Alameda Creek Fish Rescue This Winter

With the predicted El Nino weather pattern starting to arrive, we are likely to get a lot of rain this winter, which hopefully will bring some steelhead trout into lower Alameda Creek.

This a very important winter to document any steelhead which may show up in Alameda Creek, since we have not had any confirmed sightings since 2008. Please check Alameda Creek at the BART weir after major storms this winter. Steelhead have been seen in recent years trying to ascend the BART weir after a major storm on the declining end of the hydrograph, typically when the stream flow is about 200 to 400 cubic feet/second (cfs). You can check the current Alameda Creek stream flow on the web in lower Niles Canyon and in the flood control channel in Union City.

If you see fish in the lower Alameda Creek Flood Control Channel that you believe to be salmon or steelhead, from November through April, please contact one of the following people:

Jeff Miller, Alameda Creek Alliance: (510) 499-9185; e-mail: jeff@alamedacreek.org
Joe Sullivan, East Bay Regional Park District: (510) 289-0669, e-mail: jsullivan@ebparks.org
Gordon Becker, CEMAR: (510) 520-1236, e-mail: becker@cemar.org

If you would like to volunteer to help rescue and tag steelhead at the BART weir this winter, send an e-mail to jeff@alamedacreek.org

To report poaching or fishing in the Alameda Creek flood control channel, call CALTIP anonymously at 1-888-DFG-CALTIP (1-888-334-2258) or call the CA Department of Fish and Wildlife warden dispatch at (707) 944-5512.