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Nicole Tancreto
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Dear Nicole:

The Idaho Department of Fish and Game (IDFG) would like to confirm the completion of the SbyC procedures for returning spring and summer Chinook salmon to Lower Granite Dam from McCall and Rapid River fish hatcheries. These fish are to be targeted as part of a double tagging PIT tag retention study.

Program Coordination:

Comparative Survival Study (CSS)

February 15, 2012 – Study discussed with CSS Oversight Committee via a conference call with no conflicts identified.

Fish Passage Advisory Committee (FPAC)

February 22, 2012 – Study request sent to Paul Wagner, FPAC Chairperson
March 2, 2012 – Notification received stating study reviewed by FPAC with no conflicts identified.

PIT Tag Operations Center (PTOC)

February 22, 2012 – Study request sent to Nicole Tancreto, Data Management Specialist. No conflicts or objections indicated.

Army Corps of Engineers (COE)

February 22, 2012 – Study request sent to Greg Moody, Walla Walla District. No conflicts or objections indicated.

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Project Coordination:

Lower Granite Dam Adult Fish Trap (LGA)

February 22, 2012 – Study request sent to Mike Halter (US Army Corp of Engineers) and Darren Ogden (NOAA Fisheries). No conflicts or objections indicated.

Study Coordination:

Tag code lists will be generated as fish return over Bonneville Dam and submitted to PTAGIS for inclusion in the adult separation by code system at Lower Granite Dam on a weekly basis. By generating tag lists in season we will be able to avoid excessively large, all-inclusive tag lists, as well as create treatment and control study groups based on actual returns.

Requested Action:

Divert target fish to LGA from April 1, 2011 to August 31, 2011 (dependent on fish arrival timing). COE and IDFG staff will jaw tag treatment groups and release them to continue their adult migration.

Project Purpose:

We identify the following objectives for this project:

1. Quantify the levels of jack and adult Chinook salmon PIT tag loss, by sex, between Lower Granite Dam and hatchery traps on the SF Salmon and Rapid river.
2. Quantify the levels of jack and adult Chinook salmon PIT tag loss, by sex, during adult holding at the SF Salmon River Satellite Facility and Rapid River Fish Hatchery.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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