

**Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife
Columbia River Investigations
Northern Pikeminnow Management Program Evaluation**

Proposed Work in Bonneville Dam Boat Restricted Zones

Project Work Plan

The Columbia River Investigations Program within the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife wish to request permission to enter the forebay and tailrace Boat Restricted Zone (BRZ) areas at Bonneville Dam to capture, tag, and collect biological data from northern pikeminnow as part of an annual evaluation of the Northern Pikeminnow Management Program (NPMP). We would like to work one night in the forebay BRZ near Powerhouses I and II during the week of April 6-10, 2015. One boat will conduct sampling while the other monitors for safety. Additionally, in the tailrace BRZ near Powerhouses I and II, we plan to operate two electrofishing boats (with two people aboard each boat) on one night during the week of April 20-23, 2015.

Sampling in each BRZ area is anticipated to be completed in approximately one hour. We will coordinate with the control room when entering and exiting all BRZ areas. Work will be conducted between the hours of 1800 and 1200. If planned sampling dates should change, we will notify the USACE contact as soon as possible.

Project Impact Statement

Work will be conducted entirely from boats and no personnel will set foot on the dam or its associated structures except in the event of an emergency. Radio contact will be maintained with the control room on VHF Channel 14 at all times while in the BRZ areas to allow for quick exit if necessary. We will adhere to all applicable safety regulations while operating in the BRZ areas.