

Memorandum

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

Date: June 30, 2022

From: John Ferguson, HCP Coordinating Committees Chairman

cc: Kristi Geris, HCP Coordinating Committees Support

Re: Final Action Items of the June 28, 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 Douglas PUD Headquarters in East Wenatchee, Washington on Tuesday, June 28, 2022, from 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 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).
- National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) will discuss internally options available for the HCP renewal process to inform Rock Island relicensing discussions (Item I-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 I-C).
- Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) and Douglas PUD will provide updates regarding the Methow River Passive Integrated Transponder (PIT) Detection Raft to the HCP Coordinating Committees, as needed and as they become available (Item III-A).
- Chelan PUD will provide a synopsis of the engineering options considered to meet the minimum 1.0-foot head differential target at all four entrances at the Rock Island Dam Right Bank Adult Fishway during high spring flows in the Columbia River (Item IV-C).
- Anchor QEA will add Rock Island Dam Right Bank Adult Fishway TRE Closure Statement of Agreement (SOA) as an agenda topic for the HCP Coordinating Committees meeting in January 2023 (Item IV-C). *(Note: this addition was made.)*
- Anchor QEA will distribute the SOA, *Closure of Rock Island Right Bank Adult Fishway TRE During High Flows and Tailwater Elevation*, as revised, to U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) and the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation (CTCR) for vote via email (Item IV-C). *(Note: the revised SOA was distributed by Kristi Geris following the HCP Coordinating Committees meeting on June 28, 2022.)*

- Chelan PUD will verify that resolution about the expiration of the Rock Island HCP during the proposed 50-year Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) license (“the gap”) is not needed before submitting the Pre-Application Document (PAD) in fall 2023 (Item IV-D).
- The Yakama Nation (YN) will distribute their categorization of HCP Plan Species comments the YN submitted during the Rock Island relicensing process (Item IV-D).
- Chelan PUD will clarify decision deadlines within the Rock Island Relicensing timeline (Item IV-D).
- The HCP Coordinating Committees meeting on Tuesday, July 26, 2022, will be held in person at the Rocky Reach Dam Visitor’s Center in Wenatchee, Washington (Item VI-B).
- Chelan PUD will contact Tom Skiles (Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission [CRITFC] Priest Rapids Coordinating Committee [PRCC] Representative) and Curt Dodson (Grant PUD PRCC Representative) about attending the Rocky Reach Dam Visitor’s Center Tour portion of the HCP Coordinating Committees meeting on July 26, 2022 (Item VI-B).
- Anchor QEA will contact Bryan Nordlund (PRCC Facilitator) to verify HCP Coordinating Committees and PRCC monthly meeting dates and locations for the remainder of 2022 (Item VI-B). (Note: this coordination is underway.)

Decision Summary

- Rock Island HCP Coordinating Committee representatives present approved the SOA, *Closure of Rock Island Right Bank Adult Fishway TRE During High Flows and Tailwater Elevation*, as revised (Item IV-C). (Note: the CTCR and USFWS approved the SOA, as revised, via email on June 29, 2022.)

Agreements

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

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-D).
- The draft SOA, *Closure of Rock Island Right Bank Adult Fishway TRE During High Flows and Tailwater Elevation*, was distributed to the Rock Island HCP Coordinating Committee by Kristi Geris on June 24, 2022, for vote via email no later than Friday, July 1, 2022. A revised SOA for vote via email was distributed following the HCP Coordinating Committees meeting on June 28, 2022 (Item IV-C).

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
Bill Towey*†	Chelan PUD
Tom Kahler*	Douglas PUD
Scott Carlon*	National Marine Fisheries Service
Chad Jackson*	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife
Andrew Murdoch†∞	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife
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, *Methow River PIT Detection Raft WDFW and BOR*