

FINAL MEMORANDUM

To: Wells, Rocky Reach, and Rock Island HCPs Hatchery Committees
Date: May 21, 2015

From: Mike Schiewe, HCP Hatchery Committees Chair

Cc: Kristi Geris

Re: Final Minutes of the March 27, 2015 HCP Hatchery Committees Conference Call

The Wells, Rocky Reach, and Rock Island Hydroelectric Projects Habitat Conservation Plans (HCPs) Hatchery Committees meeting was held by conference call on Friday, March 27, 2015, from 9:30 am to 11:30 am. Attendees are listed in Attachment A to these meeting minutes.

ACTION ITEM SUMMARY

- Tom Kahler will submit Douglas PUD's approval, disapproval, or abstention on the revised draft Statement of Agreement (SOA) titled, "Regarding Timeline for Review of 'Evaluation of Hatchery Programs Funded by Douglas County PUD 5-Year Report 2006-2010'," by end of day Monday, March 30, 2015 (Item II-A). (*Note: Kahler indicated Douglas PUD's approval of the revised draft SOA via email on March 31, 2015.*)

DECISION SUMMARY

- The Hatchery Committees approved Chelan PUD's Methow Spring Chinook Hatchery Production Obligation SOA, as follows: Chelan PUD, National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW), and the Colville Confederated Tribes (CCT) approved on March 18, 2015, and the Yakama Nation (YN) approved on March 27, 2015 (Item II-A).
 - The Hatchery Committees approved the SOA titled, "Regarding Timeline for Review of 'Evaluation of Hatchery Programs Funded by Douglas County PUD 5-Year Report 2006-2010'," as revised, as follows: Chelan PUD, NMFS, USFWS, WDFW, CCT, and
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YN approved on March 27, 2015; Douglas PUD approved via email on March 31, 2015 (Item II-A).

AGREEMENTS

- Aside from the SOAs, there were no other agreements discussed during today's conference call.

REVIEW ITEMS

- Kristi Geris sent an email to the Hatchery Committees on March 27, 2015, notifying them the revised draft Broodstock Collection Protocols for approval are available for review, with approval, disapproval, or abstention due to Mike Tonseth by April 6, 2015. *(Note: the CCT, Chelan PUD, and Douglas PUD provided edits on the revised draft protocols for approval to Kristi Geris on March 31, April 1, and April 6, 2015, respectively, which Geris distributed to the Hatchery Committees those same days. Tonseth then provided the final draft protocols for approval to Geris on April 8, 2015, which Geris distributed to the Hatchery Committees the same day.)*
- Kristi Geris sent an email to the Hatchery Committees on April 1, 2015, notifying them the draft 2014 Chelan PUD and Grant PUD Hatchery M&E Annual Report is available for a 60-day review, with edits and comments due to Tracy Hillman by Monday, June 1, 2015.

FINALIZED DOCUMENTS

- There are no documents that have been recently finalized.

I. Welcome

A. Review Agenda (Mike Schiewe)

Mike Schiewe welcomed the Hatchery Committees and said the purpose of today's meeting is to consider three proposed versions of an SOA establishing a schedule for the review and evaluation of the existing 5-year-analysis report of monitoring and evaluation (M&E) data from the Methow Basin, and newer data, and developing study plans and actions for improving Methow hatchery performance.

II. All

A. Methow Hatchery Performance Statements of Agreement (All)

The YN provided a draft SOA titled, “Review of 5-year Analytical Report and Metrics not Achieving Agreed Targets for Methow Spring Chinook,” (Attachment B) to Kristi Geris on March 20, 2015, which Geris distributed to the Hatchery Committees the same day. Edits and comments on the YN draft SOA were received from WDFW (Attachment C), and also jointly from Douglas PUD and Chelan PUD (Attachment D), both received on March 26, 2015, which Geris distributed to the Hatchery Committees the same day.

Several Hatchery Committees members questioned the need for an SOA, because the HCPs required the Hatchery Committees to continually work to improve hatchery program performance. Craig Busack asked if there are any Hatchery Committees members who would not approve the YN draft SOA as written, and if so, why not. Tom Kahler and Alene Underwood said they would not agree to the YN’s draft SOA as written; both indicating that an SOA should target a holistic approach rather than calling out specific M&E metrics. Kahler and Underwood indicated the “Statement” section of the SOA is what is important and binding, and the “Background” section, which focuses too narrowly on issues that are not generally agreed upon by Hatchery Committees members, is unnecessary.

