

Memorandum

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

Date: February 26, 2018

From: Sarah Montgomery

cc: Tracy Hillman, Chair

Re: Final Action Items Summary from the February 21, 2018, HCP-HC Meeting

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 21, 2018, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The action items include the following:

Action Item Summary

- Andrew Murdoch (WDFW) will write an overview of proposed expanded sampling at the off-ladder fish trap (OLAFT) at Priest Rapids Dam (Item I-A). *(Note: this item is ongoing.)*
- Mike Tonseth will coordinate with Todd Seamons (WDFW) to produce an outline or recommended approach for genetic monitoring (Item I-A). *(Note: this item is ongoing.)*
- Mike Tonseth will coordinate with Todd Seamons (WDFW) regarding reviewing the memo, "Alternatives for Methow Basin conservation steelhead programs" (Item I-A). *(Note: this item is ongoing.)*
- Mike Tonseth will send his revised version of the memo, "Alternatives for Methow Basin conservation steelhead programs" to Brett Farman (Item I-A).
- Brett Farman will coordinate with Craig Busack (NMFS) regarding reviewing the memo, "Alternatives for Methow Basin conservation steelhead programs" (Item I-A). *(Note: this item is ongoing.)*
- Mike Tonseth will invite Andrew Murdoch to the March 12, 2018 Hatchery Committees meeting to discuss steelhead escapement methodology (Item I-A).
- Sarah Montgomery will reconfigure the Extranet site to sort permits and BiOps by species and date and upload the related documents (Item I-A).
- Todd Pearsons will ascertain fish salvage activities at Priest Rapids and Wanapum dams, and report back to the Hatchery Committees for coordination purposes regarding lethal removal of 12-18-inch hatchery *O. mykiss* (Item IV-A).
- Kirk Truscott will work with Casey Baldwin (CCT) to summarize the CCT's current protocols for genetic sampling (Item IV-D).
- Tracy Hillman will distribute the Draft Hatchery Program Timelines for Hatchery Committees review (Item IV-E).

- Tom Kahler and Greg Mackey will provide historical information to Tracy Hillman for incorporation in the Draft Hatchery Program Timelines (Item IV-E).
- Tracy Hillman will review aspects of the Independent Scientific Advisory Board's *Review of Spring Chinook Salmon in the Upper Columbia River* under Hatchery Committees' purview (Item IV-F).

Decision Summary

- The Wells Hatchery Committee approved the hatchery portion of the 2018 Wells HCP Action Plan, as follows: Douglas PUD, WDFW, USFWS, NMFS, YN and CCT approved on February 21, 2018 (Item II-A).

Agreements

- The Hatchery Committees approved the lethal removal of all known hatchery-origin *O. mykiss* between 12 and 18 inches at Chelan PUD and Douglas PUD hydroelectric projects during fish rescues associated with fishway maintenance outages (Item IV-A). *(Note: This effort is part of adult management. Grant PUD [PRCC HSC] also indicated concurrence but stated they would need to follow up with facility staff about feasibility.)*

Review Items

- Sarah Montgomery sent an email to the Rocky Reach and Rock Island Hatchery Committees on February 21, 2018 notifying them that the draft Chelan PUD 2018-2020 Steelhead Release Plan is available for review, with comments due to Catherine Willard by March 7, 2018.

Finalized Documents

- No documents have been recently finalized.