

# GARCIA RIVER RESTORATION UPDATE with CRAIG BELL

Thursday, April 5, 2012, 7:00 p.m.  
Admission is \$5

Interested in learning what is happening to salmon and steelhead on the Garcia River and other rivers and streams along the Mendocino coast? Want to know what restoration efforts are in process? Be sure to attend Craig Bell's lecture Thursday, April 5.

Bell, the Garcia River Watershed Coordinator, is also a former logger, commercial salmon fisherman and local steelhead guide for over twenty five years, who can present a large view of the Garcia River complete with loggers, ranchers, environmentalists, fishermen and corporate interests. The needed cooperation among these often competing stakeholders makes this restoration project particularly interesting. Earlier practices, especially those involving logging, seriously impacted a number of local rivers over many years. Conscious efforts to restore spawning grounds and shore up eroding banks have paid visible dividends in the recovery of steelhead, coho, chinook and even humpback salmon.

Bell will explain the effects of forming a watershed

advisory group, developing a restoration plan, training/employing local citizens in the restoration program, and attracting the interest of larger non-profit investment. Garcia River efforts created many important firsts for California. So far the slowing economy has not affected the budget needed to continue this program. He is also knowledgeable about the federal, state, and private funding that underwrites the costs. He has served as President of the Salmonid Restoration Federation, as Chair of the Mendocino County Fish and Game Commission, and as consultant to the Conservation Fund, Pacific Watershed Associates and the California Department of Fish and Game.

If you would like to learn about the topic before the lecture on April 5, many websites provide pictures, reports and detailed analysis of the work done on Mendocino watersheds.



Before restoration.



After restoration.

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