

# Memorandum

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To: Wells, Rocky Reach, and Rock Island HCPs  
Hatchery Committees

Date: February 17, 2017

From: Sarah Montgomery

cc: Tracy Hillman, Chair

**Re: Final Action Items Summary from the February 15, 2017, HCP-HC Meeting**

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The Wells, Rocky Reach, and Rock Island Hydroelectric Projects Habitat Conservation Plans (HCPs) Hatchery Committees meeting was held at the Grant PUD office in Wenatchee, Washington, on Wednesday, February 15, 2017, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The action items include the following:

## Action Item Summary

- McLain Johnson (Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife [WDFW]) will revise the timeline for conducting genetic analysis for HCP program species incorporating suggestions provided during the Hatchery Committees January 18, 2017, meeting (Item I-A). (*Note: This item is ongoing.*)
- McLain Johnson and WDFW geneticists will perform a power analysis to inform genetic analysis intervals and intensity for HCP program species (Item I-A). (*Note: this item is ongoing.*)
- Sarah Montgomery and Tracy Hillman will renumber the Hatchery Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) Plan appendices and append them to the Hatchery M&E Plan (Item I-A). (*Note: this item is ongoing.*)
- Sarah Montgomery will add a summary table to the draft summary of the 5-Year Hatchery M&E Review process (Item I-A). (*Note: this item is ongoing.*)
- Greg Mackey will distribute a link to Scott Blankenship's (Cramer Fish Sciences) blog (Item III-A).
- Brett Farman will check on the status of Methow spring Chinook permits and the timeline for Methow steelhead consultation (Item IV-B).
- Catherine Willard will look into other potential release locations in the Chewuch River, particularly upstream, for the spring Chinook outplanting study (Item IV-D).
- The Hatchery Committees will review the draft study plan, "Outplanting Surplus Methow Composite Spring Chinook Salmon Adults to Increase Natural Production in the Chewuch River," and provide comments to Catherine Willard by March 8, 2017. Montgomery distributed the draft outplanting plan to the Hatchery Committees on February 14, 2017 (Item IV-D).

- Greg Mackey will coordinate with Chelan and Grant PUDs to revise the proposed Hatchery M&E Reporting Timeline, which Montgomery distributed to the Hatchery Committees on February 13, 2017 (Item IV-E).
- Tracy Hillman will discuss with WDFW and Yakama Nation (YN) the level of effort involved in adding statistical analyses to the annual M&E reports for PUD programs (Item IV-E).
- Andrew Murdoch (WDFW) will write an overview of proposed expanded sampling at the off-ladder fish trap (OLAFT) at Priest Rapids Dam (Item IV-E).

## Decision Summary

- The Rock Island and Rocky Reach Hatchery Committees representatives present approved the hatchery portion of Chelan PUD's 2017 HCP Action Plan as follows: Chelan PUD, USFWS, NMFS, WDFW, CCT, and YN approved on February 15, 2017 (Item II-A). *(Note: this is also a decision item at the HCP Coordinating Committees meeting on February 22, 2017.)*

## Agreements

- The Hatchery Committees agreed to reschedule the March 15, 2017 meeting to March 13, 2017, starting at 1 pm (Item V-A).

## Review Items

- There are no items currently available for review.

## Finalized Documents

- There are no documents that have been finalized recently.