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Memorandum

To: Mike Schiewe
From: Tracy Hillman
CC: Tributary Committees
Date: 21 February 2015
Re: HCP Tributary Committees Meeting Progress Report

The Wells, Rocky Reach, and Rock Island Hydroelectric Projects Habitat Conservation Plans Tributary Committees met at Grant PUD in Wenatchee, Washington, on Thursday, 12 February 2015 from 9:30 am to 12:00 pm.

Review of Policies and Procedures Documents

The Committees reviewed the Policies and Procedures for Funding Projects and the Tributary Committees Operating Procedures. Members had no changes to the Policies and Procedures document. Regarding Operating Procedures, NOAA Fisheries requested a change in the designated representative on the Tributary Committees. NOAA Fisheries will send a letter to the Chair of the HCP Coordinating Committees indicating the change in representation. Justin Yeager will become the designated representative; Dale Bambrick will be the alternate.

Salmon Recovery Funding Board and Tributary Committees Funding Schedule

Although the Tributary Committees' policy allows project sponsors to submit General Salmon Habitat Program (SRFB) 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 17 April and the Committees will review the draft proposals during their 11 June meeting. Project tours are scheduled for 6-7 May (Methow and Okanogan) and 13-14 May (Wenatchee and Entiat). Final proposals will be delivered to the Tributary Committees on 19 June. The Committees will make funding decisions on 9 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 \$711,794
- Rocky Reach \$337,119
- Wells \$258,455

The unallocated amount within each account as of mid-January was:

- Rock Island \$4,829,005
- Rocky Reach \$2,143,226
- Wells \$1,321,590

Wells, Rocky Reach, and Rock Island 2015 Draft Action Plans

The Wells Tributary Committee reviewed and approved with modifications the 2015 Wells Action Plan for the Wells Tributary Committee. The Rock Island and Rocky Reach Tributary Committees reviewed and accepted with modifications the Rock Island and Rocky Reach Action Plans for 2015.

Meeting Schedule

The Tributary Committees will continue to meet on the second Thursday of each month. The dates are: Jan 8 (cancelled), Feb 12, Mar 12, Apr 9, May 14, Jun 11, Jul 9, Aug 13, Sep 10, Oct 8, Nov 12, and Dec 10.

Next Steps

The next meeting of the Tributary Committees will be on Thursday, 12 March 2015 at Grant PUD in Wenatchee.