



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

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Mr. Ron Twiner, OPM
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Re: WDFW Access to The Dalles Project

Dear Mr. Twiner,

The purpose of this letter is to request continued access to The Dalles Project in 2018 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. Steve Williams 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 direction as the WDFW Project Leader. The COTR for this project is Mr. Dave Roberts at the Bonneville Power Administration (Contract # DE-B179-90BP07084).

Access for 2018 is requested to the same areas of the The Dalles Project, and for similar duration as was granted to WDFW for these activities in 2010-2017. We hope to implement these activities during the period of approximately 4/15/2018 through 10/15/2018, or until project objectives are met, whichever comes first.

We have reviewed the current Access Guide for TDA and as in years past, can provide any required pre-project documentation needed for conducting these activities at the The Dalles Project. This documentation will be provided to Ms. Erin Kovalchuk and/or the Project Biologist as needed so as 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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