

**Confederated Tribes of the
Umatilla Indian Reservation**

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Operations Project Manager
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Dear Operations Project Manager:

The Umatilla Tribe has implemented a project to restore Pacific Lamprey (*Entosphenus tridentatus*) to the tribes' ceded waters. This on-going project is funded by the Bonneville Power Administration and managed by the CTUIR. As part of the project and the Accord Extension MOA we are requesting permission from the Corps for access to enter John Day Dam project to collect adult Pacific Lamprey in conjunction with the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission staff (separate letter of access forthcoming).

We request access from June 1 to October 31, 2019 at three locations at John Day Dam: 1) the South Ladder Lamprey Trap, 2) the North Ladder Picketed Lead and 3) the North Ladder Lamprey Passage Structure, where traps will be placed and/or lamprey collected. We understand the need to highly coordinate our collections efforts with your project staff and commit to do so. Our past collection actions have proven to be accident-free and relatively successful.

A key component to restoring lampreys to the ceded area river and streams of the CTUIR is to collect adults for translocation. CTUIR would like to enter the Corps projects to collect up to 3,946 adult Pacific lampreys among Bonneville (up to 2,118), The Dalles (up to 1,030) and John Day (up to 798) dams (in separate letters of access sent to appropriate Corps staff of The Dalles Dam and Bonneville) and transport these fish to our holding facility until eventual release. The CTUIR will have all necessary permits for this activity. We will coordinate with Ms. Erin Kovalchuk for access approval response, in addition to project biologists Mr. Brian Bissell, Mr. Andrew Derugin and Mr. Ben Hausman at Bonneville Dam, Mr. Jeff Randall at The Dalles Dam, and Mr. Eric Grosvner at John Day Dam. We will continue to coordinate and report our collections with all Corps staff to ensure a continued smooth and safe operation. CTUIR will obtain the most current version of "A Guide for Fish Researchers" for each appropriate project, and CTUIR will supply all information requested in the Guide prior to work beginning.

We appreciate the cooperation the Corps has provided to date regarding Pacific Lamprey, a culturally important resource of Northwest tribes. Please respond regarding our needs to access and collection of adult lamprey to the following address: CTUIR Fisheries Program, Attn: Aaron Jackson, 46411 Timine Way, Pendleton, Oregon, 97801. If you have any questions please contact Aaron at (541) 429-7281 or at aaronjackson@ctuir.org. Thanks for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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CTUIR Fisheries Program

Cc: Eric Grosvner, Erin Kovalchuk