

Memorandum

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

Date: February 22, 2022

From: John Ferguson, HCP Coordinating Committees Chairman

cc: Kristi Geris, HCP Coordinating Committees Support

Re: Final Action Items of the February 22, 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, February 22, 2022, 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 inquire internally about the feasibility of operating the Rocky Reach Juvenile Sampling Facility (RRJSF) and passive integrated transponder (PIT) detection system earlier than the typical April 1 start date to monitor for fish released into the Okanagan River last December 2021, due to flooding (Item III-B).
- Chelan PUD will provide the final fish rescue numbers from the fish salvages conducted in the lower portion of the Rocky Reach Dam adult fishway and Rock Island Dam left bank adult fishway during the dewatering for annual winter maintenance at Rocky Reach and Rock Island dams (Item III-D).
- Chelan PUD will notify the HCP Coordinating Committees via email when the Rocky Reach Dam adult fishway is returned to service (Item III-D).
- Chelan PUD will notify the HCP Coordinating Committees via email when the Rock Island Dam left bank adult fishway is returned to service in early March 2022 and will provide a schedule for taking the Rock Island Dam middle adult fishway out of service in late March 2022, to repair an attraction water valve, once it is available (Item III-D).
- The HCP Coordinating Committees meeting on Tuesday, March 22, 2022, will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., by conference call (Item VI-C).

Decision Summary

- Rocky Reach and Rock Island HCP Coordinating Committees representatives present approved the *2022 Rocky Reach and Rock Island HCP Action Plan* (Item III-A).
- Wells HCP Coordinating Committee representatives present approved the *2022 Total Dissolved Gas Abatement Plan* and appended *Wells Bypass Operating Plan* (2022 GAP/BOP), as revised (Item IV-A).

Agreements

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

Review Items

- The *2021 Biological Evaluation of the Rocky Reach Juvenile Fish Bypass System Draft 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* 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 *Rock Island Dam Smolt Monitoring and Gas Bubble Trauma Evaluation Plan 2022* (2022 Rock Island Bypass Monitoring Plan) was distributed to the HCP Coordinating Committees by Kristi Geris on January 28, 2022, and is available for a 30-day review, with edits and comments due to Lance Keller by Monday, February 28, 2022. Chelan PUD will request approval of this plan during the HCP Coordinating Committees meeting on March 22, 2022 (Item III-B).
- The draft *2022 Rocky Reach Juvenile Fish Bypass System Operations Plan* (2022 RRJSF Protocol) was distributed to the HCP Coordinating Committees by Kristi Geris on January 28, 2022, and is available for a 30-day review, with edits and comments due to Lance Keller by Monday, February 28, 2022. Chelan PUD will request approval of this plan during the HCP Coordinating Committees meeting on March 22, 2022 (Item III-B).
- The draft 2021 Wells HCP Annual Report was distributed to the HCP Coordinating Committees by Kristi Geris on February 4, 2022, and is available for a 90-day review, with edits and comments due to Geris by Thursday, May 5, 2022 (Item VI-B).

- The draft 2021 Rock Island HCP Annual Report and draft 2021 Rocky Reach HCP Annual Report were distributed to the HCP Coordinating Committees by Kristi Geris on February 8, 2022, and are available for a 90-day review, with edits and comments due to Geris by Monday, May 9, 2022 (Item VI-B).
- The draft *2022 Fish Spill Plan, Rock Island and Rocky Reach Dams Public Utility District No. 1 of Chelan County* (2022 Rock Island and Rocky Reach Fish Spill Plan) was distributed to the HCP Coordinating Committees by Kristi Geris on February 8, 2022, and is available for a 30-day review, with edits and comments due to Lance Keller by Thursday, March 10, 2022. Chelan PUD will request approval of this plan during the HCP Coordinating Committees meeting on March 22, 2022 (Item III-C).

Finalized Documents

- The final 2022 GAP/BOP, as revised, was distributed to the HCP Coordinating Committees by Kristi Geris following the HCP Coordinating Committees conference call on February 22, 2022 (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
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
- †† Joined at the end of the HCP Hatchery and Tributary Committees update