



Nez Perce Tribe



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Dear Mr. Carroll:

The Nez Perce Tribe Department of Fisheries Resources Management (NPT DFRM) is implementing a Pacific lamprey *Entosphenus tridentatus* translocation initiative. This effort is intended as a safety net measure for the Snake River segment of their distribution, within the Nez Perce Tribe's 1855 Treaty Area. Pacific lamprey are a culturally important resource of the Nez Perce Tribe. Pursuant to "A Guide for Fish Researchers: Bonneville Dam," we are again requesting concurrence from the USACE to collect adult Pacific lamprey at Bonneville Dam during the 2014 lamprey migration season. We will apply for and obtain security badges and required safety training prior to the initiation of work. Attached are a completed project work plan, project impact statement, job hazard/safety analysis, material safety data sheet, funding arrangements, personnel list and collection permit.

Our translocation initiative includes collecting adults for outplanting in the Snake River Basin. Personnel from the NPT DFRM desire to enter the project to collect live adults trapped by lamprey researchers and held in an on-site holding tank. Our goal is to collect a cumulative total of 921 adult Pacific lamprey at lower Mainstem Columbia River Dams (Bonneville, The Dalles and John Day) during 2014. Fish collected at Bonneville will be transported to our holding facility at The Nez Perce Tribal Hatchery at Tribal Unit 1705, near Lenore, Idaho. The NPT DFRM will obtain all applicable permits for this activity. We will coordinate our planned collection efforts with USACE Fisheries Research Coordinator Andrew Traylor, USACE Fish Facility Biologist Ida Royer, USACE Fish Field Unit Biologist Nathan Zorich, Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation fisheries staff, Yakama Nation fisheries staff, University of Idaho research staff and NOAA Fisheries research staff.,

We appreciate the past cooperation provided by the USACE regarding adult lamprey collection activities. Please direct responses to this request to David P. Statler, NPT DFRM, 45559 Highway 12, Orofino, Idaho, 83544 (daves@nezperce.org/208-621-3575).

Sincerely,

David P. Statler
NPT DFRM Resident Fisheries Director

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