

## California Department of Water Resources



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### AQUEDUCT FISH RESCUE SCHEDULED

BYRON---Department of Water Resources personnel and State Fish and Game biologists have scheduled a fish rescue at 8:00 am Wednesday, June 20, in a section of State Water Project aqueduct just north of Bethany reservoir.

The 1,200 foot section of aqueduct, near Byron, is being dewatered by workers repairing a leak.

A California Conservation Corps crew will move a seine between two cofferdams and fish trapped in one end will be hand netted and placed in a crane bucket so they can be relocated downstream.

A similar operation in 1998 saved 378 fish from a half-mile stretch of dewatered aqueduct at mile 55. The catch included 182 catfish, 82 striped bass, and 27 splittail.

Members of the news media who wish to cover Wednesday's fish salvage should check in with DWR Information Officer Don Strickland at the rescue site. The location is about 80-miles southwest of Sacramento, off Kelso Road, near the Byron Highway.

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