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Jerry Carroll  
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Subject: Coho Tangle Net Mortality Study Personnel Access to Adult Fish Facility

Dear Mr. Carroll:

The Columbia River Management Program of the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife would like to request permission to access the Adult Fish Facility (AFF) at Bonneville Dam. Access to the AFF is required in order to tag, transport, and release adult coho salmon that will serve as a control group for a mark-recapture study used to evaluate the mortality rate of salmon released from alternative commercial fishing gears in the Columbia River. This project is part of the Columbia River Harvest Reform process initiated by Oregon Governor John Kitzhaber and approved by the Oregon and Washington Fish and Wildlife Commissions in 2013. Our proposed work at the AFF in 2014 has been coordinated with the other research groups in the AFF, as well as project and district staff, and we are awaiting final approval by the Fish Passage Operations and Maintenance Coordination (FPOM) team at the August meeting.

Fish sampling at the AFF will occur for approximately three weeks from late September through mid-October, 2014. We will follow AFF operating protocols outlined in Appendix G of the 2014 Fish Passage Plan, and have coordinated with other researchers at the AFF to ensure successful completion of all parties' study deliverables. We will also provide all necessary documentation and coordinate with project staff to ensure that security and safety requirements are met. Employee-specific information and planned sampling dates will be provided as soon as staffing and schedules are finalized.

Our sampling activities during passage of listed species are authorized by the Endangered Species Act Section 7(a)(2) Consultation Biological Opinion and Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act Essential Fish Habitat Consultation, Consultation on Treaty Indian and Non-Indian Fisheries in the Columbia River Basin Subject To the 2008-2017 *US v. Oregon* Management Agreement, Part 2, Section 13.2.8 and 13.3 (download at <https://pcts.nmfs.noaa.gov/pcts-web/publicAdvancedQuery.pcts> using NMFS tracking number

NWR-2008-2406). Our fish collection and transport activities will be covered by pending scientific collection and transport permits issued by the state of Washington.

For this study, myself (971-673-6067) and Howard Takata (971-673-6065) are the administrative and technical contacts. Please feel free to contact either of us for additional information or with any questions you may have.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Tucker A. Jones', with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

Tucker A. Jones  
Harvest Reform Studies Project Leader

cc Tammy Mackey  
Andrew Traylor