

Memorandum

To: Wells, Rocky Reach, and Rock Island HCPs
Coordinating Committees

Date: February 26, 2019

From: John Ferguson, HCP Coordinating Committees Chairman

cc: Kristi Geris

Re: Final Action Items from the February 26, 2019 HCP Coordinating Committees Meeting

This memorandum provides a summary of action items, decisions, agreements, and documents for review as discussed during the Wells, Rocky Reach, and Rock Island Hydroelectric Projects Habitat Conservation Plans (HCPs) Coordinating Committees meeting, which met at the Grant PUD Office in Wenatchee, Washington, on Tuesday February 26, 2019, from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. Attendees are listed in Attachment A. These action items include the following:

Action Item Summary

- Lance Keller will review subyearling Chinook salmon sampled at the Rocky Reach Juvenile Sampling Facility (RRJSF) during the summer spill season at Rocky Reach Dam, to determine: 1) whether the index samples collected represent overall passage trends based on passive integrated transponder (PIT)-tag detections in the bypass across the season, notably during high flow years such as that experienced in 2018; and 2) whether any adjustments are needed while also maintaining continuity with historical data in the Columbia River Data Access in Real Time database (DART; Item I-C).
- Chelan PUD will provide a final timeline for repairing Rocky Reach Dam Turbine Unit C1 hub seals to Kristi Geris for distribution to the HCP Coordinating Committees (Item I-C).
- Tom Kahler will revise the draft 2018 Wells HCP Action Plan, as discussed, and will provide a final plan to Kristi Geris for distribution to the HCP Coordinating Committees (Item III-A).
- Lance Keller will determine whether the weir box within the intake of Turbine Unit C1 was fixed to facilitate river flow through this area of the Intake Screen System with Turbine Unit C1 out of service during the 2019 bypass season (Item IV-A).
- Lance Keller will inquire internally about the reasoning behind taking downstream-migrating Pacific Lamprey at the Rocky Reach Juvenile Fish Bypass System (RRJFBS) and releasing these fish at an upstream location (Item IV-A).
- The HCP Coordinating Committees meeting on March 26, 2019, will be held **in-person** at the Grant PUD Wenatchee office in Wenatchee, Washington (Item V-C).

Decision Summary

- Wells HCP Coordinating Committee representatives present approved the 2018 Wells HCP Action Plan, as revised (Item III-A).

- Wells HCP Coordinating Committee representatives present approved the 2018 Post-Season Bypass Report and Passage-Dates Analysis (Item III-B).
- Wells HCP Coordinating Committee representatives present approved the *2019 Total Dissolved Gas Abatement Plan Wells Hydroelectric Project FERC Project No. 2149* (Item III-C).
- Rocky Reach HCP Coordinating Committee representatives present approved the 2018 Rocky Reach Juvenile Fish Bypass System (RRJFBS) Report (Item IV-A).
- Rock Island HCP Coordinating Committee representatives present approved the 2018 Rock Island Smolt and Gas Bubble Trauma Evaluation Report (Item IV-B).

Agreements

- There were no HCP Agreements discussed during today's meeting.

Review Items

- A draft 2017 Douglas PUD Pikeminnow Removal Annual Report was distributed to the HCP Coordinating Committees by Kristi Geris on January 29, 2019, which is available for a 60-day review with edits and comments due to Tom Kahler by Thursday, March 28, 2019.
- The draft 2018 Wells HCP Annual Report was distributed to the HCP Coordinating Committees by Kristi Geris on February 5, 2019, and is available for a 30-day review with edits and comments due to Geris by Wednesday, March 6, 2019 (Item V-B).
- A draft 2019 Rock Island and Rocky Reach HCP Action Plan was distributed to the HCP Coordinating Committees by Kristi Geris on February 12, 2019, which is available for review (Item IV-G).
- A draft 2019 Rock Island Bypass Monitoring Plan was distributed to the HCP Coordinating Committees by Kristi Geris on February 15, 2019, which is available for a 32-day review with edits and comments due to Lance Keller by Monday, March 18, 2019 (Item IV-H).
- A draft 2019 Rocky Reach Juvenile Fish Bypass System Operations Plan was distributed to the HCP Coordinating Committees by Kristi Geris on February 15, 2019, which is available for a 32-day review with edits and comments due to Lance Keller by Monday, March 18, 2019 (Item IV-H).
- A draft 2019 Rock Island and Rocky Reach Fish Spill Plan was distributed to the HCP Coordinating Committees by Kristi Geris on February 15, 2019, which is available for a 32-day review with edits and comments due to Lance Keller by Monday, March 18, 2019 (Item IV-I).
- The draft 2018 Rock Island and Rocky Reach HCP Annual Reports were distributed to the HCP Coordinating Committees by Kristi Geris on February 18, 2019, and are available for a 30-day review with edits and comments due to Geris by Monday, March 18, 2019 (Item V-B).

- Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission's (CRITFC's) annual request to tag sockeye salmon at Wells Dam in 2019 was distributed to the Wells HCP Coordinating Committee for review by Kristi Geris on February 20, 2019 (Item III-E).

Finalized Documents

- There are no documents that have been recently finalized.

Attachment A
List of Attendees

Name	Organization
John Ferguson	Anchor QEA, LLC
Kristi Geris	Anchor QEA, LLC
Tracy Hillman ^{††}	BioAnalysts
Lance Keller [*]	Chelan PUD
Tom Kahler [*]	Douglas PUD
Andrew Gingerich [*]	Douglas PUD
Scott Carlon ^{*†}	National Marine Fisheries Service
Jim Craig [*]	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Patrick Verhey ^{*†}	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife
Kirk Truscott [*]	Colville Confederated Tribes
Keely Murdoch [*]	Yakama Nation

Notes:

- * Denotes HCP Coordinating Committees member or alternate
- † Joined by phone
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