

Memorandum

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

Date: November 24, 2020

From: John Ferguson, HCP Coordinating Committees Chairman

cc: Kristi Geris

**Re: Final Action Items of the November 24, 2020 HCP Coordinating Committees
Conference Call**

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 Plan (HCP) Coordinating Committees meeting, which met by conference call on Tuesday, November 24, 2020, from 9:00 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. Attendees are listed in Attachment A to this memorandum.

Action Item Summary

- Chelan PUD will continue providing Rocky Reach Dam and Rock Island Dam turbine unit maintenance updates as information becomes available (Item I-C).
- Anchor QEA, LLC (Anchor QEA) will coordinate with the Colville Confederated Tribes (CCT) to arrange a presentation of, *Reintroduction of Salmon Upstream of Chief Joseph and Grand Coulee Dams*, during a future HCP Coordinating Committees conference call (Item I-C). (*Note: Kristi Geris emailed Kirk Truscott and Casey Baldwin [CCT] about this on November 24, 2020 and will report back to the HCP Coordinating Committee once a response is received.*)
- Douglas PUD will communicate to the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission (CRITFC) the discussions regarding Jeff Fryer's (CRITFC) annual request to tag sockeye salmon at Wells Dam that took place during the HCP Policy Committees conference call on October 6, 2020 (i.e., not conducting additional sampling for sockeye salmon until a thermal barrier has set up in the Okanogan River) and during the HCP Coordinating Committees conference call on October 27, 2020 (i.e., stipulate in the next request letter, a request that sockeye salmon sampling periods are concurrent with both spring and summer Chinook salmon trapping operations) (Item I-C).
- Douglas PUD and the Yakama Nation (YN) will further discuss the language included in the draft Statement of Agreement (SOA), *Approval of the Results of the 2020 Wells Project Survival Verification Study, Phase III (Standard Achieved)*, and will report back to Anchor QEA by the week of December 7, 2020 (Item III-A).
- The HCP Coordinating Committees meeting on December 15, 2020, will be held at 9:00 a.m., by conference call (Item V-E).

Decision Summary

- Wells HCP Coordinating Committee representatives present approved the report, *Project Survival Estimates for Yearling Chinook Migrating Through the Wells Hydroelectric Project, 2020 (2020 Spring Migrant Survival Verification Study)* (Item III-B). (Note: Jim Craig provided U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service [USFWS] approval of the report via phone call on November 17, 2020; Scott Carlon provided National Marine Fisheries Service [NMFS] approval of the report via email on November 20, 2020; and Kirk Truscott provided CCT approval of the report via email on November 23, 2020.)

Agreements

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

Review Items

- Wells Project Land-Use Permit Application No. LUP 730-01 was distributed to the HCP Coordinating Committees by Kristi Geris on October 26, 2020. This application is available for a 30-day review with comments or indication of no comments due to Tom Kahler by November 25, 2020 (Item I-A).
- The draft 2020 Wells Post-Season Bypass Report and Passage-Dates Analysis was distributed to the HCP Coordinating Committee by Kristi Geris on November 23, 2020. This draft report is available for a 30-day review with edits and comments due to Tom Kahler by December 23, 2020 (Item III-C).

Finalized Documents

- The final report, *Project Survival Estimates for Yearling Chinook Migrating Through the Wells Hydroelectric Project, 2020 (2020 Spring Migrant Survival Verification Study)*, was distributed to the HCP Coordinating Committees by Kristi Geris following the HCP Coordinating Committees conference call on November 24, 2020 (Item III-B).

Attachment A
List of Attendees

Name	Organization
John Ferguson	Anchor QEA, LLC
Kristi Geris	Anchor QEA, LLC
Tracy Hillmant	BioAnalysts
Lance Keller*	Chelan PUD
Bill Towey	Chelan PUD
Tom Kahler*	Douglas PUD
Andrew Gingerich*	Douglas PUD
Chad Jackson*	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife
Keely Murdoch*	Yakama Nation

Notes:

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