

## Memorandum

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

Date: January 25, 2023

From: John Ferguson, HCP Coordinating Committees Chairman

cc: Kristi Geris, HCP Coordinating Committees Support

**Re: Final Action Items of the January 24, 2023, HCP Coordinating Committees Conference Call**

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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 by conference call on Tuesday, January 24, 2023, from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Attendees are listed in Attachment A to this memorandum.

### Action Item Summary

1. Anchor QEA, LLC (Anchor QEA) will send the revised draft December 16, 2022, conference call minutes, as edited by the Yakama Nation (YN), to Andrew Murdoch to address outstanding comments for Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW), in tracked changes, so the HCP Coordinating Committees can review the revisions for vote via email or during the next HCP Coordinating Committees conference call on February 28, 2023 (Item I-B). *(Note: Kristi Geris sent the revised minutes to A. Murdoch following the HCP Coordinating Committees conference call on January 24, 2023.)*
2. Chelan PUD will continue providing Rocky Reach Dam and Rock Island Dam turbine unit maintenance updates as information becomes available (Item I-C).
3. Chelan PUD will verify dates and times the Rock Island Adult Ladder Tailrace Entrance was closed while calculating adult conversion rates for the 2021 Rock Island Dam Confirmation Survival Study (Item I-C).
4. 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 I-C).
5. Chelan PUD will edit the presentation, *2023 Rocky Reach HCP Yearling Chinook Confirmation Survival Study*, as discussed during the HCP Coordinating Committees conference call on January 24, 2023, for distribution to the HCP Coordinating Committees (Item III-B). *(Note: Lance Keller provided the updated presentation to Kristi Geris following the HCP Coordinating Committees conference call on January 24, 2023, which Geris distributed to the HCP Coordinating Committees that same day.)*

6. Chelan PUD will review the presentation, *2023 Rocky Reach HCP Yearling Chinook Confirmation Survival Study*, with Kirk Truscott, who was unable to attend today's HCP Coordinating Committees conference call (Item III-B).
7. Chelan PUD will distribute for review a draft 2023 Rocky Reach Dam Confirmation Survival Study Statement of Agreement (SOA), Study Plan, and appended Statistical Plan and Tagging and Fish Husbandry QAQC Plan, and Rocky Reach HCP Coordinating Committee representatives will contact Lance Keller with questions or comments in order to be prepared to vote on these documents during the HCP Coordinating Committees conference call on February 28, 2023 (Item III-B).
8. Chelan PUD will provide the list of recipients who received the draft non-capacity amendment to revise the Rock Island Recreation Plan for the Wenatchee Riverfront Park Development, and will obtain clarification on what "improvements" entail, notably with regard to riparian vegetation (Item III-C).
9. Chelan PUD will review the draft non-capacity amendment to revise the Rock Island Recreation Plan for the Wenatchee Riverfront Park Development with Kirk Truscott, who was unable to attend today's HCP Coordinating Committees conference call (Item III-C).
10. Rock Island HCP Coordinating Committee representatives will submit comments or indication of no comments on the draft non-capacity amendment to revise the Rock Island Recreation Plan for the Wenatchee Riverfront Park Development, to Chelan PUD by the review deadline on February 17, 2023 (Item III-C).
11. Chelan PUD will notify the Rock Island HCP Coordinating Committee when the Rock Island Dam middle fish ladder returns to service from winter maintenance (Item III-D).
12. Douglas PUD will discuss the Wells HCP Coordinating Committee's approval of the SOA, *Wells Dam 2023 Bypass Operations and Methods*, with Kirk Truscott, who was unable to attend today's HCP Coordinating Committees conference call (Item III-C). (Note: Tom Kahler did this and Truscott provide the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation's (CTCR's) approval of the SOA via email on January 25, 2023.)
13. Anchor QEA will set a reminder to distribute the draft Douglas PUD 2022 Northern Pikeminnow Removal Annual Report for Wells HCP Coordinating Committee review, in May 2023 (Item IV-B). (Note: Kristi Geris set this reminder, as discussed.)
14. Anchor QEA will set a reminder to revisit Wells HCP Coordinating Committee review of the 10-year Comprehensive Hatchery Program Review Summary Report from the Wells HCP Hatchery Committee, in May 2023 (Item IV-B). (Note: Kristi Geris set this reminder, as discussed.)
15. Wells HCP Coordinating Committee representatives will be prepared to vote via email on the draft *2023 Total Dissolved Gas Abatement Plan* and appended *Wells Bypass Operating Plan* (GAP/BOP), after the Aquatic Settlement Work Group (SWG) meeting on February 8, 2023, and

before the HCP Coordinating Committees meeting on February 28, 2023, so that Douglas PUD can submit the final approved plan to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) by the February 28, 2023, deadline (Item IV-C).

