



# Nez Perce Tribe



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Dear Sir:

The Nez Perce Tribe Department of Fisheries Resources Management (NPTDFRM) is implementing a Pacific lamprey *Entosphenus tridentatus* translocation initiative intended as a safety net 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. We are requesting concurrence from the USACE to collect adult Pacific lamprey at John Day Dam during the 2014 lamprey migration season. Three of our crew have received ID badges. Additional crew will be badged later, if needed. We have attached a Collection Permit, a completed project work plan, project impact statement, job hazard/safety analysis, material safety data sheet, and funding arrangements, and personnel list.

Our translocation initiative includes collecting adults for outplanting in the Snake River Basin. Personnel from the NPTDFRM desire to enter the project to collect live adults. 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. The target number of adults for collection at John Day Dam is 282 fish. Fish collected at John Day will be transported to our holding facility at The Nez Perce Tribal Hatchery at Tribal Unit 1705, near Lenore, Idaho. The NPTDFRM will obtain all applicable permits for this activity. We have been and will be coordinating our planned collection efforts with USACE Fisheries Research Coordinator Miro Zyndol, Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation fisheries staff and Yakama Nation fisheries staff.

We appreciate the cooperation the USACE has provided during past (2006-2013) lamprey collection activities. Please respond regarding our needs to access the John Day Dam facility to collect adult lamprey to the following: David P. Statler, NPT Department of Fisheries Resources Management, 3404 Highway 12, Orofino, Idaho, 83544 (email: [daves@nezperce.org](mailto:daves@nezperce.org)/telephone:208-621-3575).

Sincerely,

David P. Statler  
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Attachments: Work Plan, Activity Hazard Analysis, Collection Permit