

Memorandum

To: Wells, Rocky Reach, and Rock Island HCP Hatchery Committees and Priest Rapids Coordinating Committee Hatchery Subcommittee Date: August 17, 2022

From: Larissa Rohrbach, Anchor QEA, LLC

cc: Tracy Hillman, HCP Hatchery Committees Chairman and PRCC Hatchery Subcommittee Facilitator

Re: Action Item Summary from the August 17, 2022, HCP Hatchery Committees and PRCC Hatchery Subcommittee Meetings

The Wells, Rocky Reach, and Rock Island Hydroelectric Projects Habitat Conservation Plans Hatchery Committees (HCP-HCs) and Priest Rapids Coordinating Committee Hatchery Subcommittee (PRCC HSC) meetings were held virtually on Wednesday, August 17, 2022, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:40 p.m. The action items include the following:

Action Item Summary

Long-term

Joint HCP-HCs and PRCC HSC

- Mike Tonseth will distribute the analysis showing feasibility of the Methow spring Chinook Salmon Outplanting plan based on historical run size data (Item I-A). *(Note: This item is ongoing; expected completion date to be determined.)*
- Kirk Truscott will work with Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation (CTCR) staff to develop a model that addresses the probability of encountering natural-origin Okanogan River spring Chinook Salmon at Wells Dam (Item I-A). *(Note: This item is ongoing; expected completion date to be determined.)*
- Kirk Truscott will determine the number of scales that should be collected from spring Chinook Salmon at Wells Dam for elemental signature analysis to discern Okanogan River spring Chinook Salmon from Methow River spring Chinook Salmon (Item I-A). *(Note: This item is ongoing; completion depends on the outcome of the previous action item.)*
- Keely Murdoch and Mike Tonseth will obtain estimates of pre-spawn mortality from Andrew Murdoch to update the retrospective analysis for Wenatchee spring Chinook Salmon (Item I-A). *(Note: This item is ongoing; expected completion date mid- to late 2022)*
- Members of the HCP-HCs and PRCC HSC will discuss potential hatchery management changes for rearing and release following completion of the 10-year Comprehensive Reports (Item I-A). *(Note: This item is ongoing.)*

Near-term (to be completed by next meeting)

Joint HCP-HCs and PRCC HSC

- Todd Pearsons and Catherine Willard will revise Grant and Chelan PUD's draft Statements of Agreement (SOAs) on Sockeye Salmon obligations for approval in an upcoming meeting (Item I-A). *(Note: This item is ongoing.)*
- Members of the HCP-HCs and PRCC HSC will provide feedback to the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW)-revised version of questions on recalculation for Policy Committees prior to the next meeting (Item III-A).
- Members of the HCP-HCs and PRCC HSC will summarize their questions about the Yakama Nation's (YN's) proposal to continue spring Chinook Salmon at the Goat Wall site and send them to Keely Murdoch no later than September 2 (Item III-B).
- Mike Tonseth will work with Douglas PUD and Grant PUD to prepare a draft comprehensive version of the 2022 Broodstock Collection Protocols for approval in the September 21, 2022 meeting (Item III-C).

Wells HCP-HC

- Members of the Wells HCP-HC will review the CTCR evaluation of summer Chinook rearing space at Wells Fish Hatchery and return comments to Kirk Truscott by August 31, 2022 (Item II-A).

Rock Island/Rocky Reach HCP-HCs

- Members of the RI/RI HCP-HC will review Chelan PUD's response to WDFW's comments on the proposed Wenatchee Steelhead Escapement Modeling approach and respond to Catherine Willard with comments prior to the next meeting (Item IV-A).

Decision Summary

- None.

Agreements

- None.

Review Items

- The recalculation questions for Policy Committees with WDFW's suggested revisions was distributed for review on August 11, 2022.

- The YN's *Proposal on the Continuation of the Upper Methow Spring Chinook Acclimation Project* was distributed on July 19 with comments to be provided to Keely Murdoch no later than September 2, 2022.
- Chelan PUD's written response to WDFW's comments on the proposed Wenatchee Steelhead Escapement Modeling Approach was distributed for review on August 15, 2022.
- The *Grant County Public Utility District Implementation Plan for 2022-2023 Priest Rapids Hatchery Monitoring and Evaluation* was distributed on Tuesday August 16, 2022, with comments to be provided to Todd Pearsons by Thursday September 15, 2022.
- The CTCR's *Memorandum to the Wells HCP-HC on Juvenile Summer Chinook Reintroduction Production at Wells Fish Hatchery* was distributed on August 15, with comments to be provided to Kirk Truscott no later than August 31, 2022.

Finalized Documents

- None.