

# Delta Fly Fishers

April 2011

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**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE BY STEPHEN JOHNSON (THE TOP DOG IN CAMP)**

April, 2011

Nuclear Radiation Tester for the home. If you or a loved one are concerned about the possible radiation fallout from Japan's Fukushima reactor the following is the results of hundreds of hours my time testing and reviewing the latest home detection units. Mind you I am not charging a dime nor do I stand to gain anything finically from this advice...it is simply my way of giving back to you my friends.

Here is a readily available, innovative and inexpensive radiation tester:

1. Take a bag of Orville Redenbacher microwave popcorn.
2. Leave it on a table and if it starts popping ...you're screwed.

Even a Delta Fly Fishing club member can understand these results. Back after a while I'm going fishing.

The Prez.

Ok I'm back ...rained all day (Tuesday 3-29) fished the Applegate 3 hooked and 0 landed...fished got the better of this day.

Picture yourself in the heart of Douglas-Fir and Sitka spruce forest. Throw in a backdrop of towering white sand dunes, add some fresh-flowing water, hop in your drift boat, and your riding the Eden Express (local name) down Tenmile Creek to the Oregon coast. While you are faithfully reading this...this is where I will be for the next two days, wish me luck.

Finally the rain has stopped...most rivers are coming into fishable shape just in time for the spring runoff to beguine...careful ladies and gentlemen...things have changed, with all the higher than hell water the last several weeks your favorite rivers, creeks and back eddies have all been relocated up, down and sideways. Watch your step while wadding and use your wadding staff.

Some great raves on the poster and the work club member have done on our Delta Fly Fishing Challenge. The club and the committee for the Challenge should be very proud Thank you all for the hard work and your contributions to this very worthy cause.

Hopefully PG&E and Verizon have my utilities back up and running by the time I return...ruined a lot of good deer and buffalo meat during the last storm and I'm getting tired of Kate expecting to sleep in my bed to stay warm, besides without power she can't read and this makes her a cranky pup.

See ya all on the 13th when club member will instruct us on proper personal watercraft safety.

The Big Dog

## DDF SPONSORS THE DELTA FLY FISHING CHALLENGE

This month Delta Fly Fishers launches its angler recognition program to promote fly fishing for sport fish in the Delta and to foster appreciation of its fisheries and natural resources. Successful applicants must catch, photograph, and release six different sport fish (out of a list of 15 species) from the Delta using fly fishing gear. After receiving a completed application form, supporting photographs, and a \$5 application fee, Delta Fly Fishers will mail a personalized 11" x 14" color certificate suitable for framing.

For more information on this new award species program, go to our web site at: [www.deltaflyfishers.com/deltachallenge.html](http://www.deltaflyfishers.com/deltachallenge.html) (web page in progress) or contact Bob Fujimura at: [deltaflyfishers@gmail.com](mailto:deltaflyfishers@gmail.com)

## DDF's Annual Salt Springs Reservoir TRIP



Joe Balderston with a nice bass



Jim Rich and Rick Greene

### Delta Fly Fishing Challenge

Explore the greatest inland fishery on the West Coast

**DELTA FLY FISHING CHALLENGE**  
The Delta Fly Fishers recognize  
**JOHN H. FISHER**  
for his leadership in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta, encouragement of local fly fishing, and increase awareness of the Delta and its natural resources.

**THE DELTA FLY FISHING CHALLENGE** is an angler recognition program to promote knowledge and appreciation of sport fish that reside in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta, encourage local fly fishing, and increase awareness of the Delta and its natural resources.

**RULES**

Submit a completed application form downloaded from the Delta Fly Fishers Delta Fly Fishing Challenge webpage with clear photographs of 6 different species from the list of 15. All fish must be legally caught from the Delta using fly fishing gear and released alive. There is no time limit to complete the challenge and applicants may only earn one certificate per year. Please include a check for \$5.00 addressed to Delta Fly Fishers, which covers printing and shipping costs.

**ELIGIBLE SPORT FISH**

- Blind bass
- Logmouth bass
- Spotted bass
- Smallmouth bass
- Steelhead trout
- Sacramento pikeminnow
- Chinook salmon
- American shad
- Chinook coho
- White crappie
- Black crappie
- Bluegill
- Redhead sunfish
- Common carp
- Lake perch

**WHO WE ARE**

Delta Fly Fishers is a community organization whose members are dedicated to the furtherance of the art of fly fishing. To accomplish this, we actively participate in educational programs to teach anglers the techniques of fly fishing, fly tying, fishing ethics and the practice of catch and release.

