



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
CORPS OF ENGINEERS, PORTLAND DISTRICT  
JOHN DAY/WILLOW CREEK PROJECT  
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June 12, 2020

Tod M. Sween  
NPT DFRM Lamprey Translocation Initiative Program Lead  
Nez Perce Tribe  
104 Lolo Street - P.O. Box 365  
Lapwai, Idaho 83540

Dear Mr. Sween:

This letter is in response to your June 12, 2020 letter requesting access to the John Day project to collect and hold adult Pacific lamprey (up to 467) for translocation. Fish may not be held at the John Day facility for longer than 48 hours and the safety of these fish will be the collecting party's responsibility.

With respect to the work outlined above, your request is generally approved, provided you are able to obtain all necessary ESA and state permits.

**No work may begin until valid and current permits, or an explanation as to why permits are not required are on file with Michael Lotspeich and Erin Kovalchuk.**

Due to the COVID-19 outbreak, access to the John Day Lock and Dam may be limited. Additionally, there may be a delay in responding to your requests. Please contact Michael Lotspeich at least twenty four hours prior to your arrival at 541-506-7861. You will need to provide a project impact statement, job hazard analysis, copies of permits, and a personnel list. Please send electronic copies of the documents to Michael Lotspeich, [Michael.D.Lotspeich@usace.army.mil](mailto:Michael.D.Lotspeich@usace.army.mil) and Erin Kovalchuk, [Erin.H.Kovalchuk@usace.army.mil](mailto:Erin.H.Kovalchuk@usace.army.mil).

Please remain in contact with Michael Lotspeich throughout your time at the dam. There are many researchers and contractors working in the area, please work to ensure good communication and cooperation between agencies and organizations.

A copy of this letter has been posted to NWP 2020 Access Responses found at: <http://pweb.crohms.org/tmt/documents/FPOM/2010/NWP%20Research/2020%20NWP%20Access/>

If you have questions regarding this correspondence, please contact Michael Lotspeich via e-mail or by office phone, at 514-506-7861.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ron Twiner".

Ron Twiner  
Operations Project Manager

CENWP STAFFING SHEET

RTAO: Michael Lotspeich, CENWP-OD-J

Date: 12 June, 2020


SUBJECT: Approval letter for Nez Perce Tribe to access John Day project to collect and hold adult Pacific lamprey (up to 467) for translocation.

DESIRED ACTION: Requires OPM Signature

RETURN TO: [Michael.D.Lotspeich@usace.army.mil](mailto:Michael.D.Lotspeich@usace.army.mil)

MFR: Please send a copy of the scanned, signed letter to [Erin.H.Kovalchuk@usace.army.mil](mailto:Erin.H.Kovalchuk@usace.army.mil)

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