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Dear Mr. Twiner:

The Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission (CRITFC) requests permission to access the John Day Dam (JDA) to collect non-lethal tissue samples for genetic analysis from approximately 1000 larval/juvenile Pacific lamprey [Smolt Monitoring Facility] (See attached proposal). Also enclosed is a statement on the projected work project.

The work schedule is being coordinated with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission staff at the JDA Smolt Monitoring Facility and will occur during routine Pacific lamprey condition monitoring from March through September 2019. We will not collect or handle any additional fish from what is collected by the Smolt Monitoring Program (SMP) personnel as part of routine sampling.

A non-lethal fin clip (1-2 mm diameter) will be collected from already anesthetized lamprey after the condition monitoring is complete (additional 5-10 seconds of fish handling). Once sampled, the fish will be immediately returned to the recovery tank. The tissue will be stored dry on Whatman paper and does not require any solutions or chemicals.

Laurie Porter, Lamprey Project Lead, will be involved in this sampling program assisted occasionally by Jon Hess, Fisheries Geneticist.

If you have any questions, please contact Laurie Porter, Lamprey Project Lead at (503) 238-0667.

Sincerely,

Jaime A. Pinkham
Executive Director

Enclosure

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