

## **Arcade Creek History - Salmon and Steelhead Observed in Arcade Creek**

### **Fall 2016**

#### **Dec. 19, 2016**

John Mayfield reported a sighting of a Chinook salmon on a small tributary running through a residential/rural neighborhood north of Orange Grove Ave. This makes 6 now so far this fall!



**Dec. 11, 2016** – John Mayfield reported sighting a large fish, most likely a salmon, swiftly swimming upstream under the Bus. 80 Bridge upstream of Watt Ave at about 9 a.m. Randy Smith spotted a fish, a salmon or Steelhead, moving upstream quickly from the Pasadena Ave. footbridge about 10 a.m., about 2 miles upstream from the other fish at Bus. 80.

**Dec. 4, 2016** – Randy Smith spotted the Chinook salmon pictured below just downstream from Garfield Avenue. Upon comparison with his earlier photo from Nov. 28 (see Nov. 30 blog post), Randy verified that this is the same fish based on the mottling pattern near the dorsal fin. (This salmon downstream from Garfield Avenue was verified by Bill Templin and Katie Cantrell).



Above photo by Randy Smith

**November 28, 2016** – Randy Smith and his neighbor, Steve, observed this Chinook salmon (pictured below) swimming upstream from the Pasadena Ave footbridge.



Above photo by Randy Smith

**November 22, 2016** – Gordon McMurray reported this 32 inch long male Chinook salmon carcass (pictured below) just downstream of Pasadena Ave footbridge at 10 a.m. A dorsal fin clipping sample was taken by Bill Templin and delivered to Cramer Fish Sciences for genetics analysis. Another “large fish” had been spotted moving upstream from this site October 31 and was reported by two walkers to Randy Smith.



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## Winter 2015/2016

**Feb. 7, 2016** – Randy Smith spoke with Ken Copeland, and Bill Templin confirmed on Feb. 8, that Ken and his daughter Kelly reported observing a salmon over 20 inches long in a pool upstream of a beaver dam near Kohler Creek, on Arcade Creek upstream of the “pipe bridge” at American River College.

**Feb. 6, 2016** – Bill Templin, Regan Morey and Randy Smith documented and photographed a 27 inch female Chinook salmon upstream of Auburn Blvd. at Winding Way. A dorsal fin sample was taken by Bill Templin to [Gregg Schumer](#), Lab Director at Cramer Fish Sciences Genetics Lab in West Sac for analysis. On April 4, Gregg reported that this fish’s genetic origin was Battle Creek’s Fall run.



**Jan. 4, 2016** – Kirsten Ruiz from Lincoln/Barrett Hills reported on “Nextdoor” that her husband used to fish near ARC. There were so many fish they used pitch forks or their hands to take them. She didn’t have any pics. He also used to catch trout in Carmichael Creek where it dumps into Ancil Hoffman. She is interested in seeing our creeks get restored so they can have habitats that support these fish for future generations to enjoy.

**Jan. 3, 2016** – Bill Templin and Doug Masterson observed the same fish in the same location as noted above on Dec. 26, 2015. The female Chinook was noted hiding under a concrete slab and had begun to change colors and was turning orange.

**Jan. 2, 2016** – Bill Templin and Randy Smith documented and photographed a 29 inch Chinook salmon carcass just upstream of Roseville Rd. in Arcade Creek. Salmon eggs were noted in the sand and gravels downstream. Bill noted at least 2 likely “redds” where the small gravels appeared to have been disturbed and used for spawning in the reach from Roseville Rd. to the Sacramento Horsemen’s Association.



**Dec. 31, 2015** – Mike Woods – Head Golf Mgr. reported that their CEO noted that he’s seen salmon in Arcade Creek at the Haggin Oaks Golf Course many times in the 40 years he’s worked there.

**Dec. 27, 2015** – Randy Smith – local resident along Arcade Creek reported having seen a river otter swimming in Arcade Creek near the foot bridge at Pasadena Ave.

**Dec. 26, 2015** – Bill Templin and Doug Masterson documented and photographed a live Chinook salmon at the USGS Gaging Station in Arcade Creek just upstream of Watt Ave. (Photo below)

