MEMORANDUM

TO: Ethan Crawford, WDFW
FROM: Brandon R. Chockley and Jerry McCann
DATE: March 10, 2016
RE: PIT-tagged wild steelhead from Asotin Creek for CSS pre-assignment into Monitor and Return-to-River Mode, 2016 out-migration

Fish Passage Center staff (on behalf of the CSS) is beginning the process of preparing a Sort-by-Code (SbyC) list of PIT tags that routes a pre-assigned proportion of PIT-tagged wild Chinook and steelhead to Monitor-Mode and Return-to-River Mode operations at Lower Granite (GRJ), Little Goose (GOJ), and Lower Monumental (LMJ) dams in 2016. A list of PIT-tagged fish that are to be pre-assigned to Monitor-Mode operations will be provided to Nicole Tancreto at PSMFC for placement on the SbyC databases at the three COE collector dams, and the PIT-tagged Return-to River group will simply follow the current default operations at these three dams.

The table below contains candidate fish that have already been PIT-tagged and released by you. Some fish from the ASOTIC release site may have been excluded from this list due to their capture method(s) and/or coordinator ID. For example, PIT-tagged fish that were captured in a method other than with a screw trap have been excluded from this list, as these fish are not included in CSS analyses. Please review the table below and let us know if there are other PIT-tagged release groups that you want to be included in the CSS SbyC tag list for Monitor-Mode operations.

The table below includes only PIT-tagged fish that have a tag date on or before March 5, 2016, and have been uploaded to PTAGIS by approximately March 7, 2016. In addition to reviewing the table below, we are requesting that you send us a list of clip files for any fish that you plan to PIT-tag from March 5, 2016, through June 30, 2016, so that we may pre-assign and include them in the CSS SbyC tag lists.
We wish to complete the CSS SbyC tag lists by early April so that PSMFC may upload the tags at GRJ, GOJ, and LMJ before transportation begins.

Summary of Existing Tags

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Release Site</th>
<th>Coordinator</th>
<th>Tag Source(s)</th>
<th>Existing* tagged wild steelhead</th>
<th>Wild steelhead monitor-mode pre-assigned</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>ASOTIC</td>
<td>ACP</td>
<td>WDFW/CSS</td>
<td>2,470</td>
<td>70%</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

* Wild steelhead PIT-tagged 9/1/2014 to 6/30/2015 with tag length < 130mm or PIT-tagged 10/1/2015 to 3/05/2016 with tag length < 300mm

Inserting CSS into Session Message

In past years we have suggested that sites could incorporate “CSS” somewhere in their tag files, either at the beginning or end. This would allow the CSS and other coordinators to more easily identify which fish are to be used for CSS analyses. **Instead of requesting a change in the naming convention, we ask that you insert “CSS” somewhere in the Session Message.**

If you have questions or comment regarding the CSS use of your PIT-tagged fish for SbyC in 2016, please contact either Jerry or Brandon.

Thanks,

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