

Memorandum

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

Date: January 25, 2022

From: John Ferguson, HCP Coordinating Committees Chairman

cc: Kristi Geris, HCP Coordinating Committees Support

Re: Final Action Items of the January 25, 2022, 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, January 25, 2022, 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).
- Chelan PUD will provide the final fish rescue numbers from the fish salvage conducted in the Rock Island Dam middle adult fishway and upcoming fish salvages (lower portion of the of the Rocky Reach Dam adult fishway, lower portion of the of the Rock Island Dam right bank fishway, and Rock Island Dam left bank adult fishway) during the dewatering for annual winter maintenance at Rocky Reach and Rock Island dams (Item I-C).
- The HCP Coordinating Committees meeting on Tuesday, February 22, 2022, will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., by conference call (Item V-C).

Decision Summary

- Wells HCP Coordinating Committee representatives present approved the *2022 Wells HCP Action Plan*, as revised (Item III-A).

Agreements

- The HCP Coordinating Committees agreed to add Rod O'Connor (Grant PUD) to the HCP Hatchery Committees and Priest Rapids Coordinating Committee (PRCC) Hatchery Subcommittee primary email distribution list, via email as follows: Chelan PUD, Douglas PUD, National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW), and the Colville Confederated Tribes (CCT) approved on January 4, 2022; and the Yakama Nation (YN) approved on January 5, 2022.

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.
- 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.
- The draft *2022 Total Dissolved Gas Abatement Plan* and appended *Wells Bypass Operating Plan* (2022 GAP/BOP) was distributed to the Wells HCP Coordinating Committee by Kristi Geris on January 11, 2022. Douglas PUD will request approval of the draft plan during the HCP Coordinating Committees conference call on February 22, 2022 (Item III-B).
- The draft *2022 Rocky Reach and Rock Island HCP Action Plan* was distributed to the HCP Coordinating Committees by Kristi Geris on January 25, 2022. Chelan PUD will request approval of the draft plan during the HCP Coordinating Committees conference call on February 22, 2022 (Item IV-A).

Finalized Documents

- The final *2022 Wells HCP Action Plan*, as revised, was distributed to the HCP Coordinating Committees by Kristi Geris after the HCP Coordinating Committees conference call on January 25, 2022 (Item III-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
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
Keely Murdoch*	Yakama Nation

Notes:

* Denotes HCP Coordinating Committees member or alternate

† Joined for the HCP Hatchery and Tributary Committees update