



COLUMBIA RIVER INTER-TRIBAL FISH COMMISSION

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Operations Manager
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Bonneville Lock and Dam
P.O. Box 150
Cascade Locks, OR 97014-0150

RE: Request for Access to Bonneville Dam, Adult Fish Collection and Monitoring Facility, and disposal of AQUI-S20E.

Dear Operations Manager:

The Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission (CRITFC) requests permission for CRITFC project staff to access Bonneville Dam in 2021 to continue research activities under two on-going projects.

For the first project, CRITFC requests access to the Adult Fish Collection and Monitoring Facility (AFF) and permission to continue discharging our AQUI-S20E anesthetic water to the ground on Bonneville Dam property until a more permanent solution is developed. This project involves the collection of tissue samples to track the migration of adult chinook salmon, sockeye salmon, and steelhead trout and is funded through the Pacific Salmon Commission and Bonneville Power Administration. CRITFC expects to sample one to five days per week from April 01, 2021 to October 31, 2021 (five days per week during the peak of any chinook, sockeye, and steelhead migrations). We will work with your staff, NOAA, USGS, ODFW, WDFW, UI, and other users of the AFF to coordinate sampling activities.

The second project involves boat-based, non-lethal sea lion hazing, tracking, enumeration, and sea lion removal activities below Bonneville Dam. Additionally, the team may be tagging and tracking sea lion movements below Bonneville Dam as part of a cooperative project with the states of Washington and Oregon. Specific details of these two projects were submitted with the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife and Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife sea lion research packet.

The following CRITFC staff will be involved in these sampling programs:

Name	Organization
Doug Hatch	CRITFC
John Whiteaker	CRITFC
Jeff Fryer	CRITFC

Travis Sproed	CRITFC
Agnes Strong	CRITFC
Jayson FiveCrows	CRITFC
Crystal Chulik	CRITFC
Lamar Fairley-Minthorn	CRITFC
Ted Walsey Jr.	CRITFC
Devayne Lewis	CRITFC

The following individuals may occasionally assist with the projects:

Name	Organization
Joe Nowinski	CRITFC
Jeremiah Newell	CRITFC
Denise Kelsey	CRITFC
David Graves	CRITFC

CRITFC may be hiring additional personnel to join these CRITFC sampling programs. Upon hire, we will provide the names and social security numbers to you prior to their arrival on the site and schedule the necessary safety training, if required.

Enclosed with this letter are documents that contain the following information: project work plans, project impact statements, project funding, MSDS statement, permits, list of authorized vehicles, activity and job hazard analysis, COVID-19 safety plan, and a job-safety report for the proposed work.

The CRITFC Project Leader is John Whiteaker. Please keep him apprised of any scheduled repairs that might affect the use of the AFF by CRITFC staff. If you require any further information or have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me or John Whiteaker at (503) 238-0667.

Sincerely,



Jaime A. Pinkham
Executive Director

Enclosures

Cc: Nathan McClain, Fisheries Biologist, Portland District, USACE
Andrew Derugin, Bonneville Fisheries Research Coordinator, USACE