



Nez Perce Tribe



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Mr. Ronald Twiner
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June 29, 2015

Dear Mr. Twiner:

The Nez Perce Tribe Department of Fisheries Resources Management (NPT DFRM) is implementing a Pacific lamprey *Entosphenus tridentatus* translocation initiative. This is intended as a safety net measure 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 Dalles Dam Research/Contractor Guide," March, 2015, 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 March 15, 2015 Fisheries Research/Contractor Guide for the Dalles Dam.

Our translocation initiative includes collecting adults for outplanting in the Snake River Basin. Personnel from the NPT DFRM desire to enter the project to collect live adults for transport to the Snake Basin. Our goal is to collect a cumulative total of 1068 adult Pacific lamprey at lower Mainstem Columbia River Dams; Bonneville (289), The Dalles (450) and John Day (329) during 2015.

Pot traps will be deployed in the fishways behind picketed leads periodically from July through September. Trap locations will be coordinated with COE staff and appropriate work groups.

Fish collected at The Dalles will be transported to our holding facility at The Nez Perce Tribal Hatchery at Tribal Unit 1705, near Lenore, Idaho. The NPT DFRM will obtain all applicable permits for this activity.

We will be coordinating our planned collection efforts with Assistant District Fisheries Biologist (Columbia River) Tammy Mackey, Fisheries Research Coordinator Paul Keller, Chief of Fisheries Robert Cordie, Field Unit Biologist Nathan Zorich, Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation fisheries staff, Yakama Nation fisheries staff, and Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission staff.

We appreciate the cooperation the USACE has provided during past (2006-2014) lamprey collection activities. Please respond regarding our needs to access the The Dalles 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
NPT DFRM Resident Fisheries Director