

Happy New Year from the Alameda Creek Alliance!

Interesting Wildlife Sightings in the Watershed

On December 7th two bull tule elk were photographed in upper Sycamore Grove Park in Livermore, the first confirmed sightings of elk in the park. The Alameda County Water District reported a mountain lion seen on December 11 in Fremont near old quarry pit T-2, at Paseo Padre and Peralta, not far from rubber dam #2 along Alameda Creek.

On December 17, 144 species of birds were documented in the watershed, during the 2nd annual Eastern Alameda County Christmas Bird Count. Eighty three birders participated in the bird count and enjoyed good weather despite the impending storm. Read newspaper stories about the bird count in the Contra Costa Times, *Fowl Weather for a Christmas Bird Count* and in the Livermore Independent, *Residents Invited to Take Part in Annual Bird Count*.

http://www.contracostatimes.com/environment/ci_16886698?nlick_check=1
http://www.alamedacreek.org/Media_Articles/Livermore%20Independent/Livermore%20Independent%2012-2-10.pdf

The next interesting wildlife sighting could be yours! Steelhead spawning season is upon us and the late December storms brought up Alameda Creek flow to sufficient levels to attract fish from the Bay. Keep an eye out in lower Alameda Creek after the next storms for adult steelhead trying to migrate upstream. This may be the last winter of fish rescue before the fish ladder project at the BART weir.

Alameda Creek in the News

Road vs. Stream in Niles Canyon

Bay Nature Magazine – January 2011

<http://baynature.org/articles/jan-mar-2011/ear-to-the-ground/road-vs-stream-in-niles-canyon>

Regional Salmon News

Survey Indicates Bay-Delta 'Collapse'

Stockton Record – January 5, 2011

http://www.recordnet.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20110105/A_SPORTS03/101050328/-1/NEWSMAP

EPA Approves Historic Salmon Restoration Plan for Klamath River

EPA press release – January 4, 2011

<http://yosemite.epa.gov/opa/admpress.nsf/0/2BFCDE6032C3B3638525780E005BE8E3>

Good News, Bad News for Fish In Delta

Contra Costa Times – December 30, 2010

http://www.contracostatimes.com/environment/ci_16976494?nlick_check=1

DFG Survey Shows Continued Collapse of Delta Fish

AlterNet – December 29, 2010

<http://blogs.alternet.org/danbacher/2010/12/29/>

Open Letter to Jerry Brown: My Plan to Restore California Fisheries

AlterNet – December 27, 2010

<http://blogs.alternet.org/danbacher/2010/12/27/>

State Data Show Delta Fish Numbers Up and Down

Stockton Record – December 24, 2010

http://www.recordnet.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20101224/A_NEWS/12240317/-1/a_news14

Delta Decision Challenges Pumping Restrictions

Tracy Press – December 22, 2010

http://www.tracypress.com/view/full_story/10758664/article-Delta-decision-challenges-pumping-restrictions-?instance=home_news_bullets

Largest Salmon Run on Eel River In 77 Years Arrives After Tribal Ceremonies

AlterNet – December 21, 2010

<http://blogs.alternet.org/danbacher/2010/12/21>

Genetically Modified Fish Lawsuit Threatened

CBC News – December 20, 2010

<http://www.cbc.ca/canada/prince-edward-island/story/2010/12/20/pei-trout-unlimited-aquabounty-584.html#ixzz18h26w5aM>

Brentwood Fish Ladder to Help Marsh Creek Salmon

San Francisco Chronicle – December 18, 2010

<http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?f=/c/a/2010/12/18/BA3O1GSE0U.DTL>

Klamath River Prepared for Dam Removal

Capital Press – December 17, 2010

<http://www.capitalpress.com/print/TH-klamath-w-infoboxes-121710>

Wild Coho Salmon Run in Marin County Renews Hope

San Francisco Chronicle – December 17, 2010

<http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?f=/c/a/2010/12/16/MNCS1GQ185.DTL#ixzz18Z6U9sql>

Over 200 People Attend Jackie Speier's Salmon Summit

AlterNet – December 17, 2010

<http://blogs.alternet.org/danbacher/2010/12/17>

Obama Administration Releases Report Backing Peripheral Canal

AlterNet – December 16, 2010

<http://blogs.alternet.org/danbacher/2010/12/16>

U.S. Agency's Smelt Plan 'Arbitrary,' Judges Rules

San Francisco Chronicle – December 15, 2010

<http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?f=/c/a/2010/12/14/BAKO1GQMTM.DTL>

