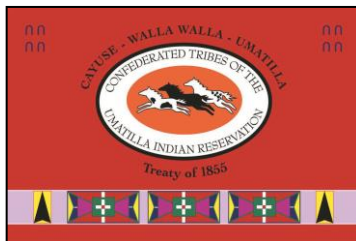


**Confederated Tribes *of the*
Umatilla Indian Reservation**

DNR Fish & Wildlife Programs



46411 Timine Way
Pendleton, OR 97801

www.ctuir.org

email: info@ctuir.org

Phone 541-276-3447

May 14, 2020

Chief Operations Manager
U. S. Army Corps of Engineers
Bonneville Lock and Dam
P.O. Box 150
Cascade Locks, Oregon 97014

Dear Chief Operations 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 the Bonneville Dam project to collect adult Pacific Lamprey in conjunction with the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission (CRITFC) staff (separate letter of access).

We request access from May 25 through Oct 31, 2020 to the following areas: 1) to the AFF and AFF lamprey trap and 2) all Lamprey Passage/Trapping Structures (LPSs). We will coordinate with the tribes and researchers to effectively utilize all lamprey captured. We commit to coordinating the needs of all agencies until our allocation is obtained. Furthermore, we may continue to explore deploying traps at areas that are highly coordinated with Corps staff and workgroups from May through September, and other collection locations TBD.

A key component to restoring lampreys to the ceded area rivers and streams of the CTUIR is to collect adults for translocation. CTUIR would like to enter the Corp projects to collect up to 1942 adult Pacific lampreys among Bonneville (up to 976), The Dalles (up to 671) and John Day (up to 467) dams (in separate letters of access sent to appropriate Corps staff of John Day and The Dalles) and transport 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. Additionally, will we fully engage in any Covid-19 regulations to insure project personnel health and safety.

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. Thanks for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

s/ Gary A. James

Gary A. James
Program Manager
CTUIR Fisheries Program

Cc: Erin Kovalchuk, Andrew Derugin, Ben Hausman, Brian Bissell, Nathan Zorich