

# 5th-graders working to restore fish to Tahoe streams

It's a Small Fish After All aims to enhance populations of native Mountain Whitefish and Speckled dace in Lake Tahoe streams by rearing them in the classroom, improving their stream habitat prior to release and educating legislators and the community about the importance of these small fish.

Bob Comlossy's fifth-grade students in Meyers interviewed numerous organizations and agencies about ways to protect Lake Tahoe and its surrounding ecosystem before selecting a proposal from the U.S. Forest Service and local nonprofit California Trout.

Stepping up to the Disney Planet Challenge, students at the Lake Tahoe Environmental Magnet School have partnered with a local nonprofit and government agencies on a project in hopes of restoring Tahoe's native fish, while winning the students a trip to Disneyland.

In addition to California Trout and the Forest Service Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit, the Tahoe Resource Conservation District, California Department of Fish & Game, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service are assisting the students in reaching their goal.