

Memorandum

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

Date: May 29, 2019

From: John Ferguson, HCP Coordinating Committees Chairman

cc: Kristi Geris

Re: Final Action Items from the May 28, 2019 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 Plans (HCPs) Coordinating Committees meeting, which met at the Grant PUD Office in Wenatchee, Washington, on Tuesday May 28, 2019, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:45 p.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).
- Kirk Truscott will contact Lance Keller to further discuss options to increase attraction flow through the cul-de-sac area in the Rocky Reach Dam forebay (near Turbine Units C1, C2, and C3) while Turbine Units C1 and C3 are offline for maintenance (Item I-C).
- Lance Keller will provide updates about the repair of Rocky Reach Dam Turbine Unit C1 and Turbine Unit C3 to the HCP Coordinating Committees as soon as additional information becomes available (Item I-C).
- Anchor QEA will contact Jim Craig to obtain U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) approval of the updated HCP Hatchery Committees and Priest Rapids Coordinating Committee (PRCC) Hatchery Subcommittee email distribution lists (Item III-A). *(Note: Kristi Geris emailed Craig with this request following the meeting on May 28, 2019, and Craig provided USFWS approval of the lists via email on May 29, 2019, as distributed to the HCP Coordinating Committees by Geris that same day.)*
- The HCP Coordinating Committees will begin discussing the necessity and significance of the data behind the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission's (CRITFC's) annual request to tag sockeye salmon at Wells Dam during the HCP Coordinating Committees meeting in December 2019 (Item IV-A). *(Note: Kristi Geris added this to the agenda for December 2019.)*

- Douglas PUD will review available PIT-tag detection data from April 9 to April 30, 2019, covering the span of Wells Dam bypass non-compliance events for Turbine Units 1 to 4 and Bypass Bays 2 and 4, to identify possible impacts to fish passage and survival through the Wells Project (Item IV-A).
- The HCP Coordinating Committees meeting on June 25, 2019, will be held **in-person** at the Grant PUD Wenatchee office in Wenatchee, Washington (Item VI-C).

Decision Summary

- HCP Coordinating Committees representatives present approved the updated HCP Hatchery Committees and PRCC Hatchery Subcommittee email distribution lists, contingent on USFWS approval of the lists (Item III-A). *(Note: Jim Craig provided USFWS approval of the lists via email on May 29, 2019.)*
- Wells HCP Coordinating Committee representatives present approved CRITFC's annual request to tag sockeye salmon at Wells Dam in 2019, with the caveat that approval of the tagging will be reviewed again if low flow and warm water migration conditions develop potentially affecting adult sockeye salmon survival (Item IV-A). *(Note: Jim Craig provided USFWS approval of this request via email on May 23, 2019.)*

Agreements

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

Review Items

- The draft *Wells Project Subyearling Chinook Life-History Study 2011-2013 Draft Final Report* was distributed to the HCP Coordinating Committees by Kristi Geris on May 24, 2019 and is available for a 60-day review with edits and comments due to Tom Kahler by Tuesday, July 23, 2019 (Item I-A).

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
Tom Kahler [*]	Douglas PUD
Andrew Gingerich [*]	Douglas PUD
Curt Dotson ^{..}	Grant PUD
Peter Graf ^{..}	Grant PUD
Tom Skiles ^{..}	Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission
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
Kirk Truscott [*]	Colville Confederated Tribes

Notes:

- * Denotes HCP Coordinating Committees member or alternate
- † Joined by phone
- †† Joined by phone for the HCP Tributary and Hatchery Committees Update
- .. Joined by phone for the Douglas PUD Subyearling Chinook Salmon presentation