

FINAL MEMORANDUM

To: Wells, Rocky Reach, and Rock Island HCPs Hatchery Committees
Date: June 18, 2014
From: Mike Schiewe, Chair
Cc: Kristi Geris
Re: Final Minutes of the May 28, 2014 HCP Hatchery Committees Conference Call

A Wells, Rocky Reach, and Rock Island Hydroelectric Projects Habitat Conservation Plans (HCPs) Hatchery Committees' meeting was held by conference call on Wednesday, May 28, 2014, from 9:00 am to 9:30 am. Attendees are listed in Attachment A to these meeting minutes.

ACTION ITEM SUMMARY

- Mike Tonseth will send a copy of the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) Wenatchee Fishery Notification letter to Kristi Geris for distribution to the Hatcheries Committees; WDFW submits this letter to the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) as part of the process to authorize a conservation fishery (Item II-A).

DECISION SUMMARY

- The Hatchery Committees representatives present approved the draft Chiwawa Spring Chinook Broodstock Collection Protocol, with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) abstaining. The Colville Confederated Tribes (CCT) approved the draft protocol via email following the call on May 28, 2014 (Item II-A).

AGREEMENTS

- There were no agreements discussed during today's conference call.

REVIEW ITEMS

- Kristi Geris distributed a memo to the Hatchery Committees on February 24, 2014, which clarified standardized methods for Hatchery Monitoring and Evaluation Plan
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Objective 8.3, Fecundity at Size. Comments on this memo, with regard to sample size, are due to Mike Tonseth.

- Kristi Geris sent an email to the Hatchery Committees on April 16, 2014, notifying them that the draft Non-Target Taxa of Concern Modeling Report is out for a 60-day review period, with comments due to Greg Mackey no later than Monday, June 16, 2013.

FINALIZED DOCUMENTS

- There are no documents that have been recently finalized.

I. Welcome and Agenda Review

Mike Schiewe welcomed the Hatchery Committees and said that the purpose of this call is to review the draft Chiwawa Spring Chinook Broodstock Collection Protocol (Attachment B), which was distributed to the Hatchery Committees by Kristi Geris on May 20, 2014.

II. WDFW

A. Draft Chiwawa Spring Chinook Broodstock Collection Protocol (Mike Tonseth)

Mike Tonseth said that no comments have been received on the draft protocol. He said that Step 1 is what has been previously discussed—targeting hatchery-origin Chiwawa adults (HORs) at Tumwater Dam to meet the numerical program objective if insufficient natural-origin Chiwawa adults (NORs) are captured. He said that Step 2 is targeting previously passive integrated tranponder-tagged NORs at Tumwater Dam and Step 3 is operation of the Chiwawa Weir. He said that following the last joint NMFS/USFWS Biological Opinion Coordination Meeting, several Hatchery Committees representatives convened to develop sideboard language for operating the Chiwawa Weir. He said that, as outlined in Step 3 of Attachment B, this included targeting up to 74 NORs between June 15 and August 15, 2014, and operating the weir a maximum of 15 total days during the 60-day window or until 67 bull trout have been encountered. He said that if the NOR broodstock target is not reached after 15 days of weir operation, 67 bull trout encounters, or August 15, 2014, the program will be backfilled with HORs already collected at Tumwater Dam. He added that Step 1 and Step 2 will occur simultaneously, and the amount of NORs collected will decrease the number of HORs retained for the Chiwawa program.

Lynn Hatcher asked how proportionate natural influence (PNI) will be addressed. Tonseth said that PNI will be addressed in a separate Adult Management Plan, which will likely be distributed to the Joint Fisheries Parties for review by today or tomorrow. Keely Murdoch asked about the NOR run size forecast. Tonseth replied that it is 931 NORs to Tumwater Dam, which includes all spawning aggregates, including 615 Chiwawa NORs and 233 Nason NORs. Murdock noted that if those numbers are accurate, then the run size is at the top of the sliding scale in the Wenatchee Spring Chinook Management Plan. Tonseth agreed and said that he expects to surplus about half of the HORs, which after pre-spawn mortality, will result in almost 900 total spring Chinook to the Chiwawa Basin. He added that these numbers are greater than the interim spawning target outlined in the Spring Chinook Management Plan. Bill Gale asked who the primary author of this information was. Tonseth replied that he compiles these data, but a document will come from Jeff Korth (WDFW). Tonseth said that the information is part of the Fishery Notification that WDFW will send to NMFS. He said that if the projected numbers hold true, 0.71 PNI can be expected. He said that the notification will include expected PNI and percent hatchery-origin spawners in the Chiwawa River, as well as other information including the disposition of the fish collected. He said that he will distribute the NMFS Fishery Notification from WDFW to the Hatchery Committees when it is completed.

The Hatchery Committees representatives present approved the draft Chiwawa Spring Chinook Broodstock Collection Protocol. Gale said that although USFWS approves of the sideboard language developed for operation of the Chiwawa Weir, USFWS will abstain from voting because of permitting issues. Kirk Truscott indicated via email following the call on May 28, 2014, that the CCT also approves the draft protocol. Tonseth said that the approved Chiwawa Spring Chinook Broodstock Collection Protocol will replace the existing Chiwawa language in the draft 2014 Broodstock Protocols, and will move forward as the plan for 2014.

III. HCP Administration

A. Next Meetings

The next scheduled Hatchery Committees' meetings are on June 18, 2014 (Chelan PUD); July 16, 2014 (Douglas PUD); and August 20, 2014 (Chelan PUD).

List of Attachments

- Attachment A List of Attendees
- Attachment B Draft Chiwawa Spring Chinook Broodstock Collection Protocol

Attachment A
List of Attendees

Name	Organization
Mike Schiewe	Anchor QEA, LLC
Kristi Geris	Anchor QEA, LLC
Alene Underwood*	Chelan PUD
Lynn Hatcher*	National Marine Fisheries Service
Bill Gale*	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Keely Murdoch*	Yakama Nation
Mike Tonseth*	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

Notes:

- * Denotes Hatchery Committees member or alternate