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Memorandum

To: Mike Schiewe
From: Tracy Hillman
CC: Tributary Committees
Date: 18 February 2014
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, 13 February 2014 from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm.

Review of Policies and Procedures Documents

The Committees reviewed draft language to their Policies and Procedures document that will allow project sponsors to submit General Salmon Habitat Program (GSHP) proposals at any time during the year. Currently, the schedule for the GSHP is coordinated with the Salmon Recovery Funding Board (SRFB) process. That is, GSHP draft proposals are received in early May and final proposals are received in late June. The proposed change allows project sponsors to submit GSHP proposals at any time during the year. Language modifications were made to Sections 3.4 (The General Salmon Habitat Program), 5.1 (Draft Proposal Review), and 5.3 (Final Review). ***The Committees approved the revised language and will now accept GSHP proposals at any time during the year.*** The Committees will accept the SRFB application for projects where Plan Species Account Funds are included as cost shares in SRFB proposals. For proposals submitted outside the SRFB process, project sponsors will use the Committees' GSHP application.

Salmon Recovery Funding Board and Tributary Committees Funding Schedule

Although the Tributary Committees' new policy allows project sponsors to submit GSHP proposals at any time, the Committees will continue to coordinate with the Salmon Recovery Funding Board proposal process. This is because project sponsors often include Plan Species Account Funds as cost shares in SRFB proposals. This year, draft proposals will be delivered to the Tributary Committees on 28 April or 2 May. The Committees will review the draft proposals during their May and June meetings (8 May and 12 June). Project tours are scheduled for 14-15 May (Methow and Okanogan) and 21-22 May (Wenatchee and Entiat). Final proposals will be delivered to the Tributary Committees on 24 June. The Committees will make funding decisions on 10 July. This gives the Committees about three weeks to review the final proposals.

Annual Deposits to the Plan Species Accounts

The amount deposited into each account at the end of January was:

- Rock Island \$698,905
- Rocky Reach \$331,015
- Wells \$253,775

The unallocated amount within each account at the end of January is:

- Rock Island \$4,074,020
- Rocky Reach \$1,745,241
- Wells \$1,228,313

Rocky Reach and Rock Island 2014 Draft Action Plans

The Rock Island and Rocky Reach Tributary Committees reviewed and accepted the Rock Island and Rocky Reach Action Plans for 2014.

Appraisal Process

Recently, a project sponsor asked if the Committees cover the cost of appraisal reviews. The Committees cover the cost of the appraiser, but it was not clear if the Committees also cover the cost of the review. The Committees confirmed that they cover both the cost of the appraisal and the cost of the review.

Next Steps

The next meeting of the Tributary Committees will be on Thursday, 13 March 2014 at Chelan PUD in Wenatchee.