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Executive Director Aja K. DeCoteau  
Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission  
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Dear Ms. DeCoteau:

Thank you for your December 2, 2021 letter concerning the Corps' avian lethal take permit. We are actively working towards having a lethal take permit in place in the spring of 2022. While working on the permit, we are also working with USDA and APHIS to incorporate lethal removal language in our Economy Act Orders so we will be ready to go when we have the permit in hand.

Below are the key milestones and dates we are working towards:

- a. ESA determination in February.
- b. EA and depredation permit application submitted by March.
- c. Respond to EA comments in April.
- d. Final EA and FONSI recorded in late April or May.

Thank you again for your interest and support in our avian hazing program. Portland District looks forward to answering any additional questions you may have. Questions regarding the environmental compliance process can be directed to the Chief of the Environmental Branch, Chris Page at 503-808-4389 or Christopher.M.Page@usace.army.mil. Questions regarding the implementation of the avian hazing program can be directed to Tammy Mackey at 503-808-4318 or Tammy.M.Mackey@usace.army.mil.

Sincerely,

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District Commander