Memorandum

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

From: Sarah Montgomery

cc: Tracy Hillman, Chair

Re: Final Action Items Summary from the November 15, 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 Wednesday, November 15, 2017, from 9:00 to 11:45 a.m. The action items include the following:

Action Item Summary

- 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.)*
- 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.)*
- Bill Gale, Matt Cooper, Charlie Snow (WDFW), Tom Kahler, and Greg Mackey will develop management alternatives for the Twisp River and Winthrop National Fish Hatchery steelhead programs (Item I-A). *(Note: this item is ongoing.)*
- Greg Mackey will revise the Douglas PUD steelhead surplus document and send it to the Hatchery Committees (Item III-A). *(Note: Mackey sent the revision to Montgomery, which she forwarded to the Hatchery Committees following the meeting on November 15, 2017.)*
- Greg Mackey will provide an update on the Wells and Methow fish hatcheries transition process, particularly regarding fish health and marking strategies, near the end of the transition period (Item III-C).
- Tracy Hillman will revise non-target taxa of concern language in the draft M&E Plan for PUD Hatchery Programs (2017 Update) and provide the final approved version to the Hatchery Committees, the Independent Scientific Advisory Board (ISAB), and Greer Maier (Upper Columbia Salmon Recovery Funding Board, Item V-C).
- Tracy Hillman will distribute the draft timelines for Wenatchee and Methow spring Chinook programs for Hatchery Committees review (Item III-D). *(Note: Hillman sent the timelines to Montgomery, which she forwarded to the Hatchery Committees on November 15, 2017.)*
• Tracy Hillman will draft timelines for summer Chinook, steelhead, and sockeye salmon, and for hatchery programs in the Entiat River basin (Item V-D).

• Sarah Montgomery will distribute Greer Maier’s presentation, Integrated Recovery, from the November 15, 2017 Hatchery Committees meeting (Item IV-E). (Note: Montgomery sent the presentation to the Hatchery Committees following the meeting on November 15, 2017.)

Decision Summary

• The Rocky Reach and Rock Island Hatchery Committees approved Chelan PUD’s SOA “Regarding District’s Coho Obligation” as follows: CCT approved via email on November 14, 2017, and Chelan PUD, WDFW, USFWS, YN, and NMFS approved on November 15, 2017 (Item II-A). (Note: Montgomery distributed the Final SOA to the Hatchery Committees on November 16, 2017.)

• The Hatchery Committees approved the draft M&E Plan for PUD Hatchery Programs (2017 Update), contingent on one edit to the non-target taxa of concern section, as follows: CCT approved via email on November 15, 2017, and Chelan PUD, Douglas PUD, WDFW, USFWS, NMFS, and YN approved on November 15, 2017. Grant PUD (PRCC HSC) also indicated approval of the Plan during the joint HCP-HC/PRCC HSC section of the meeting (Item V-C).

Agreements

• Wells Hatchery Committee representatives agreed to the following items regarding the surplus in brood year 2017 steelhead for Douglas PUD’s program:
  ‒ Release all Twisp no-net-impact and inundation program fish on-station at time of release (55,620 or fewer).
  ‒ Release all Methow inundation program fish on-station at time of release (72,768 or fewer).
  ‒ Retain 210,412 Columbia Safety-Net program fish on-station for release.
  ‒ Release the target of 160,000 Columbia Safety-Net program fish plus a surplus (50,412 or fewer) to make up the shortfall (27,232 or more fish) in the Methow inundation program release, for a total release of 338,800 fish or less.
  ‒ Remove additional surplus fish (37,034 or fewer) from the Columbia Safety-Net program and release in non-anadromous waters under direction of WDFW (Item III-A).

Review Items

• Sarah Montgomery sent an email to the Hatchery Committees on October 16, 2017 notifying them that the draft plan, Implementation of Comprehensive Monitoring and Evaluation of
Wells Hatchery Complex Programs in 2018, is available for review with edits and comments due to Greg Mackey by December 1, 2017.

Finalized Documents

- Sarah Montgomery sent an email to the Hatchery Committees on November 7, 2017 notifying them that the Douglas PUD Final Transition Plan for Wells and Methow Fish Hatcheries is now available for download from the Hatchery Committees Extranet site.
- Sarah Montgomery sent an email to the Hatchery Committees on November 15, 2017 notifying them that the Douglas PUD Final 2016 M&E Annual Report is now available for download from the Hatchery Committees Extranet site.
- Sarah Montgomery sent an email to the Rocky Reach and Rock Island Hatchery Committees on November 16, 2017 notifying them that the Final SOA, “Regarding District’s Coho Obligation,” is now available for download from the Hatchery Committees Extranet site.