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Creek alliance joins steelhead suit

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FREMONT — Charging that the steelhead trout is the victim of political pressure, the Alameda Creek Alliance joined a coalition that is suing the National Marine Fisheries Service.

The lawsuit, filed Tuesday in a San Francisco federal court, argues that the Marine Fisheries' failure to create regula-

tions protecting the steelhead trout violates the Endangered Species Act.

According to the coalition's attorney, the government has waited almost two years to establish new regulations for the threatened species because the regulations would require expensive changes in several state water projects.