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MEMORANDUM

TO: Leah Sullivan, Chris Caudill

FROM: Comparative Survival Study (CSS) Oversight Committee

DATE: March 27, 2013

RE: Permission to Radio Tag (Previously PIT Tagged) Adult Chinook at Ice Harbor Dam, Spring 2013

The Comparative Survival Rate Study (CSS) is opposed to your recent proposal to use previously PIT tagged adults for this study. We do not grant permission for you to radio tag previously PIT tagged fish that are part of the CSS study. Returning adults marked cooperatively for the CSS are not easily identifiable using coordinator ID and we can supply either a list of PIT tags to avoid or other information to identify these adults if needed.

The CSS is a multi-year research project (entering its 17th year of operation) and is conducted by the fishery agencies and tribes to measure survival across the whole life-cycle of hatchery and wild spring/summer/fall Chinook, steelhead, and sockeye from Columbia River basin. In order to reduce redundancy, costs, and handling, the program marks many groups cooperatively with other agencies (e.g., USFWS, IDFG, ISS, IPC, ODFW, CTUIR, WDFW, etc.). An interagency CSS Oversight Committee oversees the design, execution, and analysis of this study. The data generated by the CSS provides long term monitoring information for the region that is consistently measured and analyzed. To maintain the quality of these data, including many metrics and analyses that utilize Lower Granite Dam as an unbiased measuring point for adults, we are not granting permission to use CSS adults in your study.