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**GAVIN NEWSOM, Governor**  
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Re: Virtual, informational public meeting notification for the *Instream Flow Evaluation: Clear Lake Hitch Passage in Tributaries of the Clear Lake Watershed, Lake County*.

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (Department) is hosting a virtual, informational public meeting on May 15, 2026, from 11:00 am to 12:00 pm PDT, to present the technical report *Instream Flow Evaluation: Clear Lake Hitch Passage in Tributaries of the Clear Lake Watershed, Lake County*. The Clear Lake Hitch (CLH) is a large minnow endemic to Clear Lake and its surrounding tributaries. In 2014, the CLH was listed the California Endangered Species Act as a “threatened” species. In March 2023, Governor Newsom signed [Executive Order N-5-23](#), directing the Department to evaluate minimum instream flows to protect CLH.

The Department coordinated and collaborated with California Native American Tribes, local, state, and federal agencies to carry out this instream flow study. The goal of the study was to identify relationships between streamflow and CLH passage using hydraulic habitat modeling. The Department built two-dimensional hydraulic habitat models to identify depth sensitive areas for Adobe, Cole, Kelsey, Manning, Middle and Scotts Creeks.

The public meeting can be accessed on May 15, 2026, at 11:00 am PDT here: [Instream Flow Evaluation for Clear Lake Hitch Informational Public Meeting](#). The technical report and meeting recording (once available) will be available on the Department’s Instream Flow Program webpage after the meeting at the following link: <https://wildlife.ca.gov/Conservation/Watersheds/Instream-Flow/Studies/Clear-Lake-Watershed-Studies>.

Translation and interpretation services may be provided upon request. To ensure availability of these services, please make your request no later than 5 days prior to the meeting by contacting [lingualservices@wildlife.ca.gov](mailto:lingualservices@wildlife.ca.gov).

For any questions regarding the Instream Flow Study for Clear Lake Hitch Passage, please email [instreamflow@wildlife.ca.gov](mailto:instreamflow@wildlife.ca.gov).