

## Memorandum

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

Date: June 25, 2018

From: Sarah Montgomery

cc: Tracy Hillman, Chair

**Re: Final Action Items Summary from the June 20, 2018, HCP-HC Meeting**

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The Wells, Rocky Reach, and Rock Island Hydroelectric Projects Habitat Conservation Plans (HCPs) Hatchery Committees meeting was held by conference call on Wednesday June 20, 2018, from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. The action items include the following:

### Action Item Summary

- Mike Tonseth will coordinate with Todd Seamons (WDFW) to produce an outline or recommended approach for genetic monitoring (Item I-A). *(Note: this item is ongoing.)*
- Mike Tonseth will coordinate with Todd Seamons (WDFW) regarding reviewing the memo, "Alternatives for Methow Basin conservation steelhead programs" (Item I-A). *(Note: this item is ongoing.)*
- Kirk Truscott will work with Casey Baldwin (CCT) to summarize the CCT's current protocols for genetic sampling (Item I-A). *(Note: this item is ongoing.)*
- Tom Kahler and Greg Mackey will provide historical information to Tracy Hillman for incorporation in the Draft Hatchery Program Timelines (Item I-A). *(Note: this item is ongoing.)*
- Tracy Hillman will review aspects of the Independent Scientific Advisory Board's *Review of Spring Chinook Salmon in the Upper Columbia River* under Hatchery Committees' purview (Item I-A). *(Note: this item is ongoing.)*
- Greg Mackey will continue researching whether to include age-3 males in broodstock and discuss it with Craig Busack (NMFS; Item I-A). *(Note: this item is ongoing.)*
- Betsy Bamberger (Douglas PUD) will coordinate with the Washington Animal Disease Diagnostic Lab (WADDL) to obtain optical density values to inform culling for bacterial kidney disease (Item I-A). *(Note: this item is ongoing.)*
- Keely Murdoch and Mike Tonseth will provide an update on their evaluation of the size of conservation programs in October 2018 (Item I-A). *(Note: this item is ongoing.)*
- Keely Murdoch will provide coho salmon broodstock collection protocols to Mike Tonseth by late February or early March 2019 for inclusion in the 2019 Broodstock Collection Protocols (Item I-A). *(Note: this item is ongoing.)*

- Sarah Montgomery will schedule a longer meeting on July 18, 2018 with times in the agenda, and coordinate with the PRCC HSC facilitator (Item IV-B). *(Note: this item is ongoing.)*
- Betsy Bamberger will research the practicality of assessing bacterial kidney disease by culturing (Item I-A). *(Note: this item is ongoing.)*
- Tom Scribner will discuss internally the potential to release surplus Winthrop NFH brood year 2018 wild-by-wild steelhead parr at Yakama Nation restoration sites in the Methow basin in October (Item II-A).
- The Hatchery Committees representatives will nominate geneticists to participate on a panel that will help identify appropriate genetics monitoring and evaluation protocols for the upper Columbia River hatchery programs (Item III-A).
- Hatchery Committees representatives will review Todd Pearson's list of questions regarding genetics monitoring, which Montgomery distributed to the Hatchery Committees on June 19, 2018 (Item III-A).
- Hatchery Committees representatives will review WDFW's 2018-2020 Brood-Year Adult Prophylactic Disease Management Plan for Eastbank Fish Hatchery Complex Spring and Summer Chinook Hatchery Programs, which was distributed on June 20, 2018, and provide comments to Mike Tonseth (Item III-D).
- Hatchery Committees representatives will review Mike Tonseth's email regarding the Nason spring Chinook overage (distributed on June 20, 2018) and provide feedback to him by July 5, 2018 (Item III-D).

## Decision Summary

- There were no decision items approved during today's meeting.

## Agreements

- The Wells Hatchery Committee agreed to rear the approximately 50,000 surplus Winthrop NFH BY 2018 wild-by-wild steelhead to 200-250 fish per pound (likely at Methow FH), mark them, and release them in October 2018 in a yet-to-be-determined location in the Methow basin (Item II-A).

## Review Items

- Sarah Montgomery sent an email to the Rocky Reach and Rock Island Hatchery Committees on June 16, 2018, notifying them that the Draft 2017 Chelan PUD and Grant PUD M&E Annual Report and its appendices are available for a 30-day review, with edits and comments due to Tracy Hillman by July 16, 2018.

## Finalized Documents

- No items have been recently finalized.