

## Memorandum

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

Date: January 26, 2021

From: John Ferguson, HCP Coordinating Committees Chairman

cc: Kristi Geris

**Re: Final Action Items of the January 26, 2021 HCP Coordinating Committees Conference Call**

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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 Plan (HCP) Coordinating Committees meeting, which met by conference call on Tuesday, January 26, 2021, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.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).
- Douglas PUD will distribute the revised draft plan, *2021 Total Dissolved Gas Abatement Plan Wells Hydroelectric Project FERC Project No. 2149*, which will include revisions to the appended *Spill Playbook*, as discussed during today's conference call (Item IV-C). (*Note: Douglas PUD provided a revised draft plan to Kristi Geris following the HCP Coordinating Committees conference call on January 26, 2021, which Geris distributed to the Wells HCP Coordinating Committee that same day.*)
- Chelan PUD will review the 2020/2021 Rock Island and Rocky Reach Adult Fishway Winter Maintenance update with the Yakama Nation (YN) after today's conference call, because Keely Murdoch needed to leave the call early (Item V-G). (*Note: Lance Keller provided this update to Murdoch via email following the HCP Coordinating Committees conference call on January 26, 2021, as discussed.*)
- Anchor QEA will coordinate to add Brandon Kilmer (Douglas PUD Biologist) to the HCP Hatchery Committees secondary email distribution list and provide Kilmer with HCP Hatchery Committees extranet site access, as approved by the HCP Coordinating Committees (Item VI-B). (*Note: Kristi Geris notified Tracy Hillman, Larissa Rohrbach, and Sarah Montgomery of this approval following the HCP Coordinating Committees conference call on January 26, 2021.*)
- The HCP Coordinating Committees meeting on February 23, 2021, will be held at 9:00 a.m., by conference call (Item VI-D).

## Decision Summary

- Wells HCP Coordinating Committee representatives present approved the *Statement of Agreement to Adjust the Timing of the Annual Termination of Bypass Operations at Wells Dam* (Item IV-D).

## Agreements

- HCP Coordinating Committees representatives present agreed to add Brandon Kilmer to the HCP Hatchery Committees secondary email distribution list and provide Kilmer with access to the HCP Hatchery Committees extranet site (Item VI-B).

## Review Items

- The draft plan, *2021 Total Dissolved Gas Abatement Plan Wells Hydroelectric Project FERC Project No. 2149*, was distributed to the Wells HCP Coordinating Committee by Kristi Geris on January 8, 2021. A revised draft plan was distributed by Geris on January 26, 2021. Edits and comments are due to Tom Kahler by February 8, 2021 (Item IV-C).
- The *Draft 2021 Wells HCP Action Plan* was distributed to the Wells HCP Coordinating Committee by Kristi Geris on January 20, 2021, and is available for a 30-day review with edits and comments due to Tom Kahler by February 19, 2021 (Item IV-B).
- The draft *Study Plan to Measure Yearling Chinook Survival through the Rock Island Hydroelectric Project in 2021* (2021 Rock Island Dam Survival Confirmation Study Plan) was distributed to the Rock Island HCP Coordinating Committee by Kristi Geris on January 21, 2021, and is available for a 30-day review with edits and comments due to Lance Keller by February 22, 2021 (Item V-A).
- The draft *2021 Rocky Reach and Rock Island HCP Action Plan* was distributed to the Rocky Reach and Rock Island HCP Coordinating Committees by Kristi Geris on January 21, 2021, and is available for a 30-day review with edits and comments due to Lance Keller by February 22, 2021 (Item V-B).
- The draft *Statistical Plan for the 2021 Yearling Chinook Salmon Survival Study at Rock Island Dam* was distributed to the Rock Island HCP Coordinating Committee by Kristi Geris on January 25, 2021, and is available for review with edits and comments due to Lance Keller by February 22, 2021 (Item V-A).

## Finalized Documents

- The final *Statement of Agreement to Adjust the Timing of the Annual Termination of Bypass Operations at Wells Dam* was distributed to the HCP Coordinating Committees by Kristi Geris following the HCP Coordinating Committees conference call on January 26, 2021 (Item IV-D).

**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
Scott Carlon*	National Marine Fisheries Service
Jim Craig*	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Chad Jackson*	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife
Kirk Truscott*	Colville Confederated Tribes
Casey Baldwin††	Colville Confederated Tribes
Keely Murdoch*	Yakama Nation
David Blodgett, III††	Yakama Nation

Notes:

- \* Denotes HCP Coordinating Committees member or alternate
- † Joined for the HCP Hatchery and Tributary Committees Update
- †† Joined for the presentation, *Reintroduction of Salmon Upstream of Chief Joseph and Grand Coulee Dams*