

## Memorandum

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To: Wells, Rocky Reach, and Rock Island HCPs  
Coordinating Committees Date: March 28, 2019

From: John Ferguson, HCP Coordinating Committees Chairman

cc: Kristi Geris

**Re: Draft Action Items from the March 26, 2019 HCP Coordinating Committees Meeting**

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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 Plans (HCPs) Coordinating Committees meeting, which met at the Grant PUD Office in Wenatchee, Washington, on Tuesday March 26, 2019, from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. Attendees are listed in Attachment A. These action items include the following:

### Action Item Summary

- Lance Keller will review subyearling Chinook salmon sampled at the Rocky Reach Juvenile Sampling Facility (RRJSF) during the summer spill season at Rocky Reach Dam, to determine: 1) whether the index samples collected represent overall passage trends based on passive integrated transponder (PIT)-tag detections in the bypass across the season, notably during high flow years such as that experienced in 2018; and 2) whether any adjustments are needed while also maintaining continuity with historical data in the Columbia River Data Access in Real Time database (DART; Item I-C).
- Lance Keller will notify Jim Craig of what he determined about operating the weir box within the intake of Turbine Unit C1 to facilitate river flow through this area of the Intake Screen System with Turbine Unit C1 out of service during the 2019 bypass season (Item I-C).
- Lance Keller will inquire internally about the reasoning behind taking downstream-migrating Pacific Lamprey at the RRJFBS and releasing these fish at an upstream location (Item I-C).
- Chelan PUD will provide a final timeline for repairing Rocky Reach Dam Turbine Unit C1 and Turbine Unit C3 hub seals to Kristi Geris for distribution to the HCP Coordinating Committees (Item III-E).
- Tom Kahler will distribute recent reports by the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission (CRITFC) which summarize findings from their sockeye salmon monitoring efforts (Item IV-A).
- The HCP Coordinating Committees meeting on April 23, 2019, will be held **in-person** at the Grant PUD Wenatchee office in Wenatchee, Washington (Item VI-B).

### Decision Summary

- Rock Island and Rocky Reach HCP Coordinating Committees representatives present approved the 2019 Rock Island and Rocky Reach HCP Action Plan (Item III-A). (*Note: Jim Craig*

*provided U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service [USFWS] approval of the plan via email on March 18, 2019, and Kirk Truscott provided Colville Confederated Tribes [CCT] approval of the plan via a phone call to Kristi Geris on March 25, 2019.)*

- Rock Island and Rocky Reach HCP Coordinating Committees representatives present approved the 2019 Rock Island and Rocky Reach Fish Spill Plan, as revised (Item III-B). *(Note: Jim Craig provided USFWS approval of the plan via email on March 18, 2019, and Kirk Truscott provided CCT approval of the plan via a phone call to Kristi Geris on March 25, 2019.)*
- Rock Island HCP Coordinating Committee representatives present approved the 2019 Rock Island Bypass Monitoring Plan, as revised (Item III-C). *(Note: Jim Craig provided USFWS approval of the plan via email on March 18, 2019, and Kirk Truscott provided CCT approval of the plan via a phone call to Kristi Geris on March 25, 2019.)*
- Rocky Reach HCP Coordinating Committee representatives present approved the 2019 RRJFBS Operations Plan, as revised (Item III-D). *(Note: Jim Craig provided USFWS approval of the plan via email on March 18, 2019, and Kirk Truscott provided CCT approval of the plan via a phone call to Kristi Geris on March 25, 2019.)*
- Wells HCP Coordinating Committee representatives present approved the 2019 Broodstock Collection Protocols (Item IV-B). *(Note: Kirk Truscott provided CCT approval of the protocols via a phone call to Kristi Geris on March 25, 2019.)*

## Agreements

- HCP Coordinating Committees representatives present agreed to add Emi Kondo (National Marine Fisheries Service [NMFS]) to select HCP Hatchery Committees email distribution lists (Item V-A).

## Review Items

- A draft 2017 Douglas PUD Pikeminnow Removal Annual Report was distributed to the HCP Coordinating Committees by Kristi Geris on January 29, 2019, which is available for a 60-day review with edits and comments due to Tom Kahler by Thursday, March 28, 2019.

## Finalized Documents

- The Wells Project Survival Verification Study - Final 2020 Study Plan, which was approved by the Wells HCP Coordinating Committee on January 22, 2019, was distributed to the HCP Coordinating Committee by Kristi Geris on March 28, 2019.
- Final 2018 Post-season Bypass Report and Passage-dates Analysis, which was approved by the Wells HCP Coordinating Committee on February 26, 2019, was distributed to the HCP Coordinating Committee by Kristi Geris on March 28, 2019.

**Attachment A**  
**List of Attendees**

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<b>Name</b>	<b>Organization</b>
John Ferguson	Anchor QEA, LLC
Kristi Geris	Anchor QEA, LLC
Tracy Hillman††	BioAnalysts
Lance Keller*	Chelan PUD
Tom Kahler*	Douglas PUD
Scott Carlon*†	National Marine Fisheries Service
Chad Jackson*	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife
Patrick Verhey*†	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife
Keely Murdoch*	Yakama Nation

Notes:

- \* Denotes HCP Coordinating Committees member or alternate
- † Joined by phone
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