We place great emphasis on conservation issues as they relate to the

Delta, local streams, and lakes. Delta Fly Fishers focuses on protection, preservation, and restoration. We have assumed the responsibility to monitor local waters and bring to the attention of the public and governmental agencies issues that threaten the conservation of sport fish. We encourage families and anglers of all ages to participate in the club's activities.

We host public meetings each 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month at the John H. Williams School, 2450 Meadow Ave., Stockton. We also host weekly fly casting and fly tying instruction on the other Wednesday evenings of the Oak Grove FISH.

Headquarters: Delta Fly Fishers, 1000 N. 1st St., Stockton, CA 95210  
Phone: (209) 948-9491  
Email: [deltaflyfishers@gmail.com](mailto:deltaflyfishers@gmail.com)

**MORE INFORMATION**

More information can be found at our website: [deltaflyfishers.com](http://deltaflyfishers.com). References on fly fishing methods and information on Delta sport fish can be found there and you can download a PDF application form. You may mail a PDF application form to: Delta Fly Fishers, Delta Fly Fishing Challenge Program, PO Box 71662, Stockton, CA 95207-7162 or email Bob Fujimura at [deltaflyfishers@gmail.com](mailto:deltaflyfishers@gmail.com).

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## DFF MENTOR PROGRAM

The Delta Fly Fishers Board of Directors, intent upon enhancing the existing Fishing Buddy Program, is proposing DFF adopt a Mentor Program which is proactive and broadly inclusive. The primary objective is, by sharing fly fishing skills and knowledge of existing DFF members with new members, this will assist new members in getting acquainted with existing members, with club activities and, generally speed the transition from new member to old friend.

The Board of Directors recognizes this will take considerable commitment from the existing membership and does encourage the active participation of current members. The following broad guidelines are thought to be necessary for this program.

- Every existing member willing to serve, as a Mentor will be asked to complete a skills/knowledge list that they will share with new members as requested. The Mentor Program Chairperson will maintain these documents.
- Every new member will be asked to complete a skills/knowledge request form, which the Mentor Program Chair will also maintain.
- The Mentor Program Chair will introduce any and all new members before the General Program begins and will make an effort to introduce the new members to DFF Officers and Board Members.
- Under consideration is the additional incentive for new members of some free raffle tickets.
- The Mentor Program Chair will follow up on matching a Mentor with a new member based on skills/knowledge sought and skills/knowledge available. The mentor and new member will work out a compatible schedule by which to transfer skills/knowledge. The Mentor Program Chair as needed can make reassignments.
- Examples of mentoring include such things as guiding a new member on local waters within a few months of assignment, accompany the new member to a local fly shop to assist with gear purchases, contact the new member a few days before each monthly meeting to remind the new member of the meeting and program, assisting with casting skills, how to tie useful knots and/or fly tying, sharing information regarding fly fishing destinations including basic travel tips and promoting new members to join DFF in its outings

Over time the Mentor Program may be extended to include existing members who want to learn new skills/knowledge.

### SAVE MART MARKETS – S.H.A.R.E.S

As a reminder, DFF has joined with Save Mart Markets via the S.H.A.R.E.S. program. DFF earns 3% of most purchases made by customers using the card provided to DFF by Save Mart.

Since the last report about our SHARES participation, the membership has responded to the need. The donations from SHARES for the past two quarters totaled approximately \$484.00. Thank you membership. We have an additional 50 SHARES cards coming that will be distributed to new members, family and friends. Continue to shop Save Mart Markets! There is no additional cost to you. It merely gives 3% to DFF that otherwise would go to market profit.

