



# Nez Perce Tribe



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Dear Operations Project Manager:

The Nez Perce Tribe Department of Fisheries Resources Management (DFRM) is implementing a Pacific lamprey *Entosphenus tridentatus* translocation initiative. This effort 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. We are again requesting concurrence from the USACE to collect adult Pacific lamprey at John Day Dam during the 2017 lamprey migration season. We will be applying for ID badges and forwarding documentation to appropriate USACE staff in accordance with the Guide for Fisheries Research at John Day/Willow Creek Project.

Our translocation initiative includes collecting adults for outplanting in the Snake River Basin. Personnel from the DFRM desire to enter the project to collect live adults from Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission staff that will be trapping adults at strategic fishway locations. Our goal is to collect a total of 1,248 adult Pacific lamprey at lower Mainstem Columbia River Dams (Bonneville, The Dalles and John Day) during 2017. The target number of adults to be collected at John Day Dam is up to 453 fish. Fish collected at John Day Dam will be transported to our holding facility at The Nez Perce Tribal Hatchery at Tribal Unit 1705, near Lenore, Idaho. The DFRM will obtain all applicable permits for this activity. We have been and will be coordinating our planned collection efforts with USACE Columbia River Coordinator Erin Kovalchuk, John Day Fisheries Research Coordinator Eric Grosvenor, and staff of the Columbia River Inter-tribal Fish Commission, Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation, and Yakama Nation.

We appreciate the cooperation the USACE has provided during past (2006-2016) 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](mailto:daves@nezperce.org)/telephone:208-621-3575).

Sincerely,

  
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