

Will Restoration Make a Difference in the Delta?

Delta Science Program Sponsored Seminar Asks the Question

SACRAMENTO – As plans to restore Delta habitats are developed and implemented, there is a need to more fully understand how habitat in the Delta can be restored to benefit native fish species. Will restoring marshes and other habitats contribute to the recovery of the Delta's native fish? Plans for the Delta assume that restoration and/or construction of thousands of acres of tidal marsh will have major benefits to fish, but some critics are skeptical.

To address these and other issues, the Delta Stewardship Council is hosting a free day-long seminar to explore the ecological linkages between tidal marshes and fish in the Delta. The program, co-sponsored with the U.C. Davis Center for Aquatic Biology and Aquaculture (CABA) and the American Fisheries Society's CA-NV Chapter, will include Rutgers University Institute of Marine and Coastal Sciences Professor Dr. Ken Able and Dr. Don Baltz, Chair of the Department of Oceanography & Coastal Sciences at Louisiana State University as speakers, among others.

- WHAT:** Seminar: Tidal Marshes and Native Fishes in the Delta:
Will Restoration Make a Difference?
- WHEN:** Monday, June 10, 2013, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
- WHERE:** Ballroom B, U.C. Davis Conference Center
442 Memorial Union, One Shields Ave., Davis, CA 95616
- WHO:** Dr. Ken Able, Dr. Don Baltz, Dr. Peter Moyle, Dr. Peter Goodwin, et.al
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Event RSVP: <http://tidalmarshes.eventbrite.com/#>

A second seminar, *BREACH III: Evaluating and Predicting 'Restoration Thresholds' in Evolving Freshwater-Tidal Marshes*, reports on the ongoing evaluation of the restoration of Liberty Island. The seminar will be held 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, June 11, 2013 at The Alumni Center, Capitol Room at Sac State. Agenda: <http://goo.gl/XrZFj>

"Coequal goals" means the two goals of providing a more reliable water supply for California and protecting, restoring, and enhancing the Delta ecosystem. The coequal goals shall be achieved in a manner that protects and enhances the unique cultural, recreational, natural resource, and agricultural values of the Delta as an evolving place."

– CA Water Code §85054