



Nez Perce Tribe



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June 30, 2015

Dear Mr. Moynahan:

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. Pursuant to the 2015 "Guide to Fisheries Research at John Day/Willow Creek Project, we are again requesting concurrence to collect adult Pacific lamprey during the 2015 lamprey migration season. We will apply for and obtain security badges and required safety training prior to the initiation of work. Pertinent support materials have been sent to Corps staff pursuant to the 2015 Guide to Fisheries Research at John Day/Willow Creek Project.

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 1,068 adult Pacific lamprey at lower Mainstem Columbia River Dams; Bonneville (289), The Dalles (450) and John Day (329) during 2015. 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.

Pot traps will be deployed in fish-ways behind picketed leads periodically from July through September. Adults will also be collected from the South Fish-way mechanical trap. Trap locations will be coordinated with COE staff and appropriate work groups. In-season fish collection and temporary holding logistics will be coordinated through CRITFC. A Project Work Plan is attached.

We have been and will be coordinating our planned collection efforts with Assistant District Fisheries Biologist (Columbia River) Tammy Mackey, Field Unit Biologist Nathan Zorich, Project Research Coordinator Miro Zyndol, Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission (CRITFC) staff, Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation fisheries staff and Yakama Nation fisheries staff. CRITFC member tribes have coordinated extensively regarding target numbers and scheduling for adult lamprey

collections. Nez Perce staff have attended on-site training for operating the South Fishway mechanical trap.

We appreciate the cooperation the USACE has provided during past (2006-2014) 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, 45559 Highway 12, Orofino, Idaho, 83544 (email: daves@nezperce.org/telephone:208-621-3575).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Statler', written over a faint circular stamp or watermark.

David P. Statler
NPTDFRM Resident Fisheries Director

Attachment: Project Work Plan