



**STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE
Northern Pikeminnow Sport-Reward Fishery
2108 Grand Boulevard, Vancouver, WA 98661**

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Operations Project Manager, 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 OPM,

The purpose of this letter is to request continued access to the John Day Project in 2013 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. Russell Porter at the Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission (PSMFC). These activities have been annually conducted (since 2010) by Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) technicians under my supervision as the WDFW Project Leader. The COTR for this project is Mr. John Skidmore at the Bonneville Power Administration (503) 230-5494 (Contract # DE-B179-90BP07084).

Access is requested to the same areas of the John Day Project, during similar times, and for similar duration as was granted to WDFW for these activities in 2010-2012. We hope to implement these activities during the period of approximately 5/1/2013 through 9/30/2013, or until project objectives are met, whichever comes first.

We have reviewed the current Access Guide for JDA and have prepared our pre-project documentation required of researchers working at the John Day Project. This documentation will be provided to Ms. Tammy Mackey in a timely manner so as to ensure that all approvals, trainings, and/or clearances are in place prior to commencing any activities. Thank you for considering this request for project access.

Sincerely,

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