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**How many Anglers can you fit on a log? As many as are needed to plunk it in the creek. These volunteers are helping to restore Reay Creek in Sidney.**

# Streams gain new life

More than 30 alder seedlings are part of the bid to restore Chalet Creek in North Saanich.

Peninsula Streams Society gave students at Deep Cove elementary school alder seedlings last May to grow over the summer. Nearly three dozen of the trees were returned to the school for planting along the creek.

Restoration of Chalet Creek by the Friends of Chalet Creek and Peninsula Streams Society has been ongoing since the summer of 2005.

On Saturday Oct. 7, Chalet Creek was one of the sites where volunteers worked for the waterways. The other vol-

unteer event was held at Reay Creek.

Eight volunteers from the Sidney Anglers helped Ian Bruce of Peninsula Streams Society anchor logs in Reay Creek. This was the second workday for the project. In late September six volunteers helped move the logs into the creek and remove a collapsed bridge. Logs, such as the ones added to Reay Creek, and other large woody debris provide important habitat for fish and other organisms. Friends of Chalet Creek and five families of students from Deep Cove elementary school were out building riffles and planting riparian vegetation along Chalet Creek.