

## Memorandum

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

Date: February 26, 2020

From: John Ferguson, HCP Coordinating Committees Chairman

cc: Kristi Geris

**Re: Final Action Items of the February 25, 2020 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, February 25, 2020, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Attendees are listed in Attachment A. These action items include the following:

### Action Item Summary

- Anchor QEA, LLC (Anchor QEA) will provide an updated revised draft HCP Coordinating Committees January 28, 2020 meeting minutes to Chelan PUD for review and approval that will include clarification from Chelan PUD regarding the 2021 Confirmation Survival Study species selection agenda topic, as discussed during today's meeting; the final minutes will then be distributed to the HCP Coordinating Committees (Item I-B).
- Chelan PUD will continue providing Rocky Reach Dam and Rock Island Dam turbine unit maintenance updates as information becomes available (Item I-C).
- Chelan PUD will distribute draft Statements of Agreement (SOAs) for the 2021 Confirmation Survival Study species selections for the Rock Island and Rocky Reach projects, that will include the approach discussed and agreed upon during today's meeting, for decision during the HCP Coordinating Committees meeting on March 24, 2020 (Item III-A).
- Chelan PUD will adjust the positions of spill gates 18 and 26 in the spill gate sequence, as discussed, in the *2020 Fish Spill Plan, Rock Island and Rocky Reach Dams, Public Utility District No. 1 of Chelan County* (2020 Rock Island and Rocky Reach Fish Spill Plan); the final plan will then be distributed to the HCP Coordinating Committees (Item III-E).
- Chelan PUD will distribute Rock Island Dam spillway gate opening depths to the HCP Coordinating Committees (Item III-E).
- Anchor QEA will set a reminder for December 2020 to consider scheduling an HCP Coordinating Committees in-person meeting at Rocky Reach Dam following completion of the Visitor's Center renovation (tentatively set for July 2021; Item III-J). (*Note: Kristi Geris set this reminder, as discussed.*)

- Douglas PUD will update Jeff Fryer on Wells HCP Coordinating Committee discussions regarding Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission's (CRITFC's) annual request to tag sockeye salmon at Wells Dam (Item IV-C).
- Wells HCP Coordinating Committee representatives will discuss internally CRITFC's annual request to tag sockeye salmon at Wells Dam, for a possible decision during the HCP Coordinating Committees meeting on March 24, 2020 (Item IV-C).
- Douglas PUD will distribute a corrected Wells Dam west fishway fish salvage memorandum to the HCP Coordinating Committees (Item IV-D). *(Note: Tom Kahler provided a corrected memorandum following the meeting on February 25, 2020, which Kristi Geris distributed to the HCP Coordinating Committees that same day.)*
- Anchor QEA will coordinate to add Scott Hopkins (Chelan PUD) to the HCP Hatchery Committees email distribution list and provide Hopkins with HCP Hatchery Committees extranet site access, as approved by the HCP Coordinating Committees (Item VII-B). *(Note: Kristi Geris notified Catherine Willard [Chelan PUD HCP Hatchery Committees Representative], Tracy Hillman [HCP Hatchery Committees Chairman], and Larissa Rohrbach [HCP Hatchery Committees Support Staff] of this approval; and Geris contacted Julene McGregor [Douglas PUD Information Services Staff] to request extranet access for Hopkins, as discussed.)*
- The HCP Coordinating Committees meeting on March 24, 2020, will be held at 9:00 a.m., in-person at the Grant PUD Wenatchee office in Wenatchee, Washington (Item VII-C).

## Decision Summary

- Rock Island and Rocky Reach HCP Coordinating Committees representatives present approved the *2020 Rocky Reach and Rock Island HCP Action Plan* (Item III-D).
- Rock Island and Rocky Reach HCP Coordinating Committees representatives present approved the 2020 Rock Island and Rocky Reach Fish Spill Plan (Item III-E).
- Wells HCP Coordinating Committee representatives present approved the *Draft 2020 Wells HCP Action Plan*, as revised (Item IV-A).
- Wells HCP Coordinating Committee representatives present approved the *2020 Total Dissolved Gas Abatement Plan* (and appended *Wells Bypass Operating Plan*; Item IV-B).

