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Subject: Northern Pikeminnow Management Program Employee Access

Dear Mr. Twiner:

This is an annual letter from the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) to inform you of our 2017 field season on the Columbia River. This letter will also serve as a formal request for permission to access project Boat Restricted Zones (BRZ) at The Dalles Dam to facilitate our biological sampling, as we continue to evaluate the Northern Pikeminnow Management Program (NPMP).

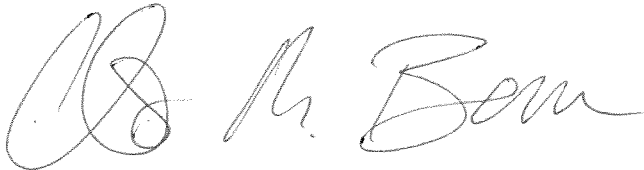
In order to evaluate the NPMP, we will be using electrofishing boats to capture and tag northern pikeminnow during the spring of 2017 and collect biological data from northern pikeminnow, smallmouth bass, and walleye near The Dalles Dam during the spring and summer of 2017. This strategy should include portions of the project BRZ selected to provide for a statistically sound sampling design while observing all safety requirements for operating in BRZ areas. As in past years, it is our goal to coordinate closely with you and your staff to ensure all safety requirements are satisfied. The project point of contact will be notified in advance of the intended sampling dates and our sampling teams will establish radio contact with the control room prior to entering the BRZ areas. We recognize that spill levels or other project operations may limit or preclude our ability to access the BRZ.

We are committed to provide all necessary documentation required for fish researchers and other team members working at The Dalles Dam. Employee-specific information and documentation will be provided to you as soon as we finalize staffing for these studies, so that security clearance may be issued.

Renewal of our Washington State scientific collection permit for 2017 currently is pending. Further, Endangered Species Act (ESA) consultation for the NPMP is covered under the 2014 FCRPS Supplemental Biological Opinion.

Within the ODFW, myself (971-673-6081) and Matt Gardner (971-673-6048) are the administrative and technical contacts for this project. Please feel free to contact either of us for additional information or with any questions you may have. As always, thank you for considering our request for project access.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Charles M. Barr". The signature is written in dark ink on a white background.

Charles M. Barr
Project Leader, Predation Studies

cc Erin Kovalchuk
Jeff Randall