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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE

Operations Manager
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Bonneville Lock and Dam
P.O. Box 150
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RE: NOAA Fisheries Access to Bonneville Project

In 2020, NOAA Fisheries is requesting permission from Portland District to work at Bonneville Dam to monitor radio-tagged spring/summer Chinook in the Bonneville tailrace. Two antennas will be installed on either side of the tailrace from mid-March to July. These sites are completely self-sufficient and do not require power, nor are they located on the concrete of the dam.

We are planning to radio-tag spring/summer Chinook salmon *Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*, near Astoria, OR (RKM 20) for our evaluation. Tagging will be conducted by the principal investigator for this project, Michelle Rub and would take place March thru May 2020. The sample size is 120 individuals over the migrational season. There will be no lethal samples taken; all other sampling will be nonlethal fin clips.

Our Bonneville Project POC is expected to be Andrew Derugin (541) 374-3879. We are aware of the pre-project documentation required of researchers working at Bonneville Project. This documentation will be provided to Andrew Derugin and Ben Hausmann. Thank you for considering our request for access.

Sincerely,

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