FINAL

1201 3rd Avenue, Suite 2600
Seattle, Washington 98101
206.287.9130

ANCHOR QEA

Memorandum

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

Date: January 26, 2026

From: Caitlin Burd, Anchor QEA, LLC

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

Re: Action Item Summary from the January 20, 2026, HCP Hatchery Committees and PRCC Hatchery Subcommittee Meetings

The Joint Wells, Rocky Reach, and Rock Island Hydroelectric Projects Habitat Conservation Plans Hatchery Committees (HCP-HCs) and Priest Rapids Coordinating Committee Hatchery Subcommittee (PRCC HSC) meeting was held on Tuesday, January 20, 2026, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

This meeting was held virtually on Microsoft Teams and in person at Douglas County PUD, 1151 Valley Mall Pkwy, East Wenatchee, WA, 98802.

Action Item Summary

Long-term

Joint HCP-Hatchery Committees and PRCC Hatchery Subcommittee

- 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)*.
- Keely Murdoch will assemble a group to review the Wenatchee Spring Chinook Salmon Management Plan (Item I-A) *(Note: This item is ongoing)*.
- Chelan, Douglas, and Grant PUD will draft their updated versions of the Wenatchee Spring Chinook Salmon HGMPs by the May 20, 2026, meeting for discussion and approval (*Note: This item is ongoing)*.
- Mike Tonseth will draft a Statement of Agreement to outline an HCP-HC and PRCC HSC formal approval process for final committee documents (*Note: This item is ongoing)*.

Near-Term (to be completed by next meeting)

Joint HCP-Hatchery Committees and PRCC Hatchery Subcommittee

- WDFW will present recommendations for coefficient of variation (CV) and size-at-release targets at the February 18, 2026, Hatchery Committee meeting (Item I-A).

- The HCP-HCs and PRCC HSC will review the latest version of the draft 2026 M&E Plan. This document includes all comments and edits from each agency merged into one file and will be discussed at the January 29, 2026, meeting (Item I-C).
- Catherine Willard will research the baseline period used for each monitoring question in *Section 10: Population Genetics* of the draft 2026 M&E Plan (Item I-C).
- Tom Kalher will reach out to Todd Seamons regarding the inclusion of adaptive markers in *Section 10: Population genetics* of the draft M&E Plan (Item I-C).
- Cory Kamphaus will provide clarifying language for Coho Salmon production in the Methow River Basin for inclusion to the draft 2026 M&E Plan (Item I-C).
- John Rohrback will send an email explaining Douglas PUD's proposed amendment to the 2025-2026 Broodstock Collection Protocols regarding the collection of Twisp natural-origin steelhead broodstock. Committee review and approval will occur at the February 18, 2026, meeting (Item I-D).
- The HCP-HCs and PRCC HSC will review NOAA's study plan for their 2026 steelhead selection and fitness loss experiment. Committee members will provide comments and questions to Chris Tatara and Charles Frady by January 30, 2026. The study plan will be approved via email vote by February 6, 2026 (Item I-E).
- The RI/RR HCs will review Chelan PUD's 2026 Implementation Plan by January 30, 2026, for email approval of the rotary screw trap and redd survey sections. The complete document will be approved at the February 18, 2026, meeting (III-B).
- Mike Tonseth will review Grant PUD's revised version of the Nason Creek HGMP. Upon completion of review, the document will be distributed for committee review and discussion at the February 18, 2026, meeting (Item IV-A).
- Cory Kampahus will reach out to Jeff Fryer (CRITFC) for information on juvenile stranding (Item IV-B).
- The PRCC HSC will review expert panel responses for discussion at the January 29, 2026, meeting (Item IV-C).

Decision Summary

- The PRCC HSC approved Grant PUD's 2026 M&E Implementation Plan as final.

Agreements

- None.

Review Items

- The 2026 draft M&E Plan was distributed to the HCP-HCs and PRCC HSC on January 19, 2026. The Hatchery Committees will edit the document at the January 29, 2026, meeting.

- Chelan PUD's updated 2026 M&E Implementation Plan was distributed to the RI/RR HCs for review on January 20, 2026. An email vote will occur by February 6, 2026, for the rotary screw trap and redd survey sections. The complete document will be approved at the February 18, 2026, meeting.
- The Nason Creek HGMP will be distributed to the PRCC HSC. Comments and edits are due by February 18, 2026.
- The NOAA 2026 steelhead selection and fitness loss experiment was distributed to the HCP-HCs and PRCC HSC on January 20, 2026. Committee members will provide comments and questions to Chris Tatara and Charles Frady by January 30, 2026. The study plan will be approved via email vote by February 6, 2026.

Finalized Documents

- The PRCC HSC approved Grant PUD's 2026 M&E Implementation Plan as final and will be distributed to the Hatchery Committees.