

# Trout to return to Loch Lomond

Limited number of fish  
to be planted after  
3-year absence

Loch Lomond

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After a three-year hiatus during which the state Department of Fish and Game sorted through a broad environmental lawsuit over its hatchery practices, trout are returning to Loch Lomond.

The state plans two, 1,000-pound trout plants in the spring. It is a modest restart of a program that once released 16,000 pounds of trout in a single year into the reservoir, which serves as a backup for the city's water supply.

"Last fall, we were told, 'Oh, they're never going to plant Loch Lomond again,'" Chief Ranger Scot Lang said. "This is great. I'm real happy."

The release should also increase visitors to Loch Lomond. Lang said the city saw a noticeable drop-off in revenue without the trout.

While bass and bluegill also popu-

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