

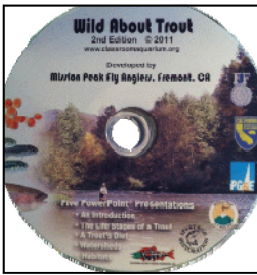
## Education and Outreach

CIFFI supports programs that not only directly enhance California's fisheries, but also provide youth with opportunities to become educated about and enjoy our outdoor heritage. Donations and grants are made to groups dedicated to providing young people with activities they might never have otherwise experienced. Listed below are some of the groups CIFFI is proud to be affiliated with:



- Hooked on Fishing, Not Drugs Chico
- Kids Catch a Smile Day
- CSBA West Delta Chapter
- Kids Day of Fishing Fairfield
- Kids Outdoor Sports Camp
- Tiburon Salmon Institute
- Western Outdoors Youth Fair
- Placer Sportsmen Kids Fish Derby
- Markley Cove Purple Heart Veterans Fishing Event
- Tahoe Heritage Foundation

CIFFI works with the Department of Fish & Game, California Aquarium Education Program and was instrumental, in its partnership with Pacific Gas & Electric, to provide funding for the reproduction, printing and distribution of 5,000 copies of "Wild About Trout" CD program. This Power Point presentation, complete with scripts and photos, is for extended classroom use by teachers in their Aquatic Wild curriculum.



## Fundraising Activities

CIFFI is a volunteer-operated, tax-deductible 501 C3 non-profit foundation, incorporated in the State of California, dedicated to the enhancement of freshwater angling opportunities in California. In addition to membership dues, CIFFI relies on its partnerships with sponsors, donors, and other conservation-oriented groups to help sustain the many programs and projects. Annual fundraising activities, such as the Family Fun Fishing Derbies, the Annual Dinner and the PELT events provide additional funds and public support plays an important role. Your support is encouraged and appreciated.



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*Fisheries For Now ... and the Future.*

## From the President

Friends:

It's amazing how the love of the outdoors, camaraderie and the challenge of angling can bring like-minded folks together. California Inland Fisheries Foundation, Inc. began back in 1991 when the California Dept. of Fish & Game made a decision to no longer fund kokanee plants in California's lakes. A small group of concerned anglers formed CIFFI and raised the money to support the kokanee program going forward. Since that time, CIFFI has branched out and is also involved in improving angling opportunities for trout and land-locked king salmon. In addition to working with DFG on egg-take and hatchery activities and fish-rearing pen projects, CIFFI has diversified and in partnership with conservation groups, supports many youth, veterans and other outdoors-related activities. That small original band of anglers has grown into a vibrant and active organization that is dedicated to the fisheries in Northern California.

This brochure highlights details of the annual activities and accomplishments of CIFFI. Continued support is vital to accomplish these tasks – by working together, the good works will continue. CIFFI invites you to attend the fundraisers, family fun derbies and other events in support of our fisheries – this is key to our past successes and critical to our future. For more information, please visit our website <http://www.CIFFI.org>.

Garry Erck  
CIFFI President



## Become a Member!

## Project Kokanee

As its major goal, CIFFI participates in the kokanee planting program in California. Changes in Federal dollars has placed a burden on the California



Department of Fish & Game that relies on funding this program to continue. CIFFI has contributed hundreds of thousands of dollars for egg collection, incubation, hatchery rearing and planting expenses. Funds generated by membership dues, sponsors, partnerships, grants, fundraising events and donations have helped to provide hatchery equipment and improvements to help



increase efficiency and productivity. CIFFI contributes in the kokanee egg-taking process, with volunteers working in the streams. Over twenty million

fingerlings have been planted in California and CIFFI continues to increase public interest and awareness of this well established fishery.

## Project Rainbow Trout

CIFFI supports several trout-rearing pens - the survival rate for trout held, fed and released at a larger size is enhanced. Currently, existing pens at Lake Berryessa and Collins Lake hold trout throughout the winter months which are released in the spring. CIFFI provides fish food and performs pen repairs as needed.

## Project Eagle Lake Trout

PELT is a non-profit organization, associated with CIFFI, dedicated to enhancing the Eagle Lake fishery and improving the safety for boaters on the water. CIFFI provides administrative support as the parent organization.

Fundraising efforts began as a community-based, effort at Spalding Tract at Eagle Lake, to provide support to the California Dept. of Fish & Game with its management of this "Heritage" fishery. PELT funds, administered by the "Steering Committee", pay for fish food, labor, maintenance and other requirements for "bonus" fish at the hatcheries. In addition to regular plants at the Lake, fish are kept in the hatchery longer, creating larger fish for planting in the spring and fall. PELT also funds construction of weirs to divert spawning fish, seasonal aides for DFG, fish rescue gear, monitoring equipment and buoys in the lake.

Two annual fundraising activities, one during the July 4<sup>th</sup> celebration, the other over Labor Day, raise most of the necessary funds. Donation boxes displayed in local businesses also contribute.

