Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation

DNR Fish & Wildlife Programs



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Operations Manager U. S. Army Corps of Engineers Bonneville Lock and Dam P.O. Box 150 Cascade Locks, Oregon 97014

Dear Operations Manager:

The Umatilla Tribe has implemented a project to restore Pacific lamprey (Entosphenus tridentata) to the tribes' ceded waters. This on-going project is funded by the Bonneville Power Administration and managed by the CTUIR. As part of the project we are requesting permission from the USACOE for access to enter the Bonneville Dam project and collect adult Pacific lamprey.

We will coordinate to utilize fish captured by NOAA staff that in excess of NOAA's daily tag target. Furthermore, we may explore deploying traps off the face of the dam at areas that are highly coordinated with COE staff and workgroups from May through September, and other collection locations, if feasible. These traps have proven to be very effective at capturing lamprey at John Day dam.

A key component to restoring lampreys to the Umatilla River is to collect adults for translocation to the Umatilla Basin. CTUIR would like to enter the Corp projects to collect up to 910 adult Pacific lampreys among Bonneville, The Dalles and John Day dams (in separate letters of access sent to appropriate USACE staff of John Day and The Dalles) and transport to our holding facility. The CTUIR will have all necessary permits for this activity. We will coordinate with Mrs. Tammy Mackey, Mr. Andy Traylor at Bonneville Dam, Mr. Bob Cordie at The Dalles Dam, and Mr. Miro Zyndol at John Day dam. We will continue to coordinate and report our collections with all USACE staff to ensure a smooth and safe operation, just like in the past recent years. CTUIR has the current versions of "A Guide For Fish Researchers, Jan 2013" for each appropriate project, and CTUIR will supply all information requested in the Guide prior to work beginning.

We appreciate the cooperation the USACOE has provided to date regarding Pacific lamprey, a culturally important resource of Northwest tribes. Please respond regarding our needs to access and collection of adult lamprey to the following address: CTUIR Fisheries Program, Attn: Aaron Jackson, 46411 Timine Way, Pendleton, Oregon, 97801. If you have any questions please contact Aaron at (541) 429-7281. Thanks for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Gary A. James Program Manager

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