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Operations Project Manager
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Dear Operations Project Manager:

The Umatilla Tribe has implemented a project to restore Pacific lamprey (*Entosphenus tridentatus*) to the tribes' ceded waters. This on-going project is funded by the Bonneville Power Administration and managed by the CTUIR. As part of the project we are requesting permission from the USACOE for access to enter John Day Dam project and collect adult Pacific lamprey.

We will place traps inside the fishway behind picketed leads and at areas that are highly coordinated with COE staff and workgroups from June through October. These traps have proven to be very effective at capturing lamprey at John Day Dam. Furthermore, we will operate the new lamprey trap at John Day South Fish ladder as well. We are excited to see the new trapping equipment and encourage the USACOE to continue implementing these traps at other projects.

A key component to restoring lampreys to the Umatilla River is to collect adults for translocation to the Umatilla Basin. CTUIR would like to enter the USACOE projects to collect up to 4121 adult Pacific lampreys among Bonneville (up to 2060), The Dalles (up to 1056) and John Day (up to 829) dams (in separate letters of access sent to appropriate USACOE staff of The Dalles Dam and Bonneville) and transport to our holding facility. The CTUIR will have all necessary permits for this activity. We will coordinate with Ms. Erin Kovalchuk, Mr. Brian Bissell and Mr. Andrew Derugin at Bonneville Dam, Mr. Jeff Randall at The Dalles Dam, and Mr. Eric Grosvner at John Day Dam. We will continue to coordinate and report our collections with all USACE staff to ensure a smooth and safe operation, just like in the past recent years. CTUIR has the current versions of "A Guide For Fish Researchers" for each appropriate project, and CTUIR will supply all information requested in the Guide prior to work beginning.

We appreciate the cooperation the USACOE has provided to date regarding Pacific lamprey, a culturally important resource of Northwest tribes. Please respond regarding our needs to access and collection of adult lamprey to the following address: CTUIR Fisheries Program, Attn: Aaron Jackson, 46411 Timine Way, Pendleton, Oregon, 97801. If you have any questions please contact Aaron at (541) 429-7281. Thanks for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Gary A. James
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Cc: Mr. Eric Grosvner
 Ms. Erin Kovalchuk