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Clear Lake Hitch Study and Recovery Project Robinson Rancheria of Pomo Indians

The Clear Lake Hitch is a culturally significant native fish in Clear Lake. The Hitch are a vital part of the historical diet and cultural practices of the Pomo Indians who have inhabited the Clear Lake region for over 11,000 years. In recent years, the Hitch has declined in population significantly. The California department of fish and Game listed the Clear Lake Hitch as a Fish Species of Special Concern in California in 1995 because of its decline and loss of habitat.

To provide for Hitch conservation and management by increasing population and habitat restoration, the Pomo Tribes in the Clear Lake area supporting the Clear Lake Hitch Study and Recovery Project. The Hitch are dependent on an annual migration from the wetland areas into Clear Lake tributaries for spawning. Habitat loss in the wetlands and in the tributaries along with barriers to migration, water quality issues and competition from invasive fish species has resulted in reduced populations. An improved understanding of the Hitch along with ecosystem restoration is needed for stabilizing and mitigating historic impacts to Clear Lake tributaries/wetlands and related Clear Lake Hitch populations.

For more information:

<http://www.robinsonrancheria.org/environmental/water.htm>

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