Dr. Chenette

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Dear Dr. Chenette:

I would like to submit our manuscript titled “Northern Pikeminnow Abundance in Deadwater Slough, Salmon River, Idaho, and Potential Impacts to Local Chinook Salmon” to be considered for publication as a research article in PLOS ONE.

The research paper uses a mark-recapture survey to estimate the abundance of Northern Pikeminnow, a piscine predator, in an uncharacteristically slow reach of the Salmon River, Idaho, that has at least been partially formed due to human activities. We estimate a large population size of Northern Pikeminnow and use a bioenergetics approach to consider their impacts to local ESA-listed Chinook salmon populations. We identify that predation by Northern Pikeminnow on local Chinook salmon should be considered among limiting factors hindering population recovery efforts in the region. We believe these findings will be of interest to readers interested in salmon recovery and will be a valuable contribution to PLOS ONE.

We declare that this manuscript and content is original, has not been published previously, and is not currently being considered for publication elsewhere. As the corresponding author, I confirm that the manuscript has been read and approved for submission by all the co-authors.

We hope you find our research article suitable for publication and a valuable addition to PLOS ONE. We look forward to hearing from you on your decision. In the meantime, please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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