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Subject: Northern Pikeminnow Management Program Employee Access

Dear Mr. Kirk:

This is the annual letter from the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) to inform you of our 2019 field season on the Columbia River. This letter also serves as a formal request for permission to access the project Boat Restricted Zone (BRZ) at Bonneville Dam to facilitate our biological sampling, as we continue to evaluate the Northern Pikeminnow Management Program (NPMP).

In order to evaluate the NPMP, we will use electrofishing boats to capture, tag, and collect biological data from Northern Pikeminnow and Walleye near Bonneville Dam during the spring of 2019. This strategy should include portions of the project BRZ selected to provide for a statistically sound sampling design while observing all safety requirements for operating in BRZ areas. As in past years, it is our goal to coordinate closely with you and your staff to ensure all safety requirements are satisfied. The project point of contact will be notified in advance of the intended sampling dates and our sampling teams will establish radio contact with the control room prior to entering the BRZ areas. We recognize that spill levels or other project operations may limit or preclude our ability to access the BRZ.

We are committed to providing all necessary documentation required for fish researchers and other team members working at Bonneville Dam. Employee-specific information and documentation will be provided to you as soon as we finalize staffing for these studies, so that security clearance may be issued.

Renewal of our Washington State scientific collection permit for 2019 currently is pending. Further, Endangered Species Act (ESA) consultation for the NPMP is covered under the 2014 FCRPS Supplemental Biological Opinion.

Within ODFW, myself (971-673-6081) and Eric Anderson (971-673-6048) are the administrative and technical contacts for this project. Please feel free to contact either of us if you have any questions or require additional information. As always, thank you for considering our request for project access.

Sincerely,

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