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Operations Manager
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Dear Operations Manager:

The Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission (CRITFC), in accordance with The Tribal Pacific Lamprey Restoration Plan for the Columbia River Basin (TPLRP, CRITFC 2011), is supporting its member tribes' efforts to restore Pacific Lamprey (*Entosphenus tridentatus*) to the Columbia River Basin. This ongoing project is funded by the Bonneville Power Administration and managed by the CRITFC. As part of the project, we are requesting permission from the USACE for access to Bonneville (BON), The Dalles (TDA), and John Day (JDD) dams to support adult lamprey collection by CRITFC member tribes – Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation (Yakama), Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation (Umatilla), and the Nez Perce Tribe (Nez Perce).

A key component to restoring lamprey to the Columbia River Basin is to collect adults for translocation to upper reaches of the basin (e.g. Umatilla, Yakima, and Snake Rivers). CRITFC requests permission to enter the USACE projects to support the collection of up to 15,784 adult Pacific Lamprey (3946 per member tribe) collectively from BON (2118 per member tribe), TDA (1030 per member tribe), and JDD (798 per member tribe) dams (Table 1). Collection request numbers are calculated using the Tribal Guidelines for Translocation contained in the TPLRP (updated June 2017). The Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon (Warm Springs) is not expected to collect adults for translocation, but may collect for ongoing monitoring and evaluation projects. CRITFC will be available to help Warm Springs' collections as needed.

Table 1. Total collection allocations per tribe/per dam.

	BON	TDA	JDD	total
NPT	2118	1030	798	3946
CTUIR	2118	1030	798	3946
WS	2118	1030	798	3946
YN	2118	1030	798	3946
total	8472	4120	3192	15784

CRITFC's role in supporting member tribes' lamprey collection at USACE projects will primarily include, but not be limited to, the setting and checking of lamprey tube traps at BON and TDA, as well as JDD and the traps located at the JDD South Shore fishway and within the BON Washington Shore Adult Fish Facility ladder. In addition, the CRITFC and its member tribes aim to access adults from lamprey rest boxes collected at the BON Washington Shore Lamprey Flume Structures (LFS), the Cascades Island Lamprey Passage Structure (LPS) downstream of UMT, Cascade Island AWS/ladder and the Bradford Island LPS. Additional trapping locations may be considered in consultation with the USACE project staffs and the CRITFC member tribes as deemed appropriate if necessary. In addition to trapping at BON, CRITFC personnel will be responsible for safely holding trapped adult lamprey at BON as well as transportation to the JDD holding facility until retrieval by CRITFC member tribes.

The CRITFC will have all necessary permits for this activity. We will coordinate with Ms. Erin Kovalchuk and Mr. Eric Grosvenor at John Day Dam. CRITFC will coordinate with all USACE and Tribal staff to ensure a smooth and safe operation as in previous years. CRITFC has the current version of the Guide for Researchers for the Dam. CRITFC will supply all information requested in the Guide prior to work beginning. CRITFC will apply for and obtain security badges and required safety training prior to the initiation of work.

Project work plans are in the process of being completed and will be submitted to the Project Biologist as well as the Project Fisheries Research Coordinator for each project.

Sincerely,



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Executive Director

Cc: Ms. Erin Kovalchuk
Mr. Eric Grosvenor