Effort Falters on San Francisco Bay Delta

New York Times – December 15, 2010

<http://www.nytimes.com/2010/12/15/science/earth/15delta.html?hp=&pagewanted=print>

Salmon Water Now Covers Salmon Summit in Half Moon Bay

IndyMedia – December 13, 2010

<http://www.indybay.org/newsitems/2010/12/13/18666452.php>

Panel Calls Delta Recovery Plan Woefully Incomplete

Contra Costa Times – December 8, 2010

http://www.contracostatimes.com/science/ci_16810796?nclick_check=1

Go With the Flow

San Francisco Chronicle Blog by Zeke Grader – December 8, 2010

http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/blogs/zgrader/detail?entry_id=78470#ixzz17Z5xAKTZ

Schwarzenegger's Abysmal Environmental Legacy

<http://www.indybay.org/newsitems/2010/12/03/18665548.php>

IndyMedia – December 3, 2010

Russian River Plan to Mine Gravel, Restore Habitat

San Francisco Chronicle - December 2, 2010

<http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?f=/c/a/2010/12/01/MNN51GJ70L.DTL>

Nimbus Fish Passage Project Alternatives Released

AlterNet – December 2, 2010

<http://blogs.alternet.org/danbacher/2010/12/02>

Special Interests Threaten Salmon Fisheries

Editorial by Jackie Speier

San Francisco Chronicle – December 1, 2010

<http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?f=/c/a/2010/12/01/EDU71GJP80.DTL>

Is San Francisco Bay Fished Out?

East Bay Express – December 1, 2010

<http://www.eastbayexpress.com/ebx/is-san-francisco-bay-fished-out/Content?oid=2241506>

New LawsUIT Seeks to Protect Fish

Conservation and Fishing Groups Want a Temporary Ban on Six Commonly Used Insecticides

Eugene Register-Guard – December 1, 2010

<http://www.registerguard.com/csp/cms/sites/web/news/cityregion/25609932-41/lawsuit-epa-pesticides-groups-agency.csp>

Salmon Now Spawning In American River Above Folsom Lake

AlterNet – December 1, 2010

<http://blogs.alternet.org/danbacher/2010/12/01>

Lost In the Valley of Excess

Earth Island Journal

http://www.earthisland.org/journal/index.php/eij/article/lost_in_the_valley_of_excess/

Westlands Quits Delta Habitat Effort

<http://www.fresnobee.com/2010/11/24/2171698/westlands-quits-delta-habitat.html>

Fresno Bee – November 24, 2010

Public Says No to Transgenic Fish, Demands Mandatory Labeling

Center for Food Safety press release – November 23, 2010

<http://ge-fish.org/2010/11/23/public-says-no-to-transgenic-fish-demands-mandatory-labeling/>

Delta Death

S.F. Bay Guardian – November 23, 2010

<http://www.sfbg.com/2010/11/16/delta-death>

Kings County Farmers Land Lucrative Water Sales

Fresno Bee – November 21, 2010

<http://www.fresnobee.com/2010/11/21/2168987/kings-county-farmers-land-lucrative.html>

Westlands Water District Says Political Appointees Should Decide Delta Flows

IndyMedia - November 17, 2010

<http://www.indybay.org/newsitems/2010/11/18/18664509.php>

Resources Secretary Announces Release of Delta Plan Reports

AlterNet – November 17, 2010

<http://blogs.alternet.org/danbacher/2010/11/17/resources-secretary-announces-release-of-delta-plan-reports/>

Protection Leads to Expansion

Stockton Record - November 17, 2010

http://www.recordnet.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20101117/A_SPORTS03/11170321/-1/NEWSMAP

Bay Area Coalition Calls Delta Plan a Water Grab

San Francisco Chronicle – November 16, 2010

<http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?f=/c/a/2010/11/16/MNER1GCCFV.DTL&ao=all#ixzz15TUxrFXq>

American River Salmon Numbers a Big Improvement Over Last Year

AlterNet – November 16, 2010

<http://blogs.alternet.org/danbacher/2010/11/16>

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