



# ***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 your car off the 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 ANO HITCH SEEN@:

- \$ Please write down each time you look for hitch, **even if you don=t see any.** A ANo hitch seen@ is just as important as A40 hitch seen@ because we know for certain that someone checked to see if fish were present. Over time, with that information, we can tell if the hitch population is increasing or decreasing.

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

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