<b>Fishing Mentor Request</b> NAME _____ DATE _____ PHONE CONTACTS: (1) _____ (2) _____ The best time to contact me is _____ My E-mail address is: _____ <b>I WOULD LIKE A FISHING MENTOR TO HELP ME WITH ONE OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Casting <input type="checkbox"/> Fly Tying <input type="checkbox"/> Attending Outings <input type="checkbox"/> Equipment <input type="checkbox"/> Knot Tying <input type="checkbox"/> Float Tubing <input type="checkbox"/> Pontoon Boating <input type="checkbox"/> Stream Fishing <input type="checkbox"/> Lake Fishing <input type="checkbox"/> Trout Fishing <input type="checkbox"/> Steelhead Fishing <input type="checkbox"/> Shad Fishing <input type="checkbox"/> Bass Fishing <input type="checkbox"/> Striper Fishing <input type="checkbox"/> Salt Water Fishing <input type="checkbox"/> Private Water Fishing <input type="checkbox"/> Rod Building <input type="checkbox"/> Selecting a Guide <input type="checkbox"/> Travel <input type="checkbox"/> Entomology <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____  Please describe what you would like help with _____  If you need further information, please contact the Fishing Mentor Chairman: Steve Cooper, 956-1032 or e-mail @ <a href="mailto:repooc3@sbcglobal.net">repooc3@sbcglobal.net</a> Mail the form to: Delta Fly Fishers P.O. Box 77862 Stockton, CA 95207
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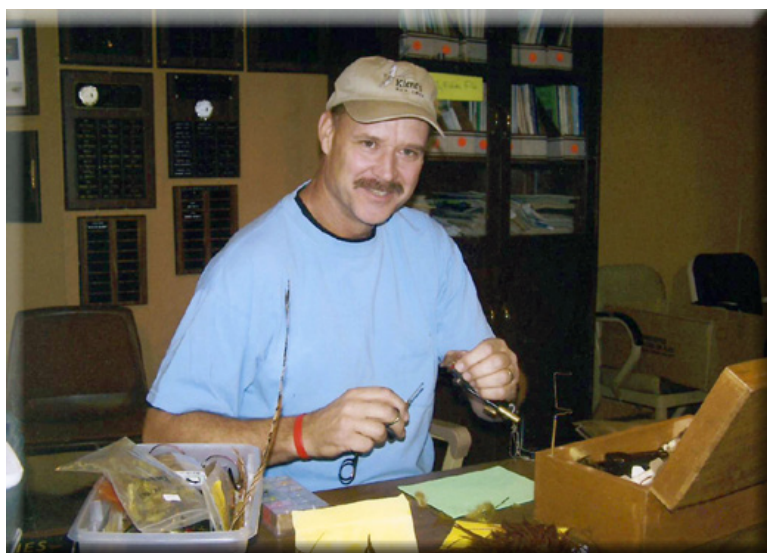
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## WEDNESDAY NIGHT FLY CASTING AND TYING



The weekly Wednesday evening fly casting sessions have resumed this Spring. But not all is lost. Meet Jim Rich and Joe Balderston in the Nature Center, at Oak Grove Park, at 6:30 and do some fly casting and/or tying. The exception is the 2nd Wednesday night when DFF has its monthly meeting.

Whether you are a novice and want tips on how to tie or cast or an expert that wants an excuse to get out of the house, then come out for the camaraderie of other members. This is an excellent chance improve your fly casting, tying and/or BS abilities. For more information contact Joe Balderston at 649-0291 or Jim Rich at 477-6404.

### MEMBERSHIP

**BOB FUJIMURA, MEMBERSHIP CHAIR**

### Membership Form

Regular membership – \$30 \*

Family membership – \$35\*

Senior (individuals 62 years or older) – \$25.00\*

\*Add \$10 to receive a printed newsletter by U.S. mail

Dues are for one year, from September 1 to August 31. Please fill out then mail to:

Bob Fujimura, Membership Chairman

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Check one:

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I would like to be on the \_\_\_\_\_ committee

Please enclose any dues as a check made to Delta Fly Fishers.

If there is any questions or problems please contact: Bob

Fujimura at 339-0683 or e-mail at [deltaflyfishers@gmail.com](mailto:deltaflyfishers@gmail.com).

What a month of wet and cold weather March was! I'm watching a heavy rain shower as I'm writing this column. Hopefully, we will get warmer, spring-like weather starting in April.

Special thanks goes to C.J. Webb who donated to our club some like-new computer accessories between some serious snowstorms in her hometown of Bridgeport CA. The families of Michael Bird and Steve Nash of Stockton are our newest club members; please welcome them at their next club visit.

As most of you know we have been encouraging all members to receive their newsletters by e-mail attachment or by downloading from our website to speed delivery and reduce circulation costs. Starting April 1st, any NEW members will be asked to pay a \$10.00 per year surcharge if they want to receive their newsletters as hard copies by U.S. mail. Any current member who received mailed newsletters will continue to do so for no additional charge. This surcharge will help defray the costs of printing and mailing these hard copies.

