

## Memorandum

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To: Wells, Rocky Reach, and Rock Island HCP Hatchery Committees and Priest Rapids Coordinating Committee Hatchery Subcommittee      Date: March 20, 2023

From: Larissa Rohrbach, Anchor QEA, LLC

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

Re: Action Item Summary from the March 15, 2023, HCP Hatchery Committees and PRCC Hatchery Subcommittee Meetings

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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 Webex, on Wednesday, March 15, 2023, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The action items include the following:

### Action Item Summary

#### Long-term

##### Joint HCP-Hatchery Committees and PRCC Hatchery Subcommittee

- 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 to be determined.)*
- 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 (Item I-A). *(Note: This item is ongoing.)*
- Chelan PUD, Grant PUD, and WDFW will develop recommendations for reducing stress and mortality from disease for individual rearing groups at Eastbank Hatchery.

#### Near-Term (to be completed by next meeting)

##### Joint HCP-Hatchery Committees and PRCC Hatchery Subcommittee

- All members of the HCP-HCs and PRCC HSC will review the 10-Year Comprehensive Review chapters focused on Objectives 1 and 2, and consider potential recommendations for changes to monitoring and evaluation actions.
- Mike Tonseth will inform the RI/RR HCP-HC and PRCC HSC of WDFW's recommended options for the transfer or early release of brood year 2021 Wenatchee summer Chinook.

## RI/RR HCP Hatchery Committee

- Catherine Willard will discuss the early release of Wenatchee Chinook salmon in relation with triggers for initiating spill at Rock Island Dam with the RI/RR HCP-Coordinating Committee representatives.

## Decision Summary

- The Wells HCP-HC approved Douglas PUD's approach for steelhead egg thiamine testing at Wells Hatchery in 2023 through 2025.
- The HCP-HCs and PRCC HSC approved the 2023 Upper Columbia 2023 Brood Year Salmon and 2024 Brood Year Steelhead Broodstock Collection Protocols.

## Agreements

- None

## Review Items

- The 10-Year Comprehensive M&E Report chapters, compiled by species, were distributed on March 2, 2023, for discussion in the next meeting with a focus on objectives 1 and 2.

## Finalized Documents

- None