

Memorandum

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

Date: September 27, 2023

From: John Ferguson, HCP Coordinating Committees Chairman

cc: Kristi Geris, HCP Coordinating Committees Support

Re: Final Action Items of the September 26, 2023, HCP Coordinating Committee Meeting

This memorandum provides a summary of action items, decisions, agreements, and documents for review as discussed during the Hydroelectric Projects Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) Coordinating Committees meeting, which met in person at Wanapum Dam in Beverly, Washington, on Tuesday, September 26, 2023, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Attendees are listed in Attachment A to this memorandum.

Action Item Summary

1. Chelan PUD will continue providing Rocky Reach Dam and Rock Island Dam turbine unit maintenance updates as information becomes available (Item I-C).
2. National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) will provide a summary of study fish and tagging protocols used in studies conducted at federal dams on the Columbia and Snake rivers in recent years (Item I-C).
3. Douglas PUD will draft for Wells HCP Coordinating Committee review an updated section in the Wells HCP 2023 No Net Impact (NNI) Comprehensive Progress Report that summarizes "whether each Plan Species is rebuilding," per the Wells HCP (Item I-C).
4. Douglas PUD will conduct a post hoc analysis of passive integrated transponder (PIT) detections of steelhead within the east and west adult fish ladders at Wells Dam, to evaluate passage rates during Pacific Lamprey trap operations from August 28 to September 15, 2023 (Item III-B).
5. Chelan PUD will distribute a revised *Rocky Reach Spring Chinook Salmon Adult Conversion Rate: Summary of Methods*, which will include late migrating spring Chinook Salmon, hatchery and wild, through September 30, for Rocky Reach HCP Coordinating Committee approval via email (Item III-A).
6. Chelan PUD will follow up with U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) regarding the statement of agreement (SOA) *Approval of the Methodology to Evaluate the Adult Conversion Rate for Spring Chinook Through the Rocky Reach Project in 2023*, as revised, and forthcoming appended revised *Rocky Reach Spring Chinook Salmon Adult Conversion Rate: Summary of Methods* (Item III-A).
7. Chelan PUD will follow up with USFWS regarding the proposed start date of March 1 for the collection of additional run-timing information at Rock Island and Rocky Reach dams in 2024 (Item III-A).

8. Chelan PUD will distribute a patch occupancy model (POM) process diagram for consideration regarding the steelhead overshoots discussion (Item IV-A).
9. HCP Coordinating Committees representatives will identify questions that need to be resolved or data they have questions about to include in a steelhead overshoots summary table and will provide this input to Anchor QEA, LLC (Anchor QEA) who will coordinate with Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) regarding POM questions, for further discussion during the HCP Coordinating Committees meeting on October 24, 2023 (Item IV-A).
10. The Joint Fisheries Parties will ask the Priest Rapids Coordinating Committee (PRCC) about: 1) holding a Subyearling Chinook Salmon Workshop on June 11, 2024; 2) a later start time for the PRCC meeting on October 24, 2023, to be determined (TBD); and 3) rescheduling the December 26, 2023, meeting to December 19, 2023 (Item VI-A and Item VI-B).
11. The next scheduled HCP Coordinating Committees meeting is on Tuesday, October 24, 2023, from 9:00 a.m. to no later than 12:00 p.m. or 1:00 p.m. (TBD) and is to be held in person at the Wanapum Dam Hydro Office Building, Room 107, in Beverly, Washington (Item VI-B).

Decision Summary

1. Rocky Reach HCP Coordinating Committee representatives present approved the *SOA Approval of the Methodology to Evaluate the Adult Conversion Rate for Spring Chinook Through the Rocky Reach Project in 2023*, as revised, contingent upon approval of the forthcoming appended revised *Rocky Reach Spring Chinook Salmon Adult Conversion Rate: Summary of Methods*, which will include late migrating spring Chinook Salmon, hatchery and wild, through September 30 (Item III-A).

Agreements

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

Review Items

1. The draft *Rock Island and Rocky Reach Anadromous Fish Agreements and Habitat Conservation Plans 2023 Comprehensive Progress Report* was distributed to the Rock Island and Rocky Reach HCP Coordinating Committees by Kristi Geris on February 10, 2023, and was available for a 60-day review, with edits and comments due to Lance Keller by April 11, 2023. This review period was extended to May 12, 2023. A draft Plan Species section of the Comprehensive Progress Report was distributed on September 12, 2023, and is available for a 30-day review with edits and comments due to Keller by October 12, 2023.

Finalized Documents

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

Attachment A
List of Meeting Attendees

Name	Organization
John Ferguson	Anchor QEA, LLC
Kristi Geris	Anchor QEA, LLC
Tracy Hillman ^{††}	BioAnalysts
Bryan Nordlund [∞]	Fish Passage Engineering, PLLC
Larissa Rohrbach [∞]	Anchor QEA, LLC
Lance Keller [*]	Chelan PUD
Bill Towey [*]	Chelan PUD
Catherine Willard	Chelan PUD
Tom Kahler [*]	Douglas PUD
Andrew Gingerich [*]	Douglas PUD
John Rohrback	Douglas PUD
Curt Dotson [∞]	Grant PUD
Rod O'Connor [∞]	Grant PUD
Tim Taylor [∞]	Grant 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
Kirk Truscott ^{*†}	Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation

Notes:

- * Denotes HCP Coordinating Committees member or alternate
- †† Joined by phone for the HCP Hatchery and Tributary Committees update
- † Joined by phone
- ∞ Joined by phone for the joint HCP Coordinating Committees and PRCC presentation