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April 11, 2012

Ms. Nicole Tancreto
Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission
205 SE Spokane St, Suite 100
Portland, OR 97202-6413

Re: Completion of request for use of Separation by Code system

Dear Nicole:

Program and Project Coordination as listed below has taken place for projects within the Nez Perce Tribe Department of Fisheries Resources Management. Projects include: the Lower Snake River Compensation Plan hatchery evaluations project cooperative agreement # 14110-3-j010, the Imnaha River Smolt Monitoring Program #199701501, Nez Perce Tribal Hatchery Monitoring and Evaluation Project #1983350003, and the Coho Monitoring Program. We would like to finalize this request with the Study coordination for placement of PIT tag codes in the Separation by Code (SbyC) system. Listed below are the people we have contacted to satisfy coordination requirements.

Program Coordination

February 23, 2012

Sent request letter to Paul Wagner of the Fish Advisory Committee (FPAC) chairperson requesting approval to use the SbyC system.

Approval from FPAC sent February 29, 2012

February 23, 2012

Sent request letter to Greg Moody and Mike Langeslay, US Army Corps of Engineers, and they had no objections or problems with the request.

Project Coordination

This request to use the SbyC system did not require any additional effort, staffing or extra work any of the hydro facilities. Thus, we coordinated with personnel associated with Lower Granite, Little Goose, Lower Monumental, and McNary, juvenile facilities and received approval from all locations.

Juvenile Facilities

Contact Date: February 23, 2012

Lower Granite Dam Juvenile Fish Facility (GRJ), Mike Halter, US Army Corps of Engineers, Charles Morrill, Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife.

Little Goose Dam (LGO), George Melanson, US Army Corps of Engineers, Pat Keniry, Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife.

Lower Monumental Dam (LMN), Bill Spurgeon, US Army Corps of Engineers, Charles Morrill, Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife.

I have received multiple emails of concurrence from Mike Halter and Pat Keniry.

Study Coordination

Nicole please reserve the action codes that Nez Perce Tribe would like to place into the SbyC system. The actual tag codes soon are attached in the email. The lists below are the action requests and number of PIT tags.

Requested Actions at Specific SbyC Facilities

Location of Actions:	Lower Granite, Little Goose, Lower Monumental, and McNary Dams.
Duration and Start Date:	Entire Season SbyC is operational in 2012
General Action Request:	Place all tag codes (100%) for actions 1-3 into "Monitor Mode", No Action is taken
Action 1:	Imnaha River natural juvenile Chinook salmon group Approximate number of PIT tags released at stream = 10,246
Action 2:	Imnaha River natural juvenile steelhead group Approximate number of PIT tags released at stream = 2,300
Action 3:	Coho Clearwater hatchery juvenile group Approximate number of PIT tags released at stream= 11,957

If you have any questions or concerns please contact Jason Vogel at 208-621-3602, and we look forward to the results of this project.

Sincerely,



Jason Vogel – Research Division Deputy Director

Cc: Hesse, Young, Bisbee (NPT)

February 29, 2012

Dear Jason:

Thank you for sending the information on the Nez Perce Tribe's Sort by Code (SbyC) request to evaluate the Lower Snake River Compensation Plan, Imnaha Smolt Monitoring Project, and the Nez Perce Coho Project. Evaluation of these projects requires monitoring of PIT tagged hatchery and natural Chinook salmon, steelhead trout, and Coho salmon at lower Snake River and McNary Dams. 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

paul.wagner@noaa.gov

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Jason Vogel

From: Halter, Mike J NWW <Mike.J.Halter@usace.army.mil>
Sent: Thursday, February 23, 2012 4:37 PM
To: Jason Vogel
Subject: RE: Nez Perce Tribe Coordination of the Use of the Separation by Code System - RESPONSE ON YOUR PART REQUIRED (UNCLASSIFIED)

Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Caveats: NONE

Jason,

(You need to change the date in the first paragraph of your form letter to 2012.) I have no problems with your continued use of the SbyC system at Lower Granite Dam during the upcoming 2012 season.

Mike Halter
Supervisory Biologist
Lower Granite Lock & Dam
(509) 843-1493 x263

-----Original Message-----

From: Jason Vogel [<mailto:jasonv@nezperce.org>]
Sent: Thursday, February 23, 2012 3:43 PM
To: Halter, Mike J NWW
Subject: Nez Perce Tribe Coordination of the Use of the Separation by Code System - RESPONSE ON YOUR PART REQUIRED

The Nez Perce Tribe will be using the Separation by Code system at all the dams for the Tenth year. We are required to coordinate these activities with all the facilities to get SbyC approval. Use of this system at your facility in no way impacts your operations and does not require any staff or actions on your part. Please read the attached request and if there are any questions let me know. I NEED AN EMAIL CONFIRMATION BACK THE YOU APPROVE THIS ACTION.

Thanks for your continued support of the Nez Perce Tribe Program.

Jason Vogel

DFRM - Research Division

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From: Patrick J Keniry <patrick.j.keniry@state.or.us>
Sent: Thursday, February 23, 2012 4:07 PM
To: Jason Vogel
Subject: RE: Nez Perce Tribe Coordination of the Use of the Separation by Code System - RESPONSE ON YOUR PART REQUIRED

Hi, Jason.

Check me off of your list as having been coordinated with.

Pat

From: Jason Vogel [<mailto:jasonv@nezperce.org>]
Sent: Thursday, February 23, 2012 3:44 PM
To: Pat Keniry
Subject: Nez Perce Tribe Coordination of the Use of the Separation by Code System - RESPONSE ON YOUR PART REQUIRED

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