Catherine Willard projected WDFW edits to the YN draft SOA (Attachment C) via WebEx, along with additional suggested edits, as previously discussed.

Tom Scriber said the primary purpose of the YN draft SOA is to establish a 2015 start date for developing a plan to address under-performing metrics identified in the 5-year analytical report for the Methow Basin. Kahler agreed developing a plan for reviewing the findings of the report should start immediately; however, he cautioned that establishing a completion date for potential study plans is dependent on the nature of the studies proposed and how they coincide with the salmonid rearing cycle.

Bill Gale suggested that the Hatchery Committees should be setting the much broader goal of reviewing all of the HCP hatchery programs. He also asked if Grant PUD was involved in any of these discussions. Kahler said he and Greg Mackey were in contact with Todd Pearsons (Grant PUD), and that Grant PUD agreed with the need to develop a study plan. Kahler added, although Douglas PUD is supportive of starting the review and study

development process in 2015, he cautioned that completing a study plan in 2015 may not be feasible, given the time remaining in 2015. Keely Murdoch agreed, and language was added to WDFW's edited draft SOA (projected via WebEx) indicating that the goal was to begin identifying studies and actions to improve program performance within 1 year after the SOA was approved.

After additional edits were made to WDFW's edited draft SOA, the revised draft SOA (Attachment E) was approved by Chelan PUD, NMFS, USFWS, WDFW, CCT, and YN. Kahler indicated Douglas PUD needs to obtain approval from their General Manager before approving the revised draft SOA, which Kahler anticipated could be completed by March 30, 2015. Kahler said he will submit Douglas PUD's approval, disapproval, or abstention on the revised draft SOA titled, "Regarding Timeline for Review of 'Evaluation of Hatchery Programs Funded by Douglas County PUD 5-Year Report 2006-2010'," by end of day Monday, March 30, 2015. *(Note: Kahler indicated Douglas PUD's approval of the revised draft SOA via email on March 31, 2015.)*

Because the revised draft SOA is now approved, Mike Schiewe asked the YN if they were prepared to approve Chelan PUD's Methow Spring Chinook Hatchery Production Obligation SOA (distributed February 19, 2015), which authorizes the establishment of an Interlocal Agreement with Douglas PUD and was approved by all other Hatchery Committees members, except the YN, at the last Hatchery Committees meeting on March 18, 2015. Schiewe recalled the YN had requested additional time to consider their approval pending the outcome of an agreement on today's approved revised draft SOA calling for a 2015 review of Methow M&E results and development of studies and actions needed for program improvements. The YN approved Chelan PUD's Methow Spring Chinook Hatchery Production Obligation SOA, which completed Hatchery Committees action on this SOA.

III. HCP Administration

A. Next Meetings

The next scheduled Hatchery Committees meetings are on April 15, 2015 (Chelan PUD), May 20, 2015 (Douglas PUD), and June 17, 2015 (Chelan PUD).

List of Attachments

- Attachment A List of Attendees
- Attachment B Draft YN SOA, “Review of 5-year Analytical Report and Metrics not Achieving Agreed Targets for Methow Spring Chinook”
- Attachment C Draft YN SOA, “Review of 5-year Analytical Report and Metrics not Achieving Agreed Targets for Methow Spring Chinook” – WDFW edits
- Attachment D Draft YN SOA, “Review of 5-year Analytical Report and Metrics not Achieving Agreed Targets for Methow Spring Chinook” – Douglas PUD and Chelan PUD edits
- Attachment E Revised Draft SOA, “Regarding Timeline for Review of ‘Evaluation of Hatchery Programs Funded by Douglas County PUD 5-Year Report 2006-2010’”
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Attachment A
List of Attendees

Name	Organization
Mike Schiewe	Anchor QEA, LLC
Tracy Hillman	BioAnalysts, Inc.
Alene Underwood*	Chelan PUD
Catherine Willard*	Chelan PUD
Greg Mackey*	Douglas PUD
Tom Kahler*	Douglas PUD
Craig Busack*	National Marine Fisheries Service
Bill Gale*	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Mike Tonseth*	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife
Kirk Truscott*	Colville Confederated Tribes
Tom Scribner*	Yakama Nation
Keely Murdoch*	Yakama Nation

Note:

*Denotes Hatchery Committees member or alternate
