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Operations Manager
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Dear Operations Manager:

The Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission (CRITFC), in accordance with The Tribal Pacific Lamprey Restoration Plan for the Columbia River Basin (TPLRP, CRITFC 2011), is supporting its member tribes' efforts to restore Pacific Lamprey (*Entosphenus tridentatus*) to the Columbia River basin. This ongoing project is funded by the Bonneville Power Administration and managed by the CRITFC. As part of the project we are requesting permission from the USACE for access to Bonneville, The Dalles, and John Day Dams to support adult lamprey collection by CRITFC member tribes (Yakama, Umatilla, and Nez Perce Tribes).

A key component to restoring lampreys to the Columbia River basin is to collect adults for translocation to upper reaches of the basin (e.g. Umatilla, Yakima, and Snake Rivers). CRITFC requests permission to enter the USACE projects to support the collection of up to 15,780 adult Pacific lampreys (3,945 per member tribe) collectively from Bonneville (BON), The Dalles (TDA), and John Day dams (JDD). Collection request numbers are calculated using the Tribal Guidelines for Translocation contained in the TPLRP (updated June 2017).

CRITFC's role in supporting member tribe lamprey collection at USACE projects will primarily include, but not be limited to, the setting and checking of lamprey tube traps at BON, TDA, and JDD and the traps located at the JDD South Shore fishway and within the BON Washington Shore Adult Fish Facility (AFF) ladder. In addition, the CRITFC and its member tribes aim to access to adults collected at the BON Washington Shore Lamprey Flume Structure (LFS), the Cascades Island Lamprey Passage Structure (LPS), and the JDD North LPS. In addition to trapping at TDA, CRITFC personnel will be responsible for safely holding trapped adult lamprey as well as transportation to the JDD holding facility until retrieval by CRITFC member tribes.

	BON	TDA	JDD	TOTAL
Yakama Nation	2060	1056	829	3945
Umatilla Tribe	2060	1056	829	3945
Warm Springs Tribe*	2060	1056	829	3945
Nez Perce Tribe	2060	1056	829	3945
TOTAL	8240	4224	3316	15780

*not expected to collect adults for translocation

The CRITFC will have all necessary permits for this activity. We will coordinate with Ms. Erin Kovalchuk, Mr. Mirosław Zyndol, and Mr. Eric Grosvenor at John Day Dam. CRITFC will coordinate with all USACE and Tribal staff to ensure a smooth and safe operation as in previous years. CRITFC has the current version of the 2018-2019 Guide for Researchers (updated 2017) for each appropriate project. CRITFC will supply all information requested in the Guide prior to work beginning. CRITFC will apply for and obtain security badges and required safety training prior to the initiation of work.

Project work plans are in the process of being completed and will be submitted to the Portland District Biologist as well as the Project Fisheries Research Coordinator for each project.

Sincerely,

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