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Nick Wilson completes his day of fishing as he returns to the Loch Lomond boat harbor with a catch on Sunday.

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The Santa Cruz Water Department, which oversees Loch Lomond, has prohibited private boats on the reservoir in an attempt to prevent the Eurasian mussel from infecting the city's 3-billion-gallon emergency water supply. In addition, the reservoir won't stock trout because of a lawsuit against the California Department of Fish and Game that prohibits trout planting in certain waterways before an environmental study is done.

"Some days on the weekends there's way too many boats out here anyways," said Boulder Creek resident Colin Jacobsen, who was fishing with his 7-year-old son Gavin on Sunday.

Damien Mason, 31, of Scotts Valley, was happy about the halt in trout stocking. He pointed to



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The Loch Lomond Reservoir still had its share of fisherman Sunday even as a steady rain fell.

a 40-foot stretch between two stumps along the bank, where he said he once counted 36 poles.

"It keeps a lot of tourists out, and frees it up for locals and die-

hards," Mason said.

Neither the changes nor the rain stopped friends Henry Young of Palo Alto and Nick Wilson of Folsom from coming out

— or reeling in a few fish. Young left with a 2-pound trout.

"It's like the Sierra here," Young said. "This is like my favorite place to come fishing."