

# ANGLERS BACK IN ACTION AS WEATHER CLEARS!

***THE NEW YEAR STARTED SLOW BUT WITH THE CONSISTENT WEATHER, AND SOME HEAVY PLANTS, FISH COUNTS ARE BACK UP!***

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**Alameda County** – There was a slight lull in the action due to the mid-week holidays that made some end of the year plants difficult to schedule. The first week of January was also tough due to the heavy rains and most lakes suffered serious water condition issues. This past week, after some great weather, and a continuation of some heavy plants, conditions are significantly improved, and action has improved as well.

Quarry Lakes has been the most productive of the area's lakes. Two recent plants and a solid number of hold over trout have given most anglers a solid shot at some heavy stringers. The EPRPD has been pumping in water and the lake is now about full. The cove is very fishable, as is Fisherman's Row. Some spots on the peninsula have been covered and the shoreline alongside the tube can be a little tight. Last week the fish were a bit disoriented by the high water, but things settled after a couple of days. This week the lake received another 1,000 pounds of Lassen's and action has been as good or even better than any time this season. Cove anglers have seen a mix of both DFG's and Lassen's on spoons and jigs, and there were even a couple of holdover lightning trout in the mix. Bait anglers fishing the row, have done equally well. Lake conditions are very good with limited weeds, and clear water and has made for some great action sight casting to fish cruising the shoreline. There has been a moderate bass bite for anglers fishing Shinn with shallow crank baits. There were no reports from Rainbow or Grau.

Lake Temescal was blown out for most of the past two weeks and is still a bit stained, but action this week was solid for a mix of both DFG's and Lassen's. The lake received 1,000 pounds of Lassen's mid-week and these fish were beautiful. The color and health of these fish is remarkable. Most fish taken were in the 1-3-pound range, but there were several taken over 5-pounds and a 7.6 pounder was taken from the main dock on a jig. The water is slightly stained and larger profile spoons fished deep have been the most productive. Pink has been very effective, yellow and orange combinations have been good, and red has also been producing. Bait anglers have been doing well and this weekend should be very good. The park district conducted an extensive clean up and there are now far more shoreline access points.

Lake Del Valle received a 1,000-pound Lassen plant on Friday. The water level did come up slightly, but the lake is still low. The water level is hovering in the mid 30-percent compared to a summer level in the low 50-52-percent range, but the lower water does not appear to be affecting the action. There has been a good mix of largemouth and smallmouth bass, trout, catfish as well as the occasional striper. The low water has made it difficult to fish the East Swim Beach but has exposed plenty of shoreline beyond the Narrows.

Shadow Cliffs did not receive a plant this week. The fish are spread throughout the lake and despite some limited access, action should be decent in most of the fishable spots. Conditions are good, but we need a fish plant.

Lake Chabot remains tough. This week the lake received a 1,000-pound Lassen plant but action has been slow. Water conditions are fair with stain. It might be a good weekend to focus on the shoreline out to Indian Cove and Racoon point. Trolling might also be a decent bet.

Contra Loma received a DFW plant last week and trout action remains only fair. Conditions are good but reports are low. There has been a decent bass bite.

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