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### NEPA REVIEW SCREENING FORM

Document ID Number:  
DOE/CX-00033

**I. Project Title:**

Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission Use of White Bluffs Boat Launch and Hanford Town Boat Ramp for Tagging Juvenile Fall Chinook Salmon

**II. Project Description and Location (including Time Period over which proposed action will occur and Project Dimensions - e.g., acres displaced/disturbed, excavation length/depth, etc.):**

Proposed Action: The US Department of Energy (DOE), Richland Operations Office (RL), proposes to grant to the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission temporary seasonal access to and use of two parcels of land, one in the old Hanford Townsite adjacent to the Hanford ferry ramp and the other at the White Bluffs boat launch site as staging and processing areas for capture, adipose-clip and coded-wire tag of juvenile fall Chinook salmon from the Hanford Reach (Permit R006-10PR-14952 granted to CRITFC for these activities).

Location of Action: The temporary-use land parcels are located in the Hanford Townsite adjacent to the former ferry ramp and the White Bluffs boat launch. The old Hanford Town site parcel to be used is approximately 1/2 acre. The parcel is located 3000 feet southeast of an existing concrete structure known as the Richland pump house. The White Bluffs parcel is located at the White Bluffs boat launch on the southwest side of the Hanford Reach.

Description of Action: DOE RL's action would be to grant temporary seasonal use of this land to CRITFC for a period of 5 years. The CRITFC would utilize the land seasonally for approximately 4 weeks in the late spring typically from May 20th to June 20th depending on juvenile fall Chinook salmon activity which is nature dependent. During the time that CRITFC utilizes the parcel they will take care not to damage sagebrush or other native vegetation. They will not excavate and will not disturb the ground beyond that needed to level their fish troughs. They will not pick up or displace cultural resources. They will utilize existing road ways and disturbed areas for placement of water tanks, support trailers, electrical generators, portable toilets and parking. No open fires will be permitted. No pets are allowed on the Hanford Site. No individual without a current DOE badge will visit or stay at the site. Any required permits would be obtained. If docking is used the required permits would be obtained. Water contaminated by the anesthetic (MS222 or Finquel) used during the tagging and clipping of the fish will be disposed of properly using currently acceptable methods as specified by the Environmental Protection Agency.

Note: During the 2010 field season, MS222 was stored and removed using a trailer by PNNL for treatment and disposal. At the termination of activities all equipment, materials and support trailers will be removed.

**III. Reviews (if applicable):**

Biological Review Report #: BRR#2010-600-066, submitted by Michael Sackschewsky (PNNL-Eco Review)

Cultural Review Report #: CRR#2010-600-066, submitted by Jennifer Gutzeit (PNNL-Env Assessment)

NPCE Determination:  YES  NO

**IV. Existing NEPA Documentation (see Steps 3 and 4 of Contractor Screening Process)**

YES NO

Is the proposed action evaluated in a previous EA, EIS, or under CERCLA?

If "NO," proceed to Section V. If "YES," List EA, EIS, or CERCLA Document(s) Title and Number:

And then complete Section VII and provide electronic copy of Initiator/ECO signed NRSF to DOE NCO for information (see Step 6 of Contractor Screening Process).



**V. Sitewide Categorical Exclusion (see Step 5 of Contractor Screening Process)**

YES NO

Does the proposed action fall within the scope of a Hanford Sitewide Categorical Exclusion?

If "NO," proceed to Section VI.

If "YES," list Sitewide Categorical Exclusion to be applied and complete Sitewide Categorical Exclusion Criteria:

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<b>Sitewide Categorical Exclusion Criteria</b>		YES    NO	
Are there extraordinary circumstances related to the proposal that may affect the significance of the environmental effects of the proposal?		<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
Is the action connected to other actions with potentially significant impacts (see 40 CFR 1508.25(a)(1)) or result in cumulatively significant impacts (see 40 CFR 1508.25(a)(2))?		<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
Does the proposed action impact sensitive species or their habitats?		<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
Does the action involve or disturb the Hanford Reach National Monument, Rattlesnake Mountain, Gable Mountain, Gable Butte or other Traditional Cultural Properties or properties of historic, archaeological or architectural significance, or occur within one-fourth mile of the Columbia River?		<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
If "NO" to all Sitewide Categorical Exclusion Criteria questions above, complete Section VII and provide electronic copy of Initiator/ECO signed NRSF to DOE NCO for information (see Step 6 of Contractor Screening Process). If "YES" to any of the Sitewide Categorical Exclusion Criteria questions above, attach appropriate explanatory information and provide NRSF to DOE NCO; DOE initiates DOE NEPA Review Screening Process - Step 1 by completing Section VI and VIII, as appropriate.			
<b>VI. Categorical Exclusion</b>		YES    NO	
Does the proposed action fall within a class of actions that is listed in Appendixes A or B to Subpart D of 10 CFR Part 1021?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
List CX to be applied and complete Categorical Exclusion Criteria (based on Eligibility Criteria of the NEPA Determination Procedure): B3.8 "Outdoor ecological and other environmental research (including siting, construction..."			
<b>Categorical Exclusion Criteria</b>		YES    NO	
Does the proposed action threaten a violation of applicable statutory, regulatory, or permit requirements for environmental, safety, or health, including DOE and/or Executive Orders?		<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Does the proposed action require siting, construction, or major expansion of waste storage, disposal, recovery, or treatment facilities?		<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Does the proposed action disturb hazardous substances, pollutants, contaminants, or CERCLA-excluded petroleum and natural gas products that pre-exist in the environment such that there would be uncontrolled or unpermitted releases?		<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Does the proposed action adversely affect environmentally sensitive resources?		<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Are there extraordinary circumstances related to the proposal that may affect the significance of the environmental effects of the proposal?		<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Is the proposal connected to other actions with potentially significant impacts or result in cumulatively significant impacts (not precluded by 40 CFR 1506.1 or 10 CFR 1021.211)?		<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
If "NO" to all Categorical Exclusion Criteria questions above, DOE NCO completes Section VIII, provides electronic copy of signed NRSF to contractor, and otherwise complies with Step 4 of the DOE NEPA Review Screening Process - Step 1. If "YES" to any of the Categorical Exclusion Criteria questions above, DOE NCO complies with Step 5 of the DOE NEPA Review Screening Process - Step 1, and initiates DOE NEPA Review Screening Process - Step 2.			
<b>VII. Approvals/Determination</b>			
	Name (Printed)	Signature	Date
Initiator			
Cognizant Environmental Compliance Officer	Dana Ward		4/28/11
<b>VIII. Approval/Determination</b>			
DOE NEPA Compliance Officer: <u>Woody Russell</u>			
Based on my review of information conveyed to me and in my possession (or attached) concerning the proposed action, as NEPA Compliance Officer (as authorized under DOE Order 451.1B), I have determined that the proposed action fits within the specified class of action:			
NCO Determination - <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CX <input type="checkbox"/> EA <input type="checkbox"/> EIS			
Signature: <u></u>		Date: <u>4/28/11</u>	