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Memorandum

To: Mike Schiewe
From: Tracy Hillman
CC: Tributary Committees
Date: 16 May 2013
Re: HCP Tributary Committees Meeting Progress Report

The Wells, Rocky Reach, and Rock Island Hydroelectric Projects Habitat Conservation Plans Tributary Committees met at Chelan PUD in Wenatchee, Washington, on Thursday, 9 May from 10:00 am to 12:05 pm.

Small Projects Program Applications

The Committees reviewed two Small Projects Program Applications, both from Trout Unlimited-Washington Water Projects. The first one was titled *Beaver Creek Late Season Well Installation Project*. The purpose of this project was to determine the feasibility of removing a landowner from a surface diversion on Beaver Creek during the period 1 August to 15 September. The sponsor proposed to install a well and conduct a pump test to assess the production of the well. If the pump test is successful, the sponsor will seek funds for the second phase of the work, which is to install the pumps, mainline, and electrical hookup. If the conversion from surface water to well water is successful, a total of about 0.3 cfs could be saved permanently in trust. The total cost of the project was \$16,396.72. The sponsor requested \$16,396.72 from HCP Tributary Funds. After careful review of the proposal, **the Tributary Committees were unable to make a funding decision**, because additional information was needed from the sponsor. Once the sponsor responds to the Committees questions, the Committees will make a funding decision.

The second proposal was titled *Antoine Creek Feedlot Relocation Project*. The purpose of this project was to improve water quality and riparian conditions in Antoine Creek, a steelhead stream in the Okanogan River basin, by moving an existing feedlot about 1.5 miles away from the stream. This action would significantly reduce nutrient loading and habitat degradation along 3,450 feet of Antoine Creek, and increase instream flows by about 18.2 gpm from October through February. The total cost of the project was \$97,533. The sponsor requested \$37,533 from HCP Tributary Funds. After careful review of the proposal, **the Tributary Committees decided to table the proposal**, because there is a possibility that the Colville Confederated Tribes will fund the entire project. The Tribes will let the Committees know if they intend to fund the entire project.

Budget Amendment

The Wells Tributary Committee received a budget amendment request from Cascade Columbia Fisheries Enhancement Group (CCFEG) on the Methow/Chewuch Shallow Groundwater Monitoring Project. The sponsor indicated that a Cultural Resource Survey was not necessary for this project and therefore asked if they could move the funds from that line item to Sponsor Salaries and Benefits, and Contract Labor. After reviewing the request, **the Wells Committee was unable to approve the amendment request** without additional information. Specifically, the Committees need written documentation indicating that a Cultural Resource Survey is not necessary.

General Salmon Habitat Program Pre-Proposals

The Committees received a list of the General Salmon Habitat Program and Salmon Recovery Funding Board pre-proposals. Of the 23 pre-proposals on the list, 14 requested funds from the Tributary Committees. The Committees reviewed the list of pre-proposals with the intent of identifying which projects they would like to visit in the field. The Committees identified nine projects they would like to visit in the field. The proposed projects are located in the Okanogan, Methow, Entiat, and Wenatchee basins.

The Committees will visit project sites in the Okanogan and Methow basins on 29-30 May and in the Wenatchee and Entiat basins on 5-6 June. Sponsors will give presentations on 12 June and the Committees will conduct their final evaluation of pre-proposals on 13 June.

Request from the Upper Columbia Salmon Recovery Board

The Committees received an inquiry from the Associate Director of the Upper Columbia Salmon Recovery Board asking if the Tributary Committees would be interested in funding the completion of Appendix C (Monitoring Plan for the Methow Basin) to the Upper Columbia Monitoring Strategy, which is part of the Upper Columbia Spring Chinook Salmon and Steelhead Recovery Plan. The total cost of the project was \$25,000. They need \$12,000 to complete the plan. After discussion, **the Committees indicated that they would not be interested in reviewing a proposal seeking funds to complete the Monitoring Plan for the Methow Basin.**

Next Steps

The next meeting of the Tributary Committees will be on Thursday, 13 June 2013 at Chelan PUD in Wenatchee. At that time, the Committees will review GSHP pre-proposals.