

## PRCC Hatchery Subcommittee Meeting

Thursday, May 19, 2016

Via Conference Call

Meeting Summary

### PRCC HSC Members

Matt Cooper (alt), USFWS

Bill Gale, USFWS

Peter Graf, GPUD (alt)

Keely Murdoch, Yakama Nation

Deanne Pavlik-Kunkel, GPUD (alt)

Todd Pearsons, GPUD

Mike Tonseth, WDFW

Justin Yeager, NOAA

### Other Participants

Elizabeth McManus, Facilitator

Andy Chinn, Facilitator

### Decisions

A. HSC members approved the April meeting summary as amended.

### Actions

1. Ross Strategic will follow up with the PRCC facilitator on any feedback on the WR 2026 planning memo.
2. HSC members will contact Karl Halupka with questions regarding USFWS permitting in progress, as needed.
3. YN will coordinate staff participation during the next HSC meeting for the discussion of ponding options for the Nason program.
4. Ross Strategic will follow up with HSC member registration for GPUD's SharePoint site and troubleshoot SharePoint issues as needed.

### **I. Updates and Meeting Summary Review**

- A. April Meeting Summary** – HSC members approved the April meeting summary as amended.
- B. HCP HC** – The HC discussed Appendix 3 of the M&E report, in particular the information on the Okanogan from CCT. The HC also discussed developing standard definitions for straying and homing. For more detailed information on the 5/18 HC meeting refer to the HCP-HC meeting summary.

### **II. Permit Updates**

- A. NOAA** – USFWS and NOAA are planning to modify the monthly permit update process and will roll out the new process in June. NOAA and USFWS continue to coordinate on the Wenatchee steelhead biological opinion. The spring Chinook biop is under NMFS internal review; NMFS is drafting an environmental assessment under NEPA. NMFS is also working on the Methow steelhead gene flow guidelines and the agency sent the Section 7 permit

coverage letter to CCT for the Chief Joseph spring Chinook fishery.

- B. USFWS** – Karl continues to incorporate comments from the applicants into the Wenatchee biological opinion. There is no progress on the technical assistance letter tiering the Wells coverage to the draft NMFS biological opinion. Karl is in the process of working on the extension to Section 10 permitting in the Okanogan.
- C. Next Steps**
  - HSC members will contact Karl Halupka with questions regarding USFWS permitting in progress, as needed.

### III. Nason Acclimation Facility

- A. Intake Issues Update** – The draft JARPA is mostly complete and GPUD will transmit to WDFW in the near future. GPUD will meet with WDFW operators to discuss the intake repair and design. GPUD remains on track to complete in-water work during the summer work window.
- B. Contingency Planning** – YN has three ponds that could potentially accommodate some of the Nason fish for acclimation: Rolfings, Colter, and Butcher. Rolfings Pond is the highest pond in the system and could accommodate the conservation element of the Nason program. Rolfings Pond typically dries up in the summer; YN has a well at Rolfings but the water right is not yet in place.
- C. Next Steps**
  - YN will coordinate staff participation during the next HSC meeting for the discussion of ponding options for the Nason program.

### IV. HSC Document Sharing

- A. HSC SharePoint Site** – HSC members were reminded to submit their paperwork to access the HSC SharePoint site. All HSC-related documents will now be distributed via links to the SharePoint site.
- B. Next Steps**
  - Ross Strategic will follow up with HSC member registration for GPUD's SharePoint site and troubleshoot SharePoint issues as needed.

### V. Wrap Up and Next Steps

**A. Next Meeting:** Thursday, June 16, 2016

**B. Potential June Meeting Agenda Items**

- 2016 NCAF spring Chinook acclimation facility status

### Meeting Materials

The following documents were provided to HSC members in advance of this meeting:

- May meeting agenda
- April Nason Creek rotary trap summary

April White River rotary trap summary