

Memorandum

To: Wells, Rocky Reach, and Rock Island HCP
Coordinating Committees Date: March 22, 2022

From: John Ferguson, HCP Coordinating Committees Chairman

cc: Kristi Geris, HCP Coordinating Committees Support

Re: Final Action Items of the March 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, March 22, 2022, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:15 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).
- The Wells HCP Coordinating Committee will be prepared to vote via email on the Interim Draft 2022 Broodstock Collection Protocols, during the week of March 28, 2022, should the HCP Hatchery Committees approve the interim protocols by Friday, March 25, 2022 (Item II-A).
- Douglas PUD will verify what the permitted use is for the pathway proposed in Wells Project Land-Use Permit Application for LUP 716-01 (Item III-B).
- Chelan PUD will distribute the presentation by Dr. Erika Rubenson (Four Peaks Environmental Science and Data Solutions) on the 2021 Rock Island Dam Subyearling Chinook Salmon Behavior Study Results and 2022 Study Plan (Item IV-D).
- The CCT will discuss with the Priest Rapids Coordinating Committee (PRCC) convening jointly with the HCP Coordinating Committees for a presentation on the Blocked Area Fish Passage Reintroduction Phase II Implementation, during the first portion of the PRCC meeting on May 24, 2022, and will have Bryan Nordlund (PRCC Chairman) coordinate with John Ferguson, as needed (Item V-A).
- The HCP Coordinating Committees meeting on Tuesday, April 26, 2022, will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., by conference call (Item VI-B).

Decision Summary

- Rock Island HCP Coordinating Committee representatives present approved the *2021 Rock Island Dam Smolt Monitoring Program and Gas Bubble Trauma Evaluation Draft Report* (2021 Rock Island Smolt and Gas Bubble Trauma Evaluation Report) (Item IV-A).
- Rocky Reach HCP Coordinating Committee representatives present approved the *2021 Biological Evaluation of the Rocky Reach Juvenile Fish Bypass System Draft Report* (2021 Rocky Reach Juvenile Fish Bypass System [RRJFBS] Report) (Item IV-A).
- Rock Island HCP Coordinating Committee representatives present approved the *Rock Island Dam Smolt Monitoring and Gas Bubble Trauma Evaluation Plan 2022* (2022 Rock Island Bypass Monitoring Plan), as revised (Item IV-B).
- Rocky Reach HCP Coordinating Committee representatives present approved the *2022 Rocky Reach Juvenile Fish Bypass System Operations Plan* (2022 Rocky Reach Juvenile Sampling Facility [RRJSF] Protocol), as revised (Item IV-B).
- Rock Island and Rocky Reach HCP Coordinating Committees representatives present approved the *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), as revised (Item IV-C).

Agreements

- The HCP Coordinating Committees agreed to convene jointly with the PRCC for a presentation on the Blocked Area Fish Passage Reintroduction Phase II Implementation, during the last portion of the HCP Coordinating Committees meeting on May 24, 2022 (Item V-A).

Review Items

- 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.
- 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.
- Wells Project Land-Use Permit Application for LUP 716-01 was distributed to the HCP Coordinating Committees by Kristi Geris on March 14, 2022, and is available for a 30-day review, with comments due to Tom Kahler by Wednesday, April 13, 2022 (Item III-B).

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
Alene Underwood++	Chelan PUD
Dr. Erika Rubenson++	Four Peaks Environmental Science and Data Solutions
Tom Kahler*	Douglas PUD
Andrew Gingerich*	Douglas PUD
Scott Carlon*	National Marine Fisheries Service
Jim Craig*	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Mike Tonseth†	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 for the presentation by Dr. Erika Rubenson