in the Alameda Creek watershed with AGRIFOS, a fungicide which controls sudden oak death
  - Weed Management Program (scope of work developed) - first phase will map the most threatening invasive weeds in the Alameda Creek watershed
  - Alameda Watershed Land Protection Project (in initial stages) - aimed at purchasing and preserving watershed lands
  - Niles Canyon Stream Gauge Weir (developing scope of work) - will assess whether to repair, replace or remove the failing USGS weir at the bottom of Niles Canyon, any solution will include adequate fish passage
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## **Potential Volunteer Opportunities for Fisheries Surveys**

The Alameda County Water District, Alameda County Flood Control District, and East Bay Regional Park District will be conducting fisheries related surveys and monitoring this spring and summer in lower Alameda Creek and Niles Canyon. There may be some opportunity for Alameda Creek Alliance volunteers to assist with some of these surveys.

The monitoring will include electro-fishing surveys to assess invasive predatory fish populations in Niles Canyon and the flood control channel; surveys of trout fry in Stonybrook Creek; and water temperature studies behind the ACWD rubber dam impoundments and in pools in Niles Canyon.

Please contact me if you are interested in helping with any of these surveys. If you already volunteered for surveys in Stonybrook Creek you do not need to contact me again.

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### **SalmonAid Festival May 31 and June 1**

Come check out the [SalmonAid Festival](#) on **Saturday, May 31 and Sunday, June 1, 2008** - the festival will celebrate wild salmon and steelhead with a **free**, family-friendly, music festival in Oakland's famed Jack London Square.

Organized by the largest ever coalition of West Coast salmon advocates (including commercial, recreational and tribal fishermen, conservation organizations, chefs, restaurants, scientists, and many others), SalmonAid will raise awareness of the plight of west coast salmon populations, the rivers and streams they spawn in, and the many coastal and inland communities that rely on salmon for their livelihoods and survival. The festival will feature educational booths, activities and foods highlighting the natural history of salmon, as well as the history, culture and traditions of salmon towns and the peoples connected through our west coast salmon heritage. There will be two days of salmon barbeques, live music (20 bands on 2 stages), a gourmet food court and beer garden, and information booths by salmon protection organizations, including the Alameda Creek Alliance. Best of all, there is no admission fee! [www.salmonaid.org](http://www.salmonaid.org)

**The ACA needs volunteers** to help staff our information table on Sunday and also to help with the set up and running of the SalmonAid event.

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### **East Alameda County Conservation Strategy**

Alameda County, the Alameda County Resource Conservation District, the Natural Resources Conservation Service, Zone 7 Water Agency and the cities of Livermore, Pleasanton and Dublin are initiating a [East Alameda County Conservation Strategy](#) to address conflicts between development, growth and infrastructure maintenance activities, and the continued survival of endangered or threatened species. The Alameda Creek Alliance is participating in the Advisory Group for the Conservation Strategy to ensure that adequate protections for endangered species and their habitats are considered.

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### **Camp Parks Development in Dublin**

The Alameda Creek Alliance is looking to work with other Bay Area conservation groups to protect endangered species at Camp Parks in Dublin. See our [Camp Parks action alert](#).

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### **Statewide Fish News**

April 16 - [Judge Tosses Biological Opinion for Salmon and Steelhead in California](#)  
Groups say delta water project operations must protect water supply for fish and people

April 11 - [\*Fishery Council Closes Salmon Fishing Off Oregon and California\*](#)

April 1 - [\*Salmon Restoration Bill Receives Final Approval from Senate\*](#)