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Subject: Northern Pikeminnow Management Program Employee Access

Dear Mr. Smith:

This is the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife's (ODFW) annual letter to notify you of our 2014 field season on the Columbia and Snake Rivers. This letter will also serve as a formal request for permission to access project Boat Restricted Zone (BRZ) at John Day Dam to facilitate our biological sampling, as we continue to evaluate the Northern Pikeminnow Management Program (NPMP).

In order to evaluate the NPMP, we will be using electrofishing boats to capture northern pikeminnow near John Day Dam this spring; this should include portions of the project BRZ area selected to provide for a statistically sound sampling design while observing all safety requirements for operating in the BRZ area. As in past years, it is our goal to coordinate closely with you and your staff to ensure all safety requirements are satisfied. The project point of contact will be notified in advance of the intended sampling dates and our sampling teams will establish radio contact with the control room prior to entering the BRZ area. We recognize that spill levels or other project operations may limit or preclude our ability to access the BRZ.

We are committed to providing all necessary documentation required for fish researchers and other team members working at John Day Dam. Employee-specific information and documentation will be provided to you as soon as we finalize staffing for these studies, so that security clearance may be issued.

I also wish to inform you of the currently pending approval of our Washington state collection permit renewal for 2014. Currently, we hold a NOAA-Fisheries, ESA Section 7 permit covering listed salmonid stocks.

Within the ODFW, myself (971-673-6069) and Matt Gardner (971-673-6048) are the administrative and technical contacts for this project. Please feel free to contact either of us for additional information or with any questions you may have.

As always, thank you for considering our request for project access.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Adam J. Storch". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "A" and "S".

Adam J. Storch
Acting Project Leader, Predation Studies

cc Tammy Mackey
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