



February 12, 2018

Kittitas County Community Development Services  
411 N. Ruby St., Ste 2  
Ellensburg, WA 98926

**Subject:** Melvin R. Sampson Coho Hatchery – Shoreline Exemption Permit Application Submittal

The Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) is proposing to fund construction and operation of the Melvin R. Sampson Hatchery (MRS Hatchery) in the Yakima Basin in central Washington. The proposed hatchery would be owned and operated by the Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation (Yakama Nation) and would be constructed on land owned by the Yakama Nation northwest of Ellensburg in Kittitas County, Washington. Construction activities will involve building a new hatchery building, outdoor adult holding pond, a shop building, an effluent clarifier and three new residences in the general area of an existing farmhouse and barn. Some of the project activities will involve minor impacts to jurisdictional waters of the U.S and wetlands.

A Joint Aquatic Resources Permit Application (JARPA), was submitted for review on January 17, 2018. Based on this JARPA, the Department of the Army granted the MRS Hatchery a Nationwide Permit 39 for temporary and permanent impacts to waters and wetlands of the United States (Reference: NWS-2017-79).

The MRS Hatchery requires a Shoreline Exemption for work within 200 feet of the shoreline. Attached is the required Shoreline Exemption Permit Application, associated drawings and relevant supporting information. Once you have had a chance to review the enclosed Shoreline Exemption package, we look forward to discussing the next steps required to obtain approval of our application. I am also available to meet for an on-site meeting to discuss the project in more detail.

I look forward to hearing back from you regarding this project. Please contact me at 208-985-1520 or (jensen@mcmjac.com) if you have any questions regarding this application submittal.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kevin Jensen', is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Kevin Jensen (Authorized Agent)  
Project Engineer

cc: JoDe Goudy – Yakama Nation  
Dave Goodman – BPA  
Mort McMillen – McMillen Jacobs Associates

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**Attachments:**

**Shoreline Exemption Permitting Application**

**Attachment 1 – Figures**

**Attachment 2 – BPA Final EIS**