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If you need new or renewing membership forms, please download them from the DFF Membership website page at <http://www.deltaflyfishers.com/membership.html>.

### Bass-N-Fly

Bass-N-Fly... fly fishing only tournament will not be held this year. It will return in 2012...reason posted is family health issues that are conflicting with scheduling the tournament. Per Ken Hanley



## CONSERVATION

BY RON FORBES

If fishing is a religion, fly fishing is high church ---Tom Brokaw

Delta Fly Fishers have a long history in the maintenance, protection, and restoration of our fisheries. For the last several years, the Conservation Report has included articles regarding our loss of Delta waters to the south San Joaquin Valley's agribusiness interest and to the urban areas in Southern California. We know the loss of water, needed for the Delta, is one of the leading causes in the collapse of the Delta's ecosystem including the collapse of its fisheries. And now we are faced with another major problem facing the Delta and the State's eco-system. That problem is our State's agriculture and its unmonitored use of herbicides, pesticides, and fertilizers. The State's Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB) has laws that require urban areas, business, and industry to monitor their water discharges and they are required to comply with State standards for clean water.

However, in California, we farm 7 million acres of land which enjoys a total exemption from California's Clean Water Act. For over thirty years, farms have been exempted from having to comply with regulations because of the strong political clout agriculture coalitions have on our legislature. This political clout allows what has been identified as the largest toxic polluter of the Delta and Central Valley to continue their operations. This source of toxins continues to be unchecked by the State. In a five year period (2002-2007) the State has found over 300 sites that dump massive amounts of pollution and toxins in our waterways. This pollution exceeds the State standards in the Clean Water Act yet it continues year after year. And nothing has been done to correct this pollution. Today over 150,000 people's, living in the south Central Valley; source of drinking water has been declared undrinkable and unusable for human hygiene. They must transport all their water for drinking and bathing. Two sessions ago, there was a bill that was passed by both houses that would have corrected this problem. But our former governor vetoed the bill because Westlands opposed its passage. We must end agriculture's exclusion from our State's Clean Water Act, or as California Sportfishing Protection Alliance (CSPA) says, "Our fish will continue to live and reproduce in toxic soup."

Farmland run-off has been identified as the largest single source of pollution in the Delta, Central Valley, and their ground waters. Since 1982, agribusiness has enjoyed the exemption of their production of toxins and pollution from any regulation. And again, the State is now considering yet another three year exemption for the farms from the California Water Quality Act. And this policy will be in place by the end of this year unless we speak out. The public's chance to oppose continuing this exemption will be at a public meeting early this April. The meeting will be:

Date: April 7, 2011

Time: 8:30AM Watch CSPA's excellent video on farm pollution: [calsport.org](http://calsport.org)

Central Valley Water Board Office  
11020 Sun Center Drive, Suite 200  
Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

Both Steve Johnson and I will attend the RWQCB meeting in Rancho Cordova to protest the extension of the farmer's exclusion from the Clean Water Act. We have added Delta Fly Fisher's logo along with other fishing group's logos who oppose this exclusion. Bill Jennings, the executive director of CSPA, will present our side of the issue before the RWQCB and present the logos of all fishing groups opposing the Regional Board's continuing their current policy. To correct our toxic surface and groundwater, CSPA is proposing the Regional Board make the following changes:

- Eliminate third party coalitions and require individual discharger's submit reports to the Regional Board identifying the location and content of both surface and groundwater.
- Monitor discharges to surface and groundwater and the effectiveness measures implemented to reduce pollution.
- Require all farm discharger's to prepare individual farm water quality management plans implemented to reduce pollution. These plans must be made available to the Regional Board and the public.
- Require compliance with water quality standards in the near-term.
- Demonstrate consistency with the State's non-point source and antidegradation policies

The worse toxic water polluters in the Central Valley and the Delta have been given free rein to continue their pollution since 1982. As the CSPA video says, "It's time to stop the fox from guarding the hen house. It's time we put a stop this on-going environmental atrocity".



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## April 16 Annual Kelsey Bass Ranch Outing



Our Annual Kelsey Bass Ranch Outing will be held on April 16th, 2011. This year's event is two week later than our normal first Saturday in April outing.

