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To: Mr. Glen A. Smith  
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U. S. Army Corp of Engineers  
The John Day Dam  
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CC: Tammy Mackey  
District Fisheries Biologist - Columbia River

CC: Miroslaw A. Zyndol  
Chief of Fisheries Research Coordinator

From: Bob Rose  
Hydro Coordinator  
Yakama Nation  
Fisheries Resources Management Program

**RE: USACE, NOAA, YN Coordination for Lamprey Collection at the John Day Dam**

Dear Mr. Smith, Ms. Mackey and Mr. Zyndol,

With this letter the Yakama Nation Pacific Lamprey Project staff request access to the John Day Dam for the purposes of collecting adult Pacific lamprey from existing traps in coordination with the U.S. ACE. The adult lamprey collected from the John Day Dam will be used in research efforts in the Yakima River subbasin associated with adult passage.

The Yakama Nation Pacific Lamprey Project is requesting access beginning approximately mid June 2014 which is typically when Pacific lamprey counts begin to rise significantly at this Project. Access would be limited to two individuals to be determined in the near future, and would likely be confined to the east side fish counting station where previous year's collection occurred. I expect access would be periodic, possibly only one or two days per week and for only an hour or two per day.

This project overall objective is to collect approximately 374 Pacific lampreys throughout the migration season, such that these fish can be used in the Yakima River subbasins.

Depending upon catch efficiency and research needs of UI/NOAA-Fisheries, it is possible that we will want to continue our collection through August. Lamprey collected at these later times will be used for the same research efforts.

With regards to continued coordination leading up to the field season, we are preparing and submitting to your offices required documents indicated in the Contractor Guide. Just a few comments, for your information, concerning each of these documents:

**PROJECT WORK PLAN:** There will not be any installations requiring electrical or mechanical devices. The Plan will likely focus on details associated with security and safety procedures while we are on site.

**PROJECT IMPACT STATEMENT:** I do not foresee any effects that this work may have on the normal project operations and maintenance.

**ACTIVITY HAZARD ANALYSIS:** Upon completion of our Work Plan, the Activity Hazard Analysis will be completed. YNPLP anticipate the focus of this discussion will be with maintaining crews in designated areas, wearing required protective clothing, gear, and being on site for the purposes of the picking up collected lamprey and leaving the site immediately thereafter.

**ZEBRA MUSSEL AWARENESS:** As we will likely be using existing facilities and not adding any facilities of our own, it is likely this documentation will not be relevant to our purposes.

**MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET – MSDS:** We will not be carrying or using any hazardous chemicals / oils during this operation beyond that normally found in the operation of our vehicle to access the site and transport lamprey from the site.

**PERMITS – ESA:** The Yakama Nation is currently working with the State of Washington to ensure that appropriate coordination and permitting is in place prior to the field season and consistent with the Contractors Guide.

**FUNDING ARRANGEMENTS:** No USACE or The Bonneville Project funding or any Project support beyond access to the work area is required to complete our adult Pacific lamprey collection.

**SECURITY ACCESS:** All personnel that will be involved with access and collection will be identified and will complete and submit a security access form. I will also send to you a complete list of vehicles that will be associated with this effort. No other equipment is expected to be involved with this work.

SITE



Figure 1 John Day fish counting station south side

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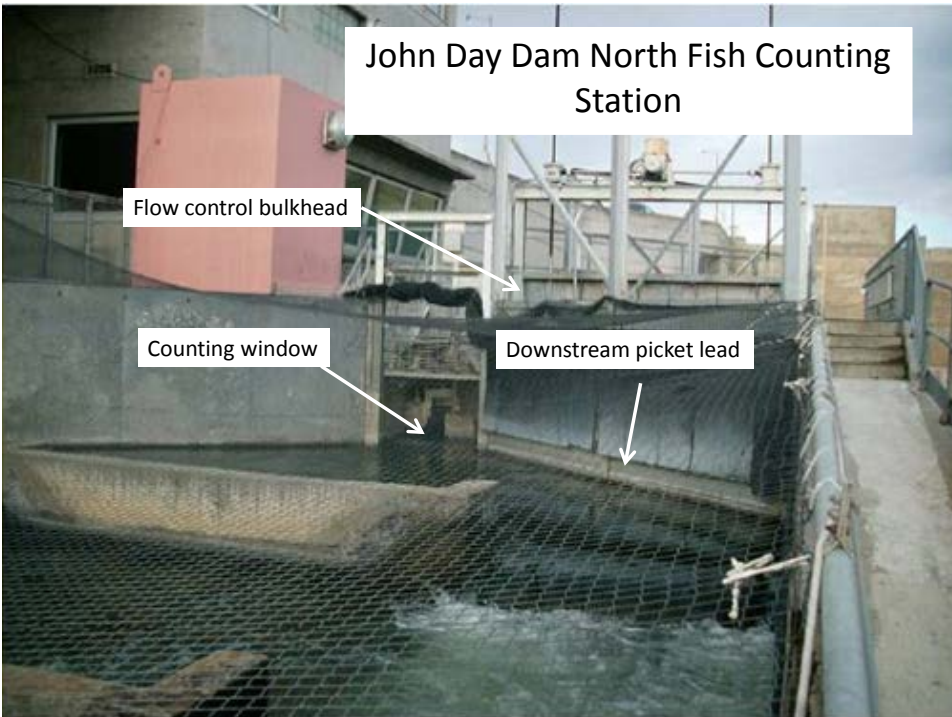


Figure 2 North side John Day fish counting station