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Dear Nicole,

As you requested, I am writing to inform you that I have coordinated our use of the Sort-by-Code systems at the juvenile facilities at McNary and Bonneville for our USACE-funded study "Evaluation of methods to reduce straying rates of barged juvenile steelhead" with the USACE and juvenile facility biologists. I have applied for and received a letter of accordance from the FPAC. For our studies, we are collecting two groups of hatchery and wild steelhead that have been Pit-tagged at Lower Granite Dam by Doug Marsh. The first group of fish was tagged between April 30 and May 3. We want to collect 20 wild and 20 hatchery steelhead from these tag dates at McNary Dam starting at 7 AM on May 8. We want to continue these collections until we have collected 20 hatchery and 20 wild steelhead from these groups. Ideally, we can organize these as separate files for wild and hatchery fish so that once we collect our 20 hatchery fish we will stop sorting these fish and only continue for wild fish. I will provide separate wild and hatchery code files in a follow-up e-mail (Doug is supposed to send me these tomorrow morning and I will forward). We will be using both the A and B separator at that facility. We hope to collect this same cohort of fish at the Bonneville juvenile facility as well. Again, we hope to collect 20 hatchery and 20 wild fish at this site. These fish will be sorted into the East SbyC Tank (the same tank that Doug and Lyle are using - they are both on board with this). I would like to start collecting these fish on May 13 until 20 of each group (hatchery and wild) have been collected. We will repeat this same procedure in late May. We will use the sort by code systems at McNary and Bonneville to collect steelhead tagged at Lower Granite between May 21-24. I anticipate wanting to collect fish at the McNary site starting on May 28 until we collect our 20 wild and 20 hatchery fish and starting at Bonneville May 31 until we collect 20 wild and 20 hatchery there. I think this is all the information you requested but please feel free to contact me if you need more information. Thank you for all your help.

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