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Memorandum

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

Date: February 3, 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, and January 29, 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.

The Joint HCP-HCs and PRCC HSC meeting for M&E Plan Updates was held on Thursday, January 29, 2026, from 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

This meeting was held virtually on Microsoft Teams.

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)*.

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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-B).
- Cory Kampahus will reach out to Jeff Fryer (CRITFC) for information on whether CRITFC will continue to PIT-tag natural-origin juvenile fall Chinook Salmon (Item I-B).
- 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-B).
- 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-B).
- 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-B).
- 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 possible approval will occur at the February 18, 2026, meeting (Item I-C).
- 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 possibly approved via email vote by February 6, 2026 (Item I-D).
- 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 possibly 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).
- The PRCC HSC will review expert panel responses for discussion at the January 29, 2026, meeting (Item IV-C).
- The PRCC HSC will submit questions for the expert panelists to Hillman by February 9, 2026, for committee review. These questions will be asked to the expert panelists at the February 18, 2026, meeting (Item II-A of the January 29, 2026, HCP-HC PRCC HSC M&E Updates meeting minutes).

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Decision Summary

- The PRCC HSC approved Grant PUD's 2026 M&E Implementation Plan as final.
- The Wells HCP-HC approved Douglas PUD's Implementation of Comprehensive Monitoring and Evaluation of Wells Hatchery Complex Programs in 2026 (2026 Wells Complex 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 PRCC HSC.
- The Wells HCP-HC approved Douglas PUD's 2026 Wells Complex M&E Implementation Plan as final. The parties present at the October 15, 2025, meeting approved to finalize the 2026 Wells Complex M&E Implementation Plan. Approval from NMFS was received on February 2, 2026. The final document was distributed to the Wells HCP-HC on February 3, 2026.