

Memorandum

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

Date: October 26, 2023

From: John Ferguson, HCP Coordinating Committees Chairman

cc: Kristi Geris, HCP Coordinating Committees Support

Re: Final Action Items of the October 24, 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, October 24, 2023, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 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). *(Note: this has been added to the monthly agendas; this action item will be closed out.)*
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. Chelan PUD will distribute a patch occupancy model (POM) process diagram for consideration regarding the steelhead overshoots discussion (Item I-C).
5. Douglas PUD will provide recurring Wells Dam Maintenance Updates (e.g., turbine unit outages, seismic safety work, etc.) during monthly HCP Coordinating Committees meetings (Item III-B). *(Note: this has been added to the monthly agendas; this action item will be closed out.)*
6. Douglas PUD will continue providing Wells Dam Adult Fishway Winter Maintenance Updates throughout the annual winter maintenance season (Item III-D). *(Note: this has been added to the monthly agendas; this action item will be closed out.)*
7. Chelan PUD will update the *Rocky Reach and Rock Island HCPs, Draft 2023 Fish Spill Report* to include cumulative run totals by date for adipose (ad)-present and ad-absent subyearlings and will verify the Rock Island spring spill daily count numbers (Item IV-B).
8. Chelan PUD will continue providing Rocky Reach Dam and Rock Island Dam Adult Fishway Winter Maintenance Updates throughout the annual winter maintenance season (Item IV-E). *(Note: this has been added to the monthly agendas; this action item will be closed out.)*

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 at a future HCP Coordinating Committees meeting (Item V-A).
10. HCP Coordinating Committees representatives will identify questions to be addressed and who might be qualified to provide presentations regarding these topics for the Subyearling Chinook Salmon Workshop scheduled for June 11, 2024 (Item VII-A).
11. Anchor QEA will coordinate with Larissa Rohrbach (HCP Hatchery Committees Support) and Tracy Hillman (HCP Hatchery Committees Chairman) to add Matt Maxey (U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service [USFWS]) to the HCP Hatchery Committees Primary Email Distribution List and provide Maxey with access to the HCP Hatchery Committees extranet site (Item VII-C). (Note: Kristi Geris notified Rohrbach and Hillman following the meeting on October 24, 2023.)
12. The next scheduled HCP Coordinating Committees meeting is on Tuesday, November 28, 2023, from 9:00 a.m. to no later than 12:00 p.m. and is to be held by conference call (Item VII-D).
13. The Joint Fisheries Parties (JFP) will discuss the proposed schedule for the 2024 HCP Coordinating Committees and Priest Rapids Coordinating Committee (PRCC) meetings during the PRCC meeting on October 24, 2023 (Item VII-D).

Decision Summary

1. There were no HCP Decision Items approved during today's meeting.

Agreements

1. HCP Coordinating Committees representatives present agreed to add Matt Maxey (USFWS) to the HCP Hatchery Committees Primary Email Distribution List and provide Maxey with access to the HCP Hatchery Committees extranet site (Item VII-C).

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 was available for a 30-day review with edits and comments due to Keller by October 12, 2023. Chelan PUD is currently addressing comments.

2. Wells Project Land-Use Permit Application for LUP 110-01 was distributed to the Wells HCP Coordinating Committee by Kristi Geris on October 2, 2023, and is available for a 30-day review with edits and comments due to Tom Kahler by November 1, 2023 (Item III-D).
3. The *Rocky Reach and Rock Island HCPs, Draft 2023 Fish Spill Report* was distributed to the Rocky Reach and Rock Island HCP Coordinating Committees by Kristi Geris on October 23, 2023, and is available for a 30-day review with edits and comments due to Lance Keller by November 22, 2023 (Item IV-B).

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
John Skalski [∞]	University of Washington, Columbia Basin Research
Rebecca Buchanan [∞]	University of Washington, Columbia Basin Research
Richard Townsend [∞]	University of Washington, Columbia Basin Research
Kyle Hatch [∞]	Blue Leaf Environmental
Alene Underwood [∞]	Chelan PUD
Lance Keller [*]	Chelan PUD
Bill Towey [*]	Chelan PUD
Catherine Willard	Chelan PUD
Tom Kahler [*]	Douglas PUD
Andrew Gingerich [*]	Douglas PUD
John Rohrback	Douglas PUD
Scott Carlon ^{*†}	National Marine Fisheries Service
Bill Gale [*]	U.S. Fish and Wildlife 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 late at the beginning of Item IV-A (was not present for approval of last month's minutes)
- ∞ Joined by phone for Item IV-A