

# Bellevue/Issaquah TROUT UNLIMITED



## Lake Sammamish Fish Tagging Project

The Lake Sammamish Fish Tagging Project has completed its first phase with over 20 kokanee and cutthroat trout captured, tagged with acoustic transmitters and released. Volunteers logged over 150 hrs in April. They caught fish, maintained captured fish, put in tags and helped the fish recover to be released. Trout Unlimited greatly appreciates their time and efforts!



**Kokanee being fitted with acoustic tag.**

Once onshore the fish were placed in the aerated holding tank for observation. Fish found to be in good condition were weighed, measured and fitted internally with a tiny, acoustic transmitter.



**Kokanee about to be released.**



**Adopt A Kokanee contributor Chuck Burget catches his own kokanee!**

Over 20 cutthroat and 12 kokanee were captured. After capture the fish were quickly shuttled to the onshore field station.



**Lake Sammamish Field Station**

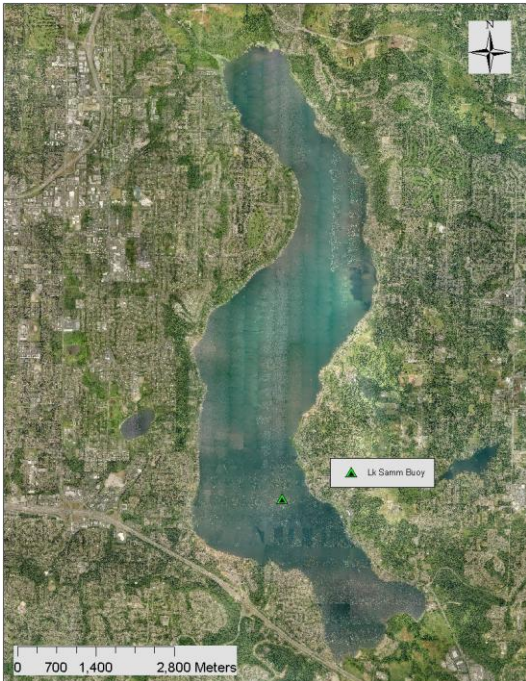
The next phase of the tagging project will be in mid-May. TU of Bellevue-Issaquah will then catch additional kokanee and cutthroat trout, as well as small mouth bass and Northern pike minnow for acoustic tagging.

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Throughout the summer and fall we will periodically download data from the acoustic receivers to acquire data from fish previously tagged. This data will greatly enlarge our knowledge of the life history of the various tagged species in the lake.



**Lake Sammamish Basin**

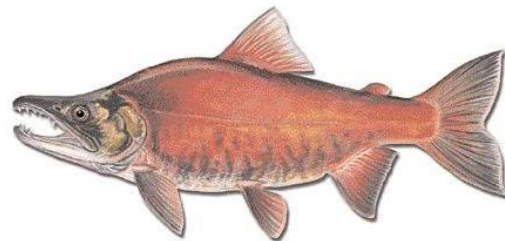
The acoustic tagging project, along with our kokanee fry trap project on Lewis Creek, is providing fishery scientists with much needed data to help protect and restore our native fish. Funding for this type of research is very limited, and we are really able to make a difference with our dedicated volunteers. However, the project requires money. The costs of tags, receivers, equipment and even plants for restoration projects

are quite significant, even with extensive volunteer help.



**Lewis Creek Fry Trap**

**Adopt A Fish!** You can do your part by donating on line at [www.tu-bi.org](http://www.tu-bi.org) or sending your donation to Bellevue/Issaquah Trout Unlimited PO Box 2652 Issaquah, WA 98027. With a donation of \$100 or more you can adopt your own cutthroat trout, kokanee or even bass complete with adoption papers. You can join the 14 other donors who are now kokanee parents! Please see our website for more details.



We, along with our partners the City of Issaquah, King County DNR, the Washington Dept. of fish & Wildlife, Save Lake Sammamish, the Snoqualmie Tribe of Indians, Issaquah High Roots and Shoots Club and the Boy Scouts of America thank you for your support!