16. WDFW will provide Project-specific steelhead overshoot data for HCP Coordinating Committees review, for further discussion during a future meeting (Item V-A).
17. The next scheduled HCP Coordinating Committees meeting is on Tuesday, February 28, 2023, from 12:00 p.m. to no later than 4:00 p.m., and is to be held by conference call (Item VI-B).

## Decision Summary

1. Wells HCP Coordinating Committee representatives present approved the SOA, *Wells Dam 2023 Bypass Operations and Methods* (Item IV-A). (Note: the CTCR approved the SOA via email on January 25, 2023.)

## Agreements

1. There were no HCP Agreements discussed during today's conference call.

## Review Items

1. The *2022 Biological Evaluation of the Rocky Reach Juvenile Fish Bypass System Draft Report* (2022 Rocky Reach Juvenile Fish Bypass System Report) and *2022 Rock Island Dam Smolt Monitoring Program and Gas Bubble Trauma Evaluation Draft Report* (2022 Rock Island Smolt and Gas Bubble Trauma Evaluation Report) were distributed to the Rocky Reach HCP Coordinating Committee by Kristi Geris on December 2, 2022, and are available for a 90-day review with edits and comments due to Lance Keller by February 28, 2023.
2. Wells Project Land-Use Permit Application for LUP 644-01 was distributed to the Wells HCP Coordinating Committee by Kristi Geris on December 27, 2022, and is available for a 30-day review with edits and comments due to Tom Kahler by January 26, 2023 (Item IV-D).
3. Wells Project Land-Use Permit Applications for LUP 57.0D-01 and LUP 136-01 were distributed to the Wells HCP Coordinating Committee by Kristi Geris on January 11, 2023, and are available for a 30-day review with edits and comments due to Tom Kahler by February 10, 2023 (Item IV-D).
4. The draft 2023 GAP/BOP was distributed to the Wells HCP Coordinating Committee by Kristi Geris on January 12, 2023, and is available for a 30-day review with edits and comments due to Tom Kahler by February 11, 2023 (Item IV-C).
5. A draft non-capacity amendment to revise the Rock Island Recreation Plan for the Wenatchee Riverfront Park Development was distributed to the Rock Island HCP Coordinating Committee

- by Kristi Geris on January 13, 2023, and is available for a 30-day review with edits, comments, or indication of no comment, due to Lance Keller by February 17, 2023 (Item III-C).
6. The draft *2023 Wells HCP Action Plan* was distributed to the Wells HCP Coordinating Committee by Kristi Geris on January 17, 2023, and is available for a 30-day review with edits and comments due to Tom Kahler by February 16, 2023 (Item IV-B).
  7. Wells Project Land-Use Permit Application for LUP 337B-01 was distributed to the Wells HCP Coordinating Committee by Kristi Geris on January 20, 2023, and is available for a 30-day review with edits and comments due to Tom Kahler by February 19, 2023 (Item IV-D).
  8. The draft *2023 Rocky Reach and Rock Island HCP Action Plan* was distributed to the Rocky Reach and Rock Island HCP Coordinating Committee by Kristi Geris on January 24, 2023, and is available for a 30-day review with edits and comments due to Lance Keller by February 23, 2023 (Item III-A).

## Finalized Documents

1. There are no documents that have been recently finalized.

**Attachment A**  
**List of Conference Call Attendees**

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<b>Name</b>	<b>Organization</b>
John Ferguson	Anchor QEA, LLC
Kristi Geris	Anchor QEA, LLC
Tracy Hillman <sup>††</sup>	BioAnalysts
Lance Keller <sup>*</sup>	Chelan PUD
Bill Towey <sup>*</sup>	Chelan PUD
Tom Kahler <sup>*</sup>	Douglas PUD
Andrew Gingerich <sup>*</sup>	Douglas PUD
Scott Carlon <sup>*</sup>	National Marine Fisheries Service
Jim Craig <sup>*</sup>	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Chad Jackson <sup>*</sup>	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife
Andrew Murdoch <sup>*</sup>	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife
Keely Murdoch <sup>*</sup>	Yakama Nation

Notes:

\* Denotes HCP Coordinating Committees member or alternate

†† Joined for the HCP Hatchery and Tributary Committees update