## Agreements

- Rock Island HCP Coordinating Committees representatives present agreed on the following approach for the 2021 Rock Island HCP Confirmation Survival Study species selection: 1) select yearling Chinook salmon for the juvenile target species; 2) select spring Chinook salmon to calculate the adult conversion rate; 3) conduct a post-hoc study using juvenile data segregated by origin; and 4) study fish may include fish that have coded wire tags but not passive integrated transponder (PIT) tags (Item III-A).

- Rocky Reach HCP Coordinating Committees representatives present agreed on the following approach for the 2021 Rocky Reach HCP Confirmation Survival Study species selection: 1) select yearling Chinook salmon for the juvenile target species; 2) select spring Chinook salmon to calculate the adult conversion rate; 3) conduct a post-hoc study using juvenile data segregated by origin; and 4) study fish may include fish that have coded wire tags but not PIT tags (Item III-A).
- HCP Coordinating Committees representatives present agreed to add Scott Hopkins, the future Chelan PUD HCP Hatchery Committees Alternate, to the HCP Hatchery Committees email distribution list and provide Hopkins with access to the HCP Hatchery Committees extranet site (Item VII-B).

## Review Items

- The *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.
- CRITFC's annual request to tag sockeye salmon at Wells Dam in 2020 was distributed to the HCP Coordinating Committees by Kristi Geris on February 4, 2020 (Item IV-C).
- The draft *2019 Wells HCP Annual Report* was distributed to the HCP Coordinating Committees by Kristi Geris on February 6, 2020, and is available for a 30-day review with edits and comments due to Geris by March 6, 2020 (Item IV-E).
- The draft *2019 Rock Island Dam Smolt Monitoring Program and Gas Bubble Trauma Evaluation Draft Report* (2019 Rock Island Smolt and Gas Bubble Trauma Evaluation Report) was distributed to the HCP Coordinating Committees by Kristi Geris on February 14, 2020, and is available for a 30-day review, with edits and comments due to Lance Keller by Monday, March 16, 2020 (Item III-F).
- The draft *2019 Biological Evaluation of the Rocky Reach Juvenile Fish Bypass System Draft Report* (2019 Rocky Reach Juvenile Fish Bypass System Report) was distributed to the HCP Coordinating Committees by Kristi Geris on February 14, 2020, and is available for a 30-day review, with edits and comments due to Lance Keller by Monday, March 16, 2020 (Item III-G).
- The draft *Rock Island Dam Smolt Monitoring and Gas Bubble Trauma Evaluation Plan 2020* (2020 Rock Island Bypass Monitoring Plan) was distributed to the HCP Coordinating Committees by Kristi Geris on February 14, 2020, and is available for a 30-day review, with edits and comments due to Lance Keller by Monday, March 16, 2020 (Item III-H).
- The draft *2020 Rocky Reach Juvenile Fish Bypass System Operations Plan* was distributed to the HCP Coordinating Committees by Kristi Geris on February 14, 2020, and is available for a 30-day review, with edits and comments due to Lance Keller by Monday, March 16, 2020 (Item III-I).

- The draft *2019 Rock Island HCP Annual Report* and draft *2019 Rocky Reach HCP Annual Report* were distributed to the HCP Coordinating Committees by Kristi Geris on February 18, 2020, and are available for a 30-day review with edits and comments due to Geris by March 19, 2020.

## **Finalized Documents**

- The final *2020 Wells HCP Action Plan* was distributed to the HCP Coordinating Committees by Kristi Geris on February 25, 2020 (Item IV-A).

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

<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	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
Keely Murdoch <sup>*†</sup>	Yakama Nation
Kirk Truscott <sup>*</sup>	Colville Confederated Tribes

Notes:

- \* Denotes HCP Coordinating Committees member or alternate
- † Joined by phone
- †† Joined by phone for HCP Hatchery and Tributary Committees Update