The Kelsey Ranch is located about 28 miles east of Turlock and east of Snelling, Ca. Kelsey Lake is a 125 acre impoundment stocked with trophy size Florida Black Bass. For those who have never been there before please contact Al Smatsky at 209-368-9261 for directions.

Our past outings; the past two years the weather was cold in early April slowing the bit and moving the black bass into deeper water, a few anglers reported catching a fair amount of bass but no one had a big number day. Prior to that, we had a few years of warmer weather with good to excellent fishing. Bob Sousa and Steve Von Berg reported catching a very good number of black bass using poppers.

You may sign up any time by e-mailing Al Smatsky at [algofish@softcom.net](mailto:algofish@softcom.net) or call 209-368-926. You can sign up at the April meeting as well. The cost for the outing is \$85 per person and this will include a very nice barbeque lunch prepared by Al.



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### REMINDER FROM THE PROPERTY CHAIR HERMAN SPALINGER

Legends, Inc is allowing us to embroider our logo on some of our personal items (fly fishing shirts or sweatshirts) for a one-time production. IF YOU HAVE ANY CLEAN FLY FISHING SHIRTS or SWEATSHIRTS in a dark color please BRING SAID ITEMS TO OUR NEXT REGULAR MEETING, March 9th, so I can deliver them to Legends for a one-time run. Darker colors work better as the logo is the same as on our T-shirts, gold and orange lettering. The more items I can collect the cheaper the cost. If I get over 12 items, the cost is 7.50 each; if I get over 24 items, the cost is 5.90 each. PLEASE DO NOT PROCRASTINATE. If you can't make it to the meeting and have an item you want embroidered with our club logo, call Herman at 209-477-3412.



## PLEASE SUPPORT OUR SPONSORS

## STOCKTON STEELHEAD DAY AND THE RIVER SYMPOSIUM

On Sunday May 1, 2011 Delta Fly fishers is helping Friends of the Lower Calaveras (FLCR) present its first Stockton Steelhead Festival. The festival will be a day of art, live music, food booths and a Conservation Court. The purpose of the event is to raise the awareness of the people of Stockton to conserve and restore the Calaveras River's threatened salmon and steelhead populations. Delta Fly Fishers two "home" rivers are the Mokelumne and the Calaveras.

The day will kick off with parade of children wearing steelhead hats matching from UOP to the Tuxedo Court and Pacific Ave. The booths will be on Pacific Avenue and the Conservation Court will be located on Tuxedo Court. There will also be a fishing tank for kids with 150 trout available. Jeremy Terhune of FLCR has asked me to be in charge of the Conservation Court for Delta Fly Fishers.

Our members of our club have stepped up to the plate and there has been a good response to the request for help. Both Jim Rich and Rick Greene will be giving fly casting instruction. We will have two tables and will exhibit fly tying, a video loop representing our club, Herm Spalinger's fish carving, our professional guides and information about us as a club (who we are, what we are about, and how to join). Information on our Delta Challenge will be presented. FLCR hopes 1,500 to 2,000 people will attend. For those of you, who can attend, wear any clothing that id's you as a Delta Fly Fisher (hats shirts etc.). This will be a great chance for our club to be seen in Stockton.

So far we have a good line up of groups in the Conservation Court. These groups include:

- Delta Fly Fishers
- US Army Corp of Engineers (Hogan Dam)
- The Sierra Club
- Restore the Delta
- The Audubon Society
- The Fisheries Foundation
- US Fish and Wildlife Service
- The Foothill Conservancy
- California Dept. of Fish and Game
- Fish Bio
- Cramer Fish Science
- Recreation Equipment Inc.

It looks like a great day and a great chance for Delta Fly Fishers to be seen in the community.

The FLCR is also sponsoring The State of our Rivers Symposium, May 2, 2011 at:

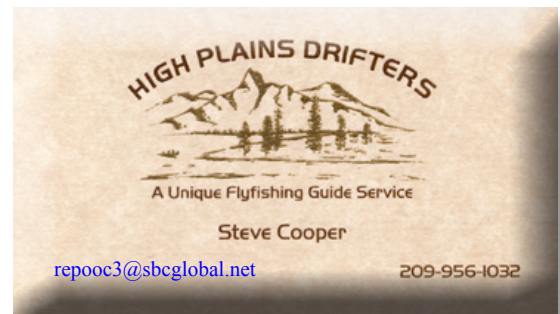
The San Joaquin Council of Governments Regional Building  
555 E. Weber Ave  
Stockton, CA

The meeting will be from 9:00am -12:00 pm

The purpose of the symposium is to consider the health, management, and conservation of the four rivers that supply water to residents of San Joaquin County. These rivers include the Mokelumne, the Calaveras, the Stanislaus, and the San Joaquin. The "State of Our Rivers" symposium will be hosted by FLCR, NPO's, government agencies, and policy - making agencies. CSPA will also make a Statement.

