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March 17, 2006

Mr. Carter Stein  
Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission  
205 SE Spokane St, Suite 100  
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**Re: Completion of request for use of Separation by Code system**

Dear Mr. Stein

Program and Project Coordination as listed below has taken place for the WDFW Lower Snake River Compensation Plan hatchery evaluations project. We would like to finalize this request with the study coordination for placement of PIT tag codes in the Separation by Code (SbyC) system. This request to use the SbyC system did not require any additional effort for the hydro system or it's cooperators. Listed below are the people we have contacted to satisfy coordination requirements.

**Program and Project Coordination**

February 16, 2006

Sent an e-mail to the following individuals at each of the Agencies/Facilities to let them know our intent of use for SbyC system, and provide time for them 12 days to comment.

Dave Marvin (PSMFC)  
Russ Kiefer (IDFG – FPAC Chairperson)  
Charles Morrill (WDFW)  
Dave Hurson (COE – Walla Walla District)  
Robert Willis (COE – Portland District)  
Bill Spurgeon (COE – Lower Monumental Dam)  
Brad Eby (COE – McNary Dam)  
Terry Hurd (COE – John Day Dam)  
Jon Rerecich (COE – Bonneville Dam)  
Rick Martinson (PSMFC – Smolt Monitoring Office)  
Leslie Schaffer (NOAA Fisheries)

The only response was from Russ Kiefer (see attachment 1). No objections were given

**Study Coordination**

Dave Marvin has reserved action codes that WDFW would like to place into the SbyC system. The actual tag codes were sent to Dave Marvin on March 17th. The list below are the action requests and approximate number of PIT tags for each study group.

### Requested Actions at Specific SbyC Facilities

Location of Actions:	Lower Monumental, McNary Dams
Duration and Start Date:	Entire Season SbyC is operational in 2006
General Action Request:	Place all tag codes (100%) for actions 1, 2, 3 & 4 into “ <b>Monitor Mode</b> ”, No Action is taken (i.e. fish are treated like they do not have a PIT tag)
Action 1:	Tucannon River endemic stock summer steelhead group 9,000 PIT tags codes
Action 2:	Tucannon River Lyons Ferry stock summer steelhead group 9,000 PIT tags codes
Action 3:	Touchet River endemic stock summer steelhead group 9,000 PIT tag codes
Action 4:	Tucannon River wild smolt summer steelhead group 3,000 PIT tags codes

If you have any questions or concerns please contact me (509-382-1004) or Joe Bumgarner at 509-382-4755, and we look forward to the results of this project.

Sincerely,

Mark Schuck – WDFW LSRCP Project leader  
Joe Bumgarner – WDFW Fish Biologist 3, Steelhead Evaluations

cc: Dave Marvin (PSMFC)  
Charles Morrill (WDFW)  
Dave Hurson (COE)

## Attachment 1

February 28, 2006

Joe Bumgarner  
WDFW Snake River Lab

Dear Joe,

Thank you for sending the information on the SbyC request for the Tucannon and Tuochet rivers steelhead PIT tag research. FPAC members have reviewed the SbyC request and there were no objections from any of the members. There were no conflicts that we could discern with other tagging studies.

Please regard this e-mail as concurrence from FPAC to proceed with the SbyC request and complete coordination with any remaining agencies as outlined in the SbyC request process on the PTAGIS website.

If you have any further questions please contact me.

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