

# **Up Your Creek!**

The electronic newsletter of the Alameda Creek Alliance

## **Watch for Chinook Salmon in Lower Alameda Creek**

The stream flow in lower Alameda Creek flood control channel peaked at nearly 2,000 cfs Wednesday night, is now back up to nearly 1,000 cfs, and there is more rain coming this weekend. It's a little early for steelhead trout to arrive, but these storms may bring chinook salmon into the lower creek. Please watch the BART weir and flood control channel this weekend and next week for salmon. See our [web page](#) on what to do if you spot fish in the creek.

## **Special Tour of Coho Salmon Spawning in Marin December 8**

The Salmon Protection and Watershed Network in Marin County will host a special tour to view spawning coho salmon in Lagunitas Creek on Saturday, December 8. Join Alameda Creek Alliance members and director Jeff Miller in visiting Lagunitas Creek on a quest to see the endangered coho salmon. We will meet at 10 am on December 8; location to be announced. Reservations are required – please RSVP to [alamedacreek@hotmail.com](mailto:alamedacreek@hotmail.com).

You can also sign up with SPAWN for naturalist-guided creek walks along Lagunitas Creek on other days through February 17. See [www.spawnusa.org](http://www.spawnusa.org) for stories and photos of this year's salmon run.

## **Stonybrook Creek Cleanup Moved to December 9**

The date of the Alameda Creek Alliance trash pickup along Stonybrook Creek has been moved to Sunday, December 9, in the afternoon. Time and meeting location to be announced. To participate, contact the Alameda Creek Alliance volunteer coordinator, Ralph Boniello, at [ralphboniello@gmail.com](mailto:ralphboniello@gmail.com).

## **Caltrans Meeting on Niles Canyon December 10**

Caltrans will hold a meeting on Monday, December 10 at 7 pm to give the public an opportunity to provide feedback on the Federal Highway Administration's Road Safety Assessment and suggested safety measures for State Route 84/Niles Canyon. These reports are available on the Caltrans [website](#). Caltrans claims it will keep the public informed and solicit feedback throughout the planning process for any future proposed safety improvements in Niles Canyon.

The meeting will be held at the Fremont Senior Center, 40086 Paseo Padre Parkway in Fremont, on Monday December 10, from 7 to 9 pm.

## **Watershed Bird Counts December 14 and 16**

Join the Alameda Creek Alliance and Ohlone Audubon Society for the fourth annual [Eastern Alameda County Christmas Bird Count](#) on Friday, December 14. Please contact Rich Cimino ([yellowbilledtours@gmail.com](mailto:yellowbilledtours@gmail.com)) for more information.

Ohlone Audubon is sponsoring the Hayward-Fremont Christmas Bird Count on Sunday, December 16. Contact Phil and Pat Gordon ([pagpeg@aol.com](mailto:pagpeg@aol.com) Phone: (510) 538-3550) for more information.

## **Alameda County Water District Meeting on Lower Alameda Creek Projects December 18**

The Alameda County Water District will hold a public information meeting on their current and upcoming projects for fish passage and water supply in lower Alameda Creek. The meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 18, in Niles. Time and location to be announced.

Read the November 26 Fremont Bulletin article: [\*Protecting Steelhead Among Goals of Water District\*](#). Also check out the Alameda County Water District's new web page on [\*Alameda Creek Fish Passage and Related Projects\*](#).

## **Regional Salmon News**

### [\*Healthy Salmon Mark San Joaquin Revival\*](#)

San Francisco Chronicle – November 28, 2012

### [\*Salmon Release Is Step in Calif. River Restoration\*](#)

Silicon Valley Mercury News – November 28, 2012

### [\*Salmon Back In the Upper San Joaquin River After 62 Years\*](#)

KFSN - November 27, 2012

### [\*Trinity River Boasts Largest Salmon Run in Decades\*](#)

Two Rivers Tribune - November 27, 2012

### [\*Endangered Coho Salmon Make Early Return to Marin Creeks\*](#)

Marin Independent Journal – November 26, 2012

### [\*Feds Threaten To Wipe Out Future Sacramento Salmon Runs\*](#)

IndyMedia – November 26, 2012

### [\*Off the Hook: Federal Government Ignores Law Requiring Million Salmon\*](#)

Marysville Appeal-Democrat – November 24, 2012

### [\*The Missing Million: Salmon on the Brink\*](#)

Counterpunch – November 23, 2012

### [\*Record Number of Salmon Return to Russian River\*](#)

Santa Rosa Press-Democrat – November 22, 2012

### [\*Federal Law Requiring A Million Salmon Is Ignored\*](#)

IndyMedia - November 22, 2012

### [\*Salmon Still Not Receiving Promised Water\*](#)

San Francisco Chronicle – November 21, 2012

### [\*Spawning Experiment Takes Salmon Upstream\*](#)

Stockton Record - November 20, 2012

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