

Chi Council for the Clear Lake Hitch 2017 Observation Report Sheet

Date	Time	Creek	Location	Number	Comments
3/10/15	8AM	Kelsey	Soda Bay Rd	40	clear water; 2 herons fishing
3/11/15	5PM	Middle	Highway 20	0	water murky; no birds
(rows above are examples)					

Send your results by email to chicouncil@lakelive.info, fax them to (707) 279 8710 ; or mail to Chi Council, PO Box 1081, Kelseyville, CA 95451. **Please remember that negative observations (no hitch seen) are just as valid and important as positive ones**

Date _____ Name _____

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or call Peter Windrem at 707 279 8700.

Chi Council for the Clear Lake Hitch

Protocol for Monitoring Hitch

Following are the methods to monitor hitch in the tributaries to Clear Lake during the spawning season. Enter the results in the chart on the reverse side.

For observations from a bridge:

- Park car off edge of road (be careful for traffic!)
- Walk quietly to the center of bridge
- Peer into the creek from both sides of the bridge
- Estimate the total number of fish seen, if any (note if no fish seen, too)
- Record the date, time, creek, bridge location, numbers of fish seen, and any comments such as water clarity or predators such as herons, ducks, ospreys

For observations from a creek bank:

- Make your observation from the same location each time, as if you were observing from a bridge. Do not wander up and down the creek and total the numbers of fish
- Enter the same information as above

The importance of “NO HITCH SEEN”:

- Please write down each time you look for hitch, **even if you don't see any**. A “0 hitch seen” is just as important as “40 hitch seen” because we know for certain that someone checked to see if fish were present. Over time, we can tell if the hitch population is increasing or decreasing with that information.

Thank you and please contact us if you have any questions.

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