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Memorandum

To: Mike Schiewe
From: Tracy Hillman
CC: Tributary Committees
Date: 20 April 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, 10 April 2014 from 10:00 am to 12:30 pm.

Small Projects Program Application: Remove Collapsed Bridge from Shingle Creek

Last month, the Committees reviewed a Small Projects Program application from the Okanagan Nation Alliance (ONA) titled *Remove Collapsed Bridge from Shingle Creek*. The purpose of the project was to stabilize and reduce channel and bank erosion by removing a collapsed logging bridge that fell into Shingle Creek about 15 km upstream from its mouth. The total cost of the project was \$10,579. The sponsor requested \$9,079 from HCP Tributary Funds. Because of a lack of information, the Committees were unable to make a funding decision. The Committees requested that the sponsor include photographs of the site and the collapsed bridge, and recommended that the sponsor link this project with the Shingle Creek Dam Removal project. Prior to the April meeting, ONA provided the Committees with additional information including photos of the site, a revised budget (Tributary Committee request = \$6,693), and the signed landowner willingness form. After reviewing the original proposal and the additional information, the ***Wells Tributary Committee approved funding for this project.***

Small Projects Program Application: Silver Reach Mining Impacts Evaluation/Feasibility Study

The Committees reviewed a Small Projects Program application from Trout Unlimited titled *Silver Reach Impacts Evaluation/Feasibility Study*. The purpose of the project is to evaluate the extent to which heavy metal contamination from local mining activities at the Red Shirt Mill (RM 39.5) and the Alder Creek confluence wetland (RM 34-34.5) may affect the feasibility of restoration actions proposed in the Twisp to Carlton Reach on the Methow River. This work will supplement the Twisp to Carlton Reach Assessment and will provide practical application and guidance on how to minimize and reduce exposure risks to fish species while maximizing biological benefit. The total cost of the project is \$99,430. The sponsor requested \$96,355 from HCP Tributary Funds. Because of a lack of information, the Committees were unable to make a funding decision and requested additional information. The Committees asked if the sponsor had requested funds from the Clean Water Act or from the Office of Columbia River, and why Ecology is not working to fix the problem given that they gave the Red Shirt Mill a hazard ranking of "1," which is the highest potential threat ranking.

Silver Side Channel Concept Design

Cascade Columbia Fisheries Enhancement Group (CCFEG) provided the Rocky Reach Tributary Committee with a concept design for the Silver Side Channel. The concept was prepared by Intermountain Aquatics, Inc. CCFEG asked if the Committee had any comments or suggestions. After briefly reviewing the concept design, the Committee had no comments or suggestions. The Committee will invite CCFEG to their June meeting to further describe the concept design and results from their monitoring work.

Time Extension: Methow/Chewuch Groundwater Monitoring Project

The Wells Tributary Committee received a budget amendment request from Cascade Columbia Fisheries Enhancement Group asking if the Committee would extend the contract to the end of 2014 so they could continue to monitor water levels at the Burns-Garrity and Silver Side Channel sites. *The Wells Tributary Committee approved the extension of the contract through 31 December 2014.*

Okanagan Nation Alliance Monitoring Options

The Okanagan Nation Alliance (ONA) asked the Committees if they would be interested in funding some level of monitoring on four different restoration projects in the Upper Okanagan River basin. The Committees reviewed the four projects and asked ONA to submit proposals for two projects: (1) Penticton Channel Monitoring Spawning Platforms and (2) Okanagan River Restoration Initiative Effectiveness Monitoring. If the Committees agree to fund one or both projects, the funds for monitoring would come from the Tributary Assessment Program, not the Plan Species Accounts.

Next Steps

The next meeting of the Tributary Committees will be on Thursday, 8 May 2014 at Chelan PUD in Wenatchee.