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FINAL MEMORANDUM

To: Wells, Rocky Reach, and Rock Island HCP Hatchery Committees
Date: November 20, 2015
From: Sarah Montgomery
Cc: Tracy Hillman, Chair
Re: Final Action Items Summary from the November 18, 2015, HCP-HC Meeting

The Wells, Rocky Reach, and Rock Island Hydroelectric Projects Habitat Conservation Plans (HCPs) Hatchery Committees meeting was held at Douglas PUD headquarters in East Wenatchee, Washington, on Wednesday, November 18, 2015, from 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The action items include the following:

ACTION ITEM SUMMARY

- Keely Murdoch will discuss internally the potential delay of Goat Wall Acclimated Release activities until 2017 (Item II-A).
- Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW), Chelan PUD, and the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) will provide comments or written feedback regarding the Draft Wenatchee River Steelhead Biological Opinion to Karl Halupka (U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service) before December 25, 2015 (Item II-B).
- The Hatchery Evaluation Technical Team (HETT) will recalculate hatchery replacement rate (HRR) targets using recent smolt-to-adult return (SAR) data (Item III-A).
- The HETT will calculate the variability in HRRs and evaluate if one standard deviation can be used to estimate HRR targets for spring Chinook salmon programs (Item III-A).
- The HETT will discuss potential methods for increasing homing fidelity of spring Chinook salmon in the Methow basin (Item III-A).
- Tracy Hillman will ask Kirk Truscott if the Colville Confederated Tribes (CCT) agree to adopt the three-population gene flow model for calculating proportionate natural influence (Item III-B).

DECISION SUMMARY

- The Hatchery Committees representatives present approved the WDFW and University of Idaho study proposal titled “Supplemental Radio-Tagging of Summer Steelhead” (Item IV-A).

AGREEMENTS

- The Hatchery Committees representatives present except CCT agreed to adopt the three-population gene flow model for calculating proportionate natural influence (Item III-B).

REVIEW ITEMS

- There are no items that are currently available for review.

FINALIZED DOCUMENTS

- There are no documents that have been recently finalized.