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Rick Klinge
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Dear Rick,

Please accept this request to implement the following two hatchery rearing programs at Douglas PUD's Methow and Wells hatchery facilities for Brood Year 2009. This request, of course, does not limit Grant PUD's ability to request production levels for other species (such as yearling summer Chinook) in out-years at the Wells or Methow facilities.

**Group 3 – up to 80,000 steelhead (Wells Hatchery); and
Group 4 – 201,000 spring Chinook (Methow Hatchery)**

In August 2004, the Public Utility District No. 1 of Douglas County (Douglas PUD) and the Public Utility District No. 2 of Grant County (Grant PUD) jointly entered into an Interlocal Cooperative Agreement (430-1217) intended to provide Grant PUD with access to excess capacity at Douglas PUD's existing Methow and Wells fish hatcheries.

Under the Agreement, Douglas PUD allows Grant PUD to utilize excess rearing capacity at the Wells and Methow fish hatcheries owned by Douglas PUD and operated by WDFW to rear UCR steelhead, UCR spring-run Chinook salmon, survival study fish, and summer Chinook. The term of the Agreement is 10 years, with the annual hatchery budget detailing shared costs updated annually. Under the Agreement, Grant PUD has the potential to request use of excess rearing capacity for five groups of fish (not all groups can be reared during the same annual cycle), which are summarized below. Specific details contained in Interlocal Cooperative Agreement can be reviewed at <http://www.gcpud.org/stewardship/appendices.htm>.

- Group 1 – Access to Douglas PUD's excess rearing capacity at the Wells Fish Hatchery (125,000 fish). The Group 1 strategy only provides fish to Grant for annual survival studies;
- Group 2 – Access to Douglas PUD's excess rearing capacity at the Wells Fish Hatchery for up to 200,000 yearling summer Chinook;
- Group 3 - Access to Douglas PUD's excess rearing capacity at the Wells Fish Hatchery for up to 100,000 yearling steelhead;

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- Group 4 – Access to Douglas PUD’s excess rearing capacity at the Methow Fish Hatchery for up to 201,000 yearling spring Chinook; and
- Group 5 - Access to Douglas PUD’s excess rearing capacity at the Methow Fish Hatchery for up to an additional 188,000 yearling spring Chinook.

Upon your acceptance of Grant PUD’s request for up to 80,000 Wells Hatchery BY09 steelhead and 201,000 BY09 Methow Hatchery spring Chinook, a formal request to the Priest Rapids Coordinating Committee and the Priest Rapids Hatchery Subcommittee will be made to implement hatchery rearing programs at Douglas PUD’s Methow and Wells hatchery facilities.

Following formal approval by the Priest Rapids Coordinating Committee and Priest Rapids Hatchery Subcommittee and pursuant to Section 8 (Notification) of the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement, Grant PUD will submit to Douglas PUD written notification of the production levels required to meet Grant PUD’s requirements under the Biological Opinion issued for the Priest Rapids Project by NOAA Fisheries on May 3, 2004, and approved by FERC on December 16, 2004 and Priest Rapids Anadromous Salmon and Steelhead Settlement Agreement signed on February 10, 2006.

Please feel free to call me with any questions.

Sincerely,



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