

Memorandum

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

Date: December 16, 2021

From: John Ferguson, HCP Coordinating Committees Chairman

cc: Kristi Geris, HCP Coordinating Committees Support

**Re: Final Action Items of the December 14, 2021, 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 14, 2021, from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 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).
- Chelan PUD will provide a summary of Wenatchee River spring Chinook salmon adult conversion rate results for the 2021 migration season, including a summary of the average arrival times at Rocky Reach Dam (Item IV-A).
- Chelan PUD will review with National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) the Statement of Agreement (SOA), *Approval of the Results of the 2021 Rock Island Spring-Run Chinook Confirmation Survival Study*, as revised, and will request from NMFS a vote via email (Item IV-A).
- Chelan PUD will provide the final fish rescue numbers from the fish salvages conducted to date (two upper portions of the Rocky Reach Dam adult fishway and upper portion of the Rock Island Dam right fishway) and upcoming (lower portion of the of the Rocky Reach Dam adult fishway, lower portion of the of the Rock Island Dam right fishway, and Rock Island Dam middle and left fishways) during the dewatering for annual winter maintenance at Rocky Reach and Rock Island dams (Item IV-D).
- The HCP Coordinating Committees meeting on Tuesday, January 25, 2022, will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., by conference call (Item VI-C).

Decision Summary

- Rock Island HCP Coordinating Committee representatives present approved the SOA, *Approval of the Results of the 2021 Rock Island Spring-Run Chinook Confirmation Survival Study*, as revised (Item IV-A).

Agreements

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

Review Items

- The *2021 Biological Evaluation of the Rocky Reach Juvenile Fish Bypass System Draft Report* (draft 2021 Rocky Reach Juvenile Fish Bypass System Report) was distributed to the HCP Coordinating Committees by Kristi Geris on November 30, 2021, and is available for a 90-day review with edits and comments due to Lance Keller by Monday, February 28, 2022. Chelan PUD will request approval of this report during the HCP Coordinating Committees meeting on March 22, 2022 (Item IV-B).
- The *2021 Rock Island Dam Smolt Monitoring Program and Gas Bubble Trauma Evaluation Draft Report* (draft 2021 Rock Island Smolt and Gas Bubble Trauma Evaluation Report) was distributed to the HCP Coordinating Committees by Kristi Geris on December 10, 2021, and is available for a 90-day review with edits and comments due to Lance Keller by Tuesday, March 8, 2022. Chelan PUD will request approval of this report during the HCP Coordinating Committees meeting on March 22, 2022 (Item IV-C).
- The draft *2022 Wells HCP Action Plan* was distributed to the HCP Coordinating Committees by Kristi Geris on December 13, 2021. A revised draft *2022 Wells HCP Action Plan* was distributed on December 14, 2021. This plan is available for a 30-day review with edits and comments due to Tom Kahler by Wednesday, January 12, 2022. Douglas PUD will request approval of this plan during the HCP Coordinating Committees meeting on January 25, 2022 (Item III-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 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