

Wells HCP Hatchery Committee
Statement of Agreement
Wells Hatchery Steelhead Hatchery Genetics Management Plan
May 22, 2013

Statement

The Wells HCP Hatchery Committee approves the Hatchery Genetic Management Plan (HGMP) for the Wells Hatchery Summer Chinook Program, dated May 16, 2013.

Background

The Wells HCP requires Douglas PUD to produce hatchery summer Chinook as fixed hatchery compensation for inundation (HCP Section 8.4.6). The current Endangered Species Act Section 10(a)(1)(B) Incidental Take Permit 1347 for this program expires on October 22, 2013. A new HGMP is required to obtain an extension of 1347 or a new permit.

The key points as described in the Wells Summer Chinook HGMP are as follows:

1. Segregated Harvest Program for summer Chinook at Wells Hatchery:
 - Fish reared at Wells Hatchery
 - Grow out and acclimation in dirt ponds
 - Volitional release of yearlings in April and subyearlings in May directly to Columbia River below Wells Dam.
2. Summer Chinook Smolt Program Components:
 - Yearling Program: 320,000
 - Subyearling Program: 484,000
3. Broodstock Collection:
 - Broodstock collection at Wells Hatchery and/or Wells Dam.
 - Broodstock comprised of hatchery-origin adults, with up to 10% of broodstock of natural origin. Exceedance of 10% natural-origin broodstock must be approved by the HCP HC.
4. Harvest:
 - Fish will be available for harvest opportunities.
5. Management of Excess Adult Hatchery Summer Chinook
 - Volunteers to Wells Hatchery in excess of broodstock needs will be surplus.
6. Monitoring and Evaluation
 - Performance standards, indicators, and monitoring details for the program will follow objectives and goals of the Douglas PUD hatchery Monitoring and Evaluation Plan developed (and subject to periodic updates) by the HCP HC.