

Memorandum

To: Wells, Rocky Reach, and Rock Island HCPs Hatchery Committees Date: March 16, 2017

From: Sarah Montgomery

cc: Tracy Hillman, Chair

Re: Final Action Items Summary from the March 13, 2017, HCP-HC Meeting

The Wells, Rocky Reach, and Rock Island Hydroelectric Projects Habitat Conservation Plans (HCPs) Hatchery Committees meeting was held at the Grant PUD office in Wenatchee, Washington, on Monday, March 13, 2017, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. The action items include the following:

Action Item Summary

- McLain Johnson (Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife [WDFW]) will revise the timeline for conducting genetic analysis for HCP program species incorporating suggestions provided during the Hatchery Committees January 18, 2017, meeting (Item I-A). (*Note: This item is ongoing.*)
- McLain Johnson and WDFW geneticists will perform a power analysis to inform genetic analysis intervals and intensity for HCP program species (Item I-A). (*Note: this item is ongoing.*)
- Andrew Murdoch (WDFW) will write an overview of proposed expanded sampling at the off-ladder fish trap (OLAFT) at Priest Rapids Dam (Item I-A). (*Note: this item is ongoing.*)
- Hatchery Committees representatives will review the Hatchery M&E Plan Objectives before the Hatchery Committees April 19, 2017 meeting (Item IV-A).
- Casey Baldwin will discuss internally the steelhead marking strategy in the draft 2017 Broodstock Collection Protocols and provide feedback to Mike Tonseth (Item IV-D).
- Keely Murdoch will discuss internally the Yakama Nation's egg requests for their summer Chinook salmon program (Item IV-D).
- Hatchery Committees representatives will discuss internally WDFW's proposal for collection and rearing for the Twisp Steelhead program in 2017, and provide a vote by March 30, 2017 (note: this includes adult collection at the Twisp Weir, transfer to Winthrop NFH, spawning as part of aggregate composite population and incubation to eyed-egg or fry stage at Winthrop NFH, then transfer to Methow FH; Item IV-E).
- Catherine Willard will revise the draft study plan, "Outplanting Surplus Methow Composite Spring Chinook Salmon Adults to Increase Natural Production in the Chewuch River," and distribute it to the Hatchery Committees for approval at the April 19, 2017 meeting (Item IV-F).

- Tracy Hillman will preliminarily revise the brood-year stray rate target language in the Hatchery M&E Plan for further discussion at the Hatchery Committees April 17, 2017 meeting (Item IV-G).
- Tracy Hillman will assess the relationship over the last 10 years between exceeding brood-year stray rate targets and exceeding recipient stray rate targets (Item IV-G).

Decision Summary

- The Wells Hatchery Committee representatives present approved Douglas PUD's Wells HCP 2017 Action Plan as follows: Douglas PUD, USFWS, WDFW, NMFS, YN, and CCT approved on March 13, 2017 (Item II-A).
- The Wells Hatchery Committee representatives present approved Douglas PUD's Statement of Agreement (SOA), Monitoring and Evaluation Reporting Schedule for the Douglas PUD, Grant PUD and Chelan PUD Hatchery Programs, as follows: Douglas PUD, USFWS, WDFW, NMFS, YN, and CCT approved on March 13, 2017 (Item II-B).
- The Rock Island and Rocky Reach Hatchery Committees representatives present approved Chelan PUD's Statement of Agreement (SOA), Monitoring and Evaluation Reporting Schedule for the Douglas PUD, Grant PUD and Chelan PUD Hatchery Programs, as follows: Chelan PUD, USFWS, WDFW, NMFS, YN, and CCT approved on March 13, 2017 (Item III-A).
- The Rock Island and Rocky Reach Hatchery Committees representatives approved Chelan PUD's draft 2017 Steelhead Release Plan as follows: Chelan PUD approved on March 13, 2017, and USFWS, WDFW, NMFS, YN, and CCT approved via email on March 16, 2017 (Item III-B).

Agreements

- The Wells Hatchery Committee agreed that the approximately 48,000 BY 2016 Twisp River steelhead smolts should be truck-released from Buttermilk Bridge, instead of acclimated at the Twisp Acclimation Pond (Item IV-E).
- The Rock Island Hatchery Committee agreed that Chelan PUD and USFWS can perform maturation sampling for 300 Chiwawa spring Chinook salmon (Item IV-H).
- The Wells Hatchery Committee agreed that Douglas PUD can perform maturation sampling for 300 Methow spring Chinook salmon (Item IV-H).

Review Items

- Sarah Montgomery sent an email to the Hatchery Committees on March 3, 2017, notifying them that the draft 2017 Broodstock Collection Protocols are available for review, with comments due to Mike Tonseth by March 16, 2017 (Item IV-D).

Finalized Documents

- Sarah Montgomery sent an email to the Hatchery Committees on March 13, 2017, notifying them that the Final Douglas PUD SOA, Monitoring and Evaluation Reporting Schedule for the Douglas PUD, Grant PUD and Chelan PUD Hatchery Programs, is now available for download from the Hatchery Committees Extranet site.
- Sarah Montgomery sent an email to the Hatchery Committees on March 13, 2017, notifying them that the Final Chelan PUD SOA, Monitoring and Evaluation Reporting Schedule for the Douglas PUD, Grant PUD and Chelan PUD Hatchery Programs, is now available for download from the Hatchery Committees Extranet site.
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