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Chief Operations Manager
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Dear Chief Operations Manager:

The Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission (CRITFC), in accordance with The Tribal Pacific Lamprey Restoration Plan for the Columbia River Basin (TPLRP, CRITFC 2011), is supporting its member tribes' efforts to restore Pacific Lamprey (*Entosphenus tridentatus*) to the Columbia River basin. This ongoing project is funded by the Bonneville Power Administration and managed by the CRITFC. As part of the project we are requesting permission from the USACE for access to Bonneville, The Dalles, and John Day Dams to support adult lamprey collection by CRITFC member tribes.

A key component to restoring lampreys to the Columbia River basin is to collect adults for translocation to upper reaches of the basin (e.g. Umatilla, Yakima, and Snake Rivers). CRITFC requests permission to enter the USACE projects to support the collection of up to 4272 adult Pacific lampreys (1068 per member tribe) among Bonneville (BON), The Dalles (TDA), and John Day dams (JDD). Collection request numbers are calculated using the Tribal Guidelines for Translocation contained in the TPLRP.

CRITFC's role in supporting member tribe lamprey collection at USACE projects will primarily include, but not be limited to, the setting and checking of mechanical traps at the BON Washington Shore Adult Fish Facility (AFF), tube traps placed behind picketed leads at TDA and JDD, as well as the mechanical trap located at the JDD South Shore fishway. In addition to trapping at the BON AFF, CRITFC personnel will be responsible for safely holding trapped adult lamprey until member tribe staff transport adults to their respective ceded areas.

	BON	TDA	JDD	TOTAL
Yakama Nation	289	450	329	1068
Umatilla Tribe	289	450	329	1068
Warm Springs Tribe*	289	450	329	1068
Nez Perce Tribe	289	450	329	1068
TOTAL	1156	1800	1316	4272

*not expected to collect adults

The CRITFC will have all necessary permits for this activity. We will coordinate with Ms. Tammy Mackey, Ms. Ida Royer, and Mr. Andy Traylor at Bonneville Dam, Mr. Bob Cordie at The Dalles Dam, and Mr. Miro Zyndol at John Day dam. CRITFC will coordinate with all USACE and Tribal staff to ensure a smooth and safe operation as in previous years. CRITFC has the current versions of A Guide for Fish Researchers (2015) for each appropriate project. CRITFC will supply all information requested in the Guide prior to work beginning. CRITFC will apply for and obtain security badges and required safety training prior to the initiation of work.

Project work plans are in the process of being completed and will be submitted to the Portland District Biologist as well as the Project Fisheries Research Coordinator for each project.

Sincerely,

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