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To: All Region 1 Project Leaders
From: Regional Director, Region 1
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Subject: Pacific Lamprey Conservation Initiative

Over the last few years, several Tribes in the Northwest have asked the Service to play a more active role in Pacific lamprey conservation. In an effort to be responsive to this request and after much thought and discussion, Ecological Services and Fisheries biologists produced the attached document entitled the *Pacific Lamprey Conservation Initiative*. It is designed to be a collaborative initiative that reaches out to those interested in lamprey to find ways to better conserve and restore them. The immediate goal of the Initiative is to facilitate communication and coordination relative to the conservation of Pacific lampreys throughout their range. Ultimately, a collaborative conservation plan is to be developed to help guide conservation.

I am sending this to you to alert you to this Initiative and to ask that you review it to determine how your office might assist with the overall goal of restoring lamprey populations and their habitat.

Please feel free to directly contact those listed in the Initiative for more information and to get involved. Thank you for your support of this effort.