



# COLUMBIA RIVER INTER-TRIBAL FISH COMMISSION

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Operations Manager  
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers  
Bonneville Lock and Dam  
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Cascade Locks, OR 97014-0150

Dear Operations Manager:

The Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission (CRITFC) requests permission for CRITFC project staff to access Bonneville Dam in 2019 to continue research activities under two on-going projects.

The first project involves the collection of tissue samples to track the migration of adult chinook salmon, sockeye salmon, and steelhead trout. The sampling efforts are funded through the Pacific Salmon Commission and Bonneville Power Administration. We are requesting access to the Adult Fish Collection and Monitoring Facility (AFF) to carry out these activities. We expect to sample from one to five days per week from March 15 to October 31, 2019 (five days per week during the peak of any chinook, sockeye, and steelhead migrations). We will work with your staff, National Oceanic & Atmospheric Association (NOAA), United States Geological Survey (USGS), Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife (ODFW), Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife (WDFW), University of Idaho, and any other users of the AFF to coordinate sampling activities.

The second project involves boat-based, non-lethal sea lion hazing, tracking, and enumeration activities below Bonneville Dam. Additionally, the team may be tagging and tracking sea lion movements below Bonneville Dam as part of a cooperative project with the states of Washington and Oregon. Specific details of these two projects were submitted with the ODFW and WDFW sea lion research packet.

The following CRITFC staff will be involved in these sampling programs:

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Organization</u></b>
John Whiteaker	CRITFC
Bobby Begay	CRITFC
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<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Organization</u></b>
Amber Cate	CRITFC
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The following individuals may occasionally assist with the projects:

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Organization</u></b>
Joe Nowinski	CRITFC
Jeremiah Newell	CRITFC
Denise Kelsey	CRITFC
David Graves	CRITFC

CRITFC is in the process of hiring additional personnel to join these CRITFC sampling programs. Upon hire, we will provide the names and social security numbers to you prior to their arrival on the site and schedule the necessary safety training, if required.

Enclosed with this letter are documents that contain the following information: project work plans, project impact statements, project funding, MSDS statement, permits, list of authorized vehicles, activity and job hazard analysis, and a job-safety report for the proposed work.

The CRITFC Project Leader is John Whiteaker. Please keep him apprised of any scheduled repairs that might affect the use of the AFF by CRITFC staff. If you require any further information or have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact John Whiteaker or Doug Hatch at (503) 238-0667.

Sincerely,



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Executive Director

Enclosures

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