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EDITORIAL

Bonnie And Clyde

A pair of steelhead trout named Bonnie and Clyde were observed traveling together and exhibiting spawning behavior in Alameda Creek two weeks ago. They swam up into Niles Canyon after getting a boost to help them past a barrier in the lower creek. This is the first time adult steelhead have attempted to spawn in Alameda Creek since the 1960s. Bonnie measures 27 inches long and weighs 8.5 pounds. Clyde is 28 inches and 8 pounds. They were first seen on February 25 in Fremont trying to jump over a BART weir, an impassable barrier. Federal and state permits were obtained to capture them in nets and radio-tag and measure them, after which they were returned to the creek. "This is a nice hint of what is to come," said Jeff Miller of the Alameda Creek Alliance. He said barriers are to come down and the goal is to gain access for the fish all the way into and above Sunol Regional Wilderness. The good work to bring the fish back is being performed by Miller's Alameda Creek Alliance in partnership with public agencies such as the East Bay Regional Park District and County of Alameda. This is a turning point. Bonnie and Clyde's heroic run gives real hope that in a few years steelhead will be spawning abundantly throughout the Alameda Creek watershed, as they once did.