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**BONNEVILLE LOCK AND DAM PROJECT**  
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Rick Martinson  
Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission  
2325 River Road, Suite 4  
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Dear Mr. Martinson:

This is in response to your January 29, 2018 letter requesting approval for access to Bonneville Dam's Smolt Monitoring Facility (SMF) for the purposes of implementing the Smolt Monitoring Program (SMP). In addition to collecting and monitoring juvenile salmonids for the SMP, you may also be collecting and holding fish for other researchers. Collecting and holding for others may only be conducted if those researchers have submitted their paperwork and received approval to access Bonneville Dam.

With respect to the work outlined above, your request is generally approved, provided you are able to obtain all necessary ESA and state permits. No work may begin until permits, or an explanation as to why permits are not required, are on file with Mr. Brian Bissell and Ms. Erin Kovalchuk.

Prior to beginning work, please arrange a meeting with Mr. Bissell, 541-374-7984. Please remain in contact with Mr. Bissell throughout your time at the dam. There are many researchers and contractors working at the dam. It's important to ensure good communication and cooperation between agencies and organizations.

A copy of this letter has been posted to NWP Access Responses found at <http://www.nwd-wc.usace.army.mil/tmt/documents/FPOM/2010/NWP%20Research/Research.html>

If you have questions regarding this correspondence, please contact Mr. Bissell via e-mail at [brian.m.bissell@usace.army.mil](mailto:brian.m.bissell@usace.army.mil) or by phone, 541-374-7984.

Sincerely,

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