

## **Department of Energy**

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ENVIRONMENT, FISH AND WILDLIFE

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## To: People interested in the Pacific Lamprey Artificial Propagation and Release Research Project

The Bonneville Power Administration (Bonneville) has finalized the environmental assessment (EA) for the proposed Pacific Lamprey Artificial Propagation and Release Research Project. Based on the final EA, BPA is issuing a finding of no significant impact (FONSI) and made a decision to provide funding for this project. This letter describes BPA's decision and how to obtain additional information.

Bonneville prepared an EA to help determine the potential impacts the project would have on the human environment. The draft EA was released for public review and comment on January 25, 2021. Three letters were received during the public comment period and Bonneville prepared a final EA that includes responses to these comments. Based on the EA analysis, Bonneville found that the project would not cause any significant impacts and has issued a finding of no significant impact.

**Decision:** BPA decided to fund the Pacific Lamprey Artificial Propagation and Release Research Project. Project implementation is expected to occur in spring of 2021.

**Copies Available:** If you previously requested it, the final EA and FONSI are enclosed. If you did not receive a copy of the final EA or FONSI with this letter and would like one, please call our toll-free document request line: 1-800-622-4520. Leave a request naming this project and giving your name and complete mailing address. The final EA/FONSI is also available on the internet at: http://www.bpa.gov/goto/PacificLamprey

**For More Information:** If you have questions regarding the environmental process, please contact me at 503-230-5756, or by e-mail at *esgresh@bpa.gov*. You can also reach us toll free at 1-800-622-4519.

Thank you for your interest in our work.

Sincerely,

<u>/s/ Ted Gresh</u> Ted Gresh Environmental Protection Specialist

Enclosures: Final EA (if requested) FONSI (if requested)