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March 12, 2012

Ms. Nicole Tancreto  
Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission  
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**Re: Completion of request for use of Separation by Code system in 2012**

Dear Ms. Tancreto

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 its cooperators. Listed below are the people we have contacted to satisfy coordination requirements, and their response is attached at the end of this letter.

**Program and Project Coordination**

February 29, 2012

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 a comment period.

Charles Morrill (WDFW)  
Paul Wagner (NOAA)  
Greg Moody (COE Walla Walla)  
George Melanson (COE Little Goose Dam)  
Mike Halter (COE Lower Granite Dam)  
Pat Kinery (ODFW Little Goose Dam)  
Bill Spurgeon (COE Lower Monumental Dam)  
Carl Dugger (COE McNary Dam)  
Robert Clapp (NOAA Fisheries)

I received a response on March 09, 2012 from Paul Wagner (see attachment 1). No objections were given to the request. All of the PIT tags to be used are on hand, and we have put them into separate text files as requested in the past (see attached files to this email with Action# for each file). Please let me know if you need any additional information.

### Study Coordination

Listed below are the action requests and approximate number of PIT tags for each study group. Fish are not anticipated to be released before April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2012.

#### Requested Actions at Specific SbyC Facilities

Location of Actions: Lower Granite Dam, Little Goose Dams, Lower Monumental, McNary Dams  
Duration and Start Date: Entire Season SbyC is operational in 2012  
General Action Request: Place all tag codes (100%) for actions 1 to 7 into “**Monitor Mode**”, No Action is taken (i.e. fish are treated like they do not have a PIT tag)

### Groups to be in “Monitor Mode” – No action taken

Action #	# of PIT Tags	Group Description
1	15,000	Tucannon River endemic stock steelhead – ESA listed
2	7,000	Touchet River endemic stock steelhead – ESA listed
3	4,000	Touchet River Lyons Ferry stock steelhead – not listed
4	4,000	Walla Walla River Lyons Ferry stock steelhead – not listed
5	4,000	On-Station Lyons Ferry stock steelhead – not listed
6	4,000	Cottonwood AP (Grande Ronde) Wallowa steelhead – not listed
7	30,000	Snake River Fall Chinook – Lyons Ferry Hatchery – not listed

If you have any questions or concerns please contact me at 509-382-1710.

Sincerely,

Joe Bumgarner – WDFW Fish Biologist 3, Steelhead Evaluations

## Attachment 1

March 9, 2012

Dear Joe:

Thank you for sending the information on WDF&W's Sort by Code (SbyC) request for the evaluation of summer steelhead and fall Chinook reared at Lyons Ferry Hatchery. Your request entails using the Sort by Code process in the "monitor mode". FPAC members have reviewed the 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 plan on making a similar request next year, please submit your request on the web-based form available on the PTAGIS web site. It will be filled out for you this year, but please use the web form in the future.

If you have any further questions please contact me.

Paul Wagner - FPAC chairperson

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