

## Memorandum

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To: Wells, Rocky Reach, and Rock Island HCP Hatchery Committees and Priest Rapids Coordinating Committee Hatchery Subcommittee      Date: September 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 September 20, 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 in person at the Methow Hatchery and virtually on Webex, on Wednesday, September 20, 2023, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The meeting was followed by site visits to the Eightmile Acclimation Pond, Chewuch Acclimation Pond, Twisp River Acclimation Pond, and Carlton Acclimation Pond. 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. (Item I-A). *(Note: This item is ongoing.)*

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

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

- Catherine Willard will research feasibility questions around planning for potential emergency Okanogan sockeye salmon broodstock collection, including the following (Item I-A) *(Note: This item is ongoing.)*:
  - Capacity at Eastbank Hatchery for holding and isolation of adult sockeye and eyed-eggs.

- Permit requirements for transporting gametes or eyed eggs within the State of Washington.
  - Quarantine requirements for transporting adult fish into Canada.
  - Potential locations for Okanogan sockeye salmon broodstock collection in Washington.
- All Committee members will review spring Chinook salmon 10-Year Summary Report program-specific tables and inform authors of key concerns. (Item II-A). *(Note: This item is ongoing.)*
- Authors of spring Chinook salmon 10-Year Summary Report program-specific tables will make revisions discussed in the meeting and develop brief narratives to explain the program description and monitoring results by October 4. (Item II-A).
- Tom Kahler will confirm with Kirk Truscott whether he approves of a plan to cull eggs from Methow Spring Chinook salmon females with high levels of bacterial kidney disease (BKD), and inform the HCP-HCs of that decision. (Item II-B).

## Decision Summary

- None.

## Agreements

- Pending approval by CTCR, the other HCP-HC parties approved of culling the eggs from two females with high levels of BKD levels, and provided pre-emptive approval, pending test results, for additional culling of eggs from high BKD females, if fewer than 50% of the pending cases.

## Review Items

- The 10-Year Comprehensive M&E Report chapters, compiled by species, were distributed on March 2, 2023.
- The version of the spring Chinook salmon 10-Year Summary Report program-specific tables discussed in today's meeting were distributed on September 12, 2023.
- The Douglas PUD's Draft "2022 Annual Report for the M&E of the Wells Hatchery and Methow Hatchery Programs" was sent on September 6, with comments due by Friday, October 6, 2023.

## Finalized Documents

- None.