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Dear Mr. Stein,

I am sending this letter to inform you of my research coordination efforts to have radio-tagged yearling chinook salmon diverted and collected with the separation by code (SbyC) system at McNary Dam. These fish are being tagged with PIT tags and radio transmitters this spring by NOAA Fisheries.

We plan to collect up to 200 of these tagged fish that come through the juvenile bypass system at McNary. There are three release locations for the radio-tagged fish: Lower Monumental (LMN) forebay, LMN tailrace, and Ice Harbor (IHR) tailrace.

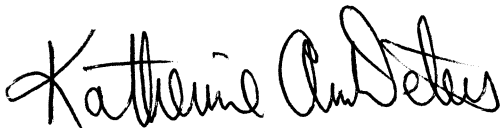
My separation by code request has been issued to Dave Marvin of PTOC. The PIT tag codes have been sent to Dave as well. Fish will be collected until the quota is reached for each release location.

Paul Wagner of FPAC sent a letter approving the request for separation by code. The Determination of Take (4.1-07-PNNL-32) for these fish and the bycatch associated with SbyC has been approved by Ritchie Graves of NOAA. Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife has approved the take of the 200 tagged fish and the bycatch at McNary Dam (Scientific Taking Permit number OR2007-3938).

Dave Hurson, the Army Corps of Engineers Walla Walla District Biologist, informed me that a letter needed to be sent to the Walla Walla District Chief of Operations Division in order to perform research on the project. The approval for research on the McNary Project has been received. I have coordinated collection at McNary Dam with the Project Biologist, Brad Eby. The system at McNary can support our requests and we have agreed to keep fish in the holding tank no longer than 48 hours. Charlie Morrill and Rosanna Tudor, Smolt Monitoring Program at McNary Dam, have informed me that secondary bypass will only occur every other day, so we intend to collect our fish from the SbyC holding tanks every other day as well.

Please let me know if you need any more information regarding this coordination for separation by code.

Sincerely,



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