



STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE
Northern Pikeminnow Sport-Reward Fishery
5525 South 11th Street, Ridgefield, WA 98642

March 4, 2021

Mr. Ron Twiner, OPM
John Day Dam
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
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Rufus, OR 97050

Re: WDFW Access to the John Day Project

Dear Mr. Twiner,

The purpose of this letter is to request continued access to the John Day Project in 2021 in order to conduct hook and line removals of predatory northern pikeminnow from the Boat Restricted Zone(s) adjacent to the project. These activities are part of the ongoing Columbia River Predator Control Program (Pikeminnow program) funded by the Bonneville Power Administration, and administered by Mr. Chris Wheaton at the Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission (PSMFC). These activities have been conducted annually since 2010 by Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) technicians under my direction as the WDFW Project Leader. The COTR for this project is Mr. Eric McOmie at the Bonneville Power Administration (Contract # DE-B179-90BP07084).

Access for 2021 is requested to the same areas of the John Day Project, and for similar duration as was granted to WDFW for these activities in 2010-2020. We hope to implement these activities during the period of approximately 4/15/2021 through 10/15/2021, or until project objectives are met, whichever comes first.

We will review the current Access Guide for JDA and any other required trainings prior to the start date and as in years past, can provide any required pre-project documentation needed for conducting these activities at the John Day Project. Documentation may be provided to the Project Biologist and/or others as needed in order to ensure that all approvals, trainings, and/or clearances are in place prior to commencing any activities. Thank you again for considering this request for project access.

Sincerely,

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