



## Salmonid Restoration Federation

### 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Salmonid Restoration Conference March 4-7, 2009 in Santa Cruz, CA

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The 27th Annual Salmonid Restoration Conference will be held March 4-7, 2009 in Santa Cruz, California. This is the premiere habitat restoration conference in the Pacific Northwest and hosting the conference in Santa Cruz affords wonderful opportunities to view projects on the Central Coast and highlight issues that pertain to coastal watershed and coho salmon recovery. Executive Director and Conference Agenda Coordinator reflects, "During this time of economic and water droughts in California, it is more important than ever for restorationists, fisheries biologists, and planners to come together to learn about pioneering habitat restoration techniques and create long-term sustainable solutions to climate and policy issues that affect the restoration field and salmonid recovery."

This year the conference will feature workshops on topics including Estuary Restoration, Fish Passage Design and Implementation, Coho Use and Restoration of Off-channel Habitat, Watershed Monitoring and Assessment, and Sustainable Agriculture: Water Quality and Riparian Habitat Restoration. All day field tours will include tours highlighting Resource Management for Steelhead and Coho Salmon Conservation in Santa Cruz county: a Tour of San Lorenzo River and Soquel Creek projects, Carmel River Restoration Projects, Southern Coho Streams and the NOAA lab and Broodstock program, Coho Salmon and Steelhead Enhancement Projects on the Santa Cruz North Coast, Dams and Daylighting: Progress and Opportunities in San Francisquito Creek and half-day tours of fish passage projects and sustainable agriculture projects after those morning workshops.

The Plenary session will feature Dr. Peter Moyle and Dr. Josh Israel from UC Davis who will discuss the state of California salmonids in California, Mike Furniss from Redwood Sciences Lab who will address climate change and salmonid recovery, Dr. Astrid Scholz of Ecotrust will give a presentation on marine ecology and oceanic conditions affect salmonids, and Dr. Bob Curry of Watershed Systems will highlight the status of restoration efforts in Monterey Bay and adjacent watersheds.

Concurrent sessions address biological, policy, and environmental and physical issues affecting salmonids. Concurrent sessions include the following topics: Water Diversions & Water Wars in California. FERC Relicensing Restoration Opportunities, Central & South Coast Steelhead: Biology, Genetics, and Recovery Strategies, Fire Ecology, Forests, and Fisheries, Dam Removal and Modifications for Salmonid Recovery Restoration at the Crossroads, Juvenile Steelhead and Coho Salmon: Central Coast Habitat and Population Research, Hydrologic and Geomorphic Legacy Issues: Solutions for the Past and the Future, Coho Salmon Recovery and Restoration: Putting Theory into Practice.

The conference also features the *Wild & Scenic Environmental Film Festival on Tour*, and a wild salmon banquet, awards ceremony, silent auction, cabaret and concert with Latin-Jazz dance band Lo Cura <http://www.myspace.com/locuramusica> To learn more about the conference or to register online, please visit <http://www.calsalmon.org/>

