

# Pinniped Monitoring Program: Data Collection Methods (3/3)

## Data Collection Method 3: Collect Data Using a Physical Datasheet

1. Get a copy of the datasheet from [the website](#).
  - a. Remember to bring a pen/pencil to write with.
2. Fill out the tidal information **before you head out**. You can check tide levels using [this link](#).
3. As you watch the water for pinnipeds, do your best to identify:
  - a. The number of individual pinnipeds. Our main objective is to know how many pinnipeds are active in the river, so we don't want to count the same individual more than once.
  - b. The number of seals that are engaged in hunting, catching/eating fish, or using the shoreline to catch fish. **Each type of behavior only needs to be recorded once per individual pinniped.**
4. When you are back to an internet source, you can submit your data by copying the contents onto the Website Map by following the instructions for [Method 1 data collection](#). Please take a photo of the datasheet and attach it to the online survey (Note: You only need to do this once and not for each site).
5. You can recycle your paper data sheet once your data are successfully submitted.