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****Lower Alameda Creek Dams, Alameda Creek, California****

Efforts Under Way to Restore Fish Runs on Alameda Creek

The Fremont-based Alameda Creek Alliance is calling for modification or removal of a series of small dams on the largest tributary to San Francisco Bay in order to benefit steelhead, trout and salmon. The Alliance is urging the Alameda County Flood Control District and the Alameda County Water District to construct fish ladders on barriers they own which are blocking fish spawning runs. The San Francisco Water Department is also considering removal of two small dams in the Niles Canyon area of Alameda Creek which are no longer in use. "Give these fish access to spawning habitat in and above Niles Canyon, and they'll restore themselves," said Jeff Miller, spokesperson for the Alliance. "We're close to a solution, if the water districts will cooperate. It's a good time to be a fish in Fremont!" Native steelhead in the creek have been netted and transported past the dams by volunteers for the past two winters.

For more information, contact Jeff Miller at the Alameda Creek Alliance (phone: 510.845.4675, web: www.formulate.com/alamedaCreek).

("Season's first steelhead trout takes a bow," San Jose Mercury News, 29 January 1999.)

("Steelhead trout seen again in Alameda Creek," Fremont Argus, 30 January 1999.)