

Memorandum

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

Date: May 31, 2022

From: John Ferguson, HCP Coordinating Committees Chairman

cc: Kristi Geris, HCP Coordinating Committees Support

Re: Final Action Items of the May 24, 2022, 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 Plan (HCP) Coordinating Committees meeting, which met in-person at Chelan Fire District #3 in Leavenworth, Washington on Tuesday, May 24, 2022, from 9:00 a.m. to 13:10 p.m. Attendees are listed in Attachment A to this memorandum.

Action Item Summary

- Chelan PUD will continue providing Rocky Reach Dam and Rock Island Dam turbine unit maintenance updates as information becomes available (Item I-C).
- Anchor QEA, LLC (Anchor QEA), and Chelan PUD will coordinate logistics for the HCP Coordinating Committees meeting on Tuesday, July 26, 2022, to be held in person at the Rocky Reach Dam Visitor's Center (Item I-C).
- Douglas PUD will confirm with Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission (CRITFC) staff that Aqui-S will be used to anesthetize study fish associated with CRITFC's annual request to tag Sockeye Salmon at Wells Dam in 2022 (Item III-A).
- The Rock Island HCP Coordinating Committee will discuss prioritization of Plan Species topics raised during the Rock Island relicensing process during the HCP Coordinating Committees meeting on June 28, 2022 (Item IV-C).
- National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) will discuss internally options available for the HCP renewal process to inform Rock Island relicensing discussions (Item IV-C).
- Chelan PUD will verify dates and times the Rock Island Adult Ladder Tailrace Entrance (TRE) was closed while calculating adult conversion rates for the 2021 Rock Island Dam Confirmation Survival Study (Item IV-D).
- Chelan PUD will develop a 1-year Statement of Agreement (SOA) for operation of the Rock Island Adult Ladder TRE for vote via email (Item IV-D).
- The HCP Coordinating Committees meeting on Tuesday, June 28, 2022, will be held in person at Douglas PUD Headquarters in East Wenatchee, Washington (Item VI-B).

Decision Summary

- Wells HCP Coordinating Committee representatives present approved CRITFC's annual request to tag Sockeye Salmon at Wells Dam in 2022, contingent on the use of Aqui-S to anesthetize the study fish (Item III-A).

Agreements

- HCP Coordinating Committees representatives present agreed to add Tim Taylor (Grant PUD) to the HCP Hatchery Committees and PRCC HSC primary email distribution list (Item II-B).
- HCP Coordinating Committees representatives present agreed to add Ben Goodman (Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife [WDFW]) to the HCP Hatchery Committees and PRCC HSC secondary email distribution list (Item II-C).
- Wells HCP Coordinating Committee representatives present agreed to Douglas PUD's request to expedite the review of Wells Project Land-Use Permit Application 1026-01. The Wells HCP Coordinating Committee provided indication of no further comments (Item III-B).
- Rock Island HCP Coordinating Committee representatives present agreed to consider a 1-year SOA for operation of the Rock Island Adult Ladder TRE for vote via email (Item IV-D).

Review Items

- HCP Plan Species comments received during the Rock Island relicensing process were provided by Chelan PUD and distributed to the HCP Coordinating Committees by Kristi Geris on May 24, 2022 (Item IV-C).

Finalized Documents

- The final 2021 Wells HCP Annual Report, which was approved by the Wells HCP Coordinating Committee on May 5, 2022, was filed with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission on May 25, 2022, and was distributed to the HCP Coordinating Committees by Kristi Geris that same day.
- The final 2021 Rock Island and Rocky Reach HCP Annual Reports, which were approved by the Rock Island and Rocky Reach HCP Coordinating Committees on May 9, 2022, were filed with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission on May 25, 2022, and were distributed to the HCP Coordinating Committees by Kristi Geris on May 26, 2022.

**Attachment A
List of Attendees**

Name	Organization
John Ferguson	Anchor QEA, LLC
Kristi Geris	Anchor QEA, LLC
Tracy Hillman††	BioAnalysts
Bryan Nordlund [∞]	Fish Passage Engineering, PLLC
Laura Robinson [∞]	Upper Columbia United Tribes
Conor Giorgi [∞]	Spokane Tribe of Indians
Tom Biladeau [∞]	Coeur d'Alene Tribe
Casey Balwin [∞]	Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation
Lance Keller*	Chelan PUD
Alene Underwood ^{+∞}	Chelan PUD
Catherine Willard ^{+∞}	Chelan PUD
Tom Kahler*†	Douglas PUD
Andrew Gingerich*	Douglas PUD
Scott Carlon*	National Marine Fisheries Service
Jim Craig*	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Kirk Truscott*	Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation
Keely Murdoch*	Yakama Nation

Notes:

- * Denotes HCP Coordinating Committees member or alternate
- † Joined by phone
- †† Joined by phone for the HCP Hatchery and Tributary Committees update
- ∞ Joined for the presentation, *Reintroduction of Salmon Upstream of Chief Joseph and Grand Coulee Dams*