The public and all interested groups are invited to attend.

There will be no charge to attend the symposium.



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Every 2nd Wed (Except July & Aug) 7:00 PM	John R Williams School Stockton	<b>Membership Meeting</b> Contact Marty Kjelson 477-9618 John Keagy 369-5690
Every 3rd Wed (Except July) 7:00 PM	Nature Center Oak Grove Park, Stockton	<b>Board Meeting</b> All Members Welcome
Wednesday April 13	John R Williams School Stockton	<b>Personal Watercraft Safety</b> Larry Schmidt
Saturday April 16	Kelsey Bass Ranch Snelling, CA	<b>DFE Annual Bass Outing</b> Al Smatsky - 368-9261
Wednesday April 20	Nature Center Oak Grove Park, Stockton	<b>Board Meeting</b> All Members Welcome
Saturday May 1	Various Locations Stockton, CA	<b>1st Annual Stockton Steelhead Day and River Symposium</b>
Wednesday May 11	John R Williams School Stockton	<b>Affordable Alaska Wilderness Fishing Adventures</b> John Squires



CJ's Backyard



CJ's Office at Virginia Lakes

## Eastern Sierra Report

CJ Webb often gives us her Eastern Sierra Report. This is a good way to keep up with what is happening on the Eastern Sierras. This has been a long winter for her so hopefully she will start her reports again for the May issue. Anyway, she sent us some pictures of all of the snow they have on the Eastern Sierras. Look at her pictures and no more gripping about having to put up with a little rain here.



Top of Conway Summit

**CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME NEWS RELEASE**  
**MARCH 23, 2011**

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Kirsten Macintyre, DFG Communications, (916) 322-8988

**Endangered Coho Salmon Return to Russian River**

Scientists working on the recovery of endangered Coho salmon in Northern California appreciate success even if it comes in small doses. Field biologists from the California Department of Fish and Game (DFG) are reporting the largest number of Coho returning to spawn in Sonoma County tributaries of the Russian River in more than a decade.

Most of these fish were released as fingerlings into the river system, as part of a captive broodstock program at Don Clausen Warm Springs Hatchery on Lake Sonoma. The broodstock program began 10 years ago, when wild Coho salmon were rapidly vanishing from the region.

Prior to the launch of the recovery program in 2001, the number of returning adult Coho salmon averaged less than four per year. These low numbers were the catalyst for the Russian River Coho Salmon Captive Broodstock Program, a recovery effort in which offspring from hatchery-reared adults are released into the river system.

This year, biologists estimate that more than 190 adult Coho may have returned to the Russian River system, beginning with early storms in October and peaking in December. Promisingly, a few Coho are being sighted in creeks that are not stocked, utilizing habitat beyond those tributaries in which Coho are released.

“We are hopeful that Coho salmon released through this program will continue to return to the Russian River system in increasing numbers and begin to establish self-sustaining populations,” says Manfred Kittel, Coho Salmon Recovery Coordinator for DFG’s Bay Delta Region. “The program is a cornerstone of Coho salmon recovery efforts in central California, but the number of fish observed this year must be seen in perspective. A healthy Coho population should number in the tens of thousands in California.”

Coho salmon abundance has declined dramatically statewide in the past few years. Biologists believe that additional captive breeding efforts and other focused recovery measures will likely have to be instituted to prevent widespread extinction of Coho salmon in central California.

Coho salmon in central California are listed as an endangered species under both the State and Federal Endangered Species Acts. It is against the law to catch them anywhere in the state.

The Russian River Coho Salmon Captive Broodstock Program is a broad coalition of government agencies, scientists and private landowners dedicated to bringing back productive salmon runs. Its members include DFG, which manages the hatchery component at the Don Clausen Warm Springs Hatchery, University of California Sea Grant Extension, National Marine Fisheries Service, U.S. Army Corp of Engineers and Sonoma County Water Agency.

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