

Memorandum

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

Date: December 15, 2020

From: John Ferguson, HCP Coordinating Committees Chairman

cc: Kristi Geris

**Re: Final Action Items of the December 15, 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, December 15, 2020, from 9:00 a.m. to 10:45 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 the HCP Coordinating Committees conference call on January 26, 2021, and will notify the Yakama Nation (YN) once these plans are confirmed (Item I-C). (Note: Kristi Geris emailed the CCT with the proposed date and time for this presentation, Casey Baldwin [CCT] confirmed this plan works for his schedule, and Geris notified the YN that these plans are confirmed.)
- 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).
- Chelan PUD will update the Rock Island Dam overview figure that was shared during the HCP Coordinating Committees conference call on December 15, 2020, to include more details such as turbine unit and spillway gate labels, as well as a legend (Item III-A).
- Anchor QEA will set a reminder for June 2021 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 June 2021; Item IV-D). (Note: Kristi Geris set this reminder, as discussed.)

- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) will provide a vote via email on the 2020 Wells Post-Season Bypass Report and Passage-Dates Analysis no later than Friday, December 18, 2020 (Item IV-B). (Note: USFWS approved the document via email following the HCP Coordinating Committees conference call on December 15, 2020.)
- The HCP Coordinating Committees meeting on January 26, 2021, will be held at 9:00 a.m., by conference call (Item V-B).

Decision Summary

- Wells HCP Coordinating Committee representatives present approved the Statement of Agreement (SOA), *Approval of the Results of the 2020 Wells Project Survival Verification Study, Phase III (Standard Achieved)* (Item IV-A).
- Wells HCP Coordinating Committee representatives approved the 2020 Wells Post-Season Bypass Report and Passage-Dates Analysis, as follows: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) approved via phone call prior to the HCP Coordinating Committees conference call on December 15, 2020; Douglas PUD, Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW), the YN, and the CCT approved during the HCP Coordinating Committees conference call on December 15, 2020; and USFWS approved via email following the HCP Coordinating Committees conference call on December 15, 2020 (Item IV-B).

Agreements

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

Review Items

- There are no items that are currently available for review.

Finalized Documents

- The final SOA, *Approval of the Results of the 2020 Wells Project Survival Verification Study, Phase III (Standard Achieved)*, was distributed to the HCP Coordinating Committees by Kristi Geris following the HCP Coordinating Committees conference call on December 15, 2020 (Item IV-A).

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
Jim Craig*	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Chad Jackson*	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife
Kirk Truscott*	Colville Confederated Tribes
Keely Murdoch*	Yakama Nation

Notes:

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