



DRAFT Meeting Minutes

PRCC and PRCC Hatchery Subcommittee

Monday, April 13, 2009
3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Conference Call

PRCC and PRCC Hatchery Subcommittee Members

Scott Carlon, NMFS	Bryan Nordlund, NMFS
Kris Petersen, NMFS	Jim Craig, USFWS
Bill Gale, USFWS	Jerry Marco, CCT
Bob Rose, YN	Tom Scribner, YN
Bill Tweit, WDFW	Kirk Truscott, WDFW
Carl Merkle, CTUIR	Tom Dresser, GCPUD
Todd Pearsons, GCPUD	

ATTENDEES:

Bryan Nordlund, NMFS	Kris Petersen, NMFS
Jim Craig, USFWS	Bill Gale, USFWS
Dave Carie, USFWS	Kirk Truscott WDFW
Bob Rose, YN	Jerry Marco, CCT
Erich Gaedeke, FERC	Tom Dresser, GCPUD
Todd Pearsons, GCPUD	Russell Langshaw, GCPUD
Curt Dotson, GCPUD	Shannon Lowry, GCPUD
Debbie Williams, GCPUD	Denny Rohr, Facilitator
Elizabeth McManus, Facilitator	

Action Items:

- 1. Dresser will send Gaedeke's FERC HGMP filing process to PRCC and PRCC HSC members.**
- 2. Dresser will schedule a meeting with NMFS, FERC, and USFWS to discuss how to move forward with the HGMP process.**

Decision Summary:

- 1. The Request for Extension of Time, Article 401(a)(4) – Artificial Propagation Plans (i.e. hatchery genetic management plans), including monitoring and evaluation plans was approved by PRCC and PRCC Hatchery Subcommittee members.**

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- I. PRCC and PRCC Hatchery Subcommittee members met via Web Ex conference call to amend language of the Request for Extension of Time (EOT), Article 401(a)(4) – Artificial Propagation Plans (i.e. hatchery genetic management plans), including monitoring and evaluation letter to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC). Dresser thanked everyone for meeting individually to discuss language and implementation schedules in the letter. Language was added stating that Grant PUD intends to reach their goal of meeting or achieving the No Net Impact (NNI) by 2013. Salmon and Steelhead Settlement Agreement implementation time frames were recognized as possibly being different than those included in the implementation schedule attached to the EOT letter.

Dresser outlined information that he had received from FERC regarding the HGMP filing process. The information he received was that it was unlikely that FERC would prepare a National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) document before acting on the HGMP submittals; rather, FERC would meet its NEPA compliance obligation by conducting an independent review of the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) NEPA document. If there were additional discussion of environmental issues warranted, FERC would include a discussion within the orders approving the HGMPs. They also indicated that they did not believe Grant PUD should submit the HGMPs to FERC for approval until after NMFS has issued an incidental take permit.

Erich Gaedeke outlined FERC's HGMP filing process in an e-mail to Dresser. **Dresser will send Gaedeke's FERC HGMP filing process to PRCC and PRCC HSC members.**

Nordlund questioned if FERC expects final construction drawings at the end of the HGMP process. Grant PUD stated that its understanding was that final construction drawings were not needed. Conceptual drawings need to provide enough detail to make determinations to impacts on various resources, stated Gaedeke." Nordlund explained that NMFS will need to have conceptual plans of proposed facilities in all HGMPs submitted. The intent of the one year period between submittal to NMFS and FERC is to complete facility designs, stated Dresser.

Petersen expressed concern with the last column (Submittal to FERC) being included because of its implications to the NMFS consultation timeline.

Nordlund was also concerned with the time frames being met internally at NMFS. He noted that if NMFS is unable to complete HGMPs in the one year provided to them in the schedule, they would notify Grant PUD that FERC submittal dates would need to be changed. **Dresser will schedule a meeting with NMFS, FERC, and USFWS to discuss how to move forward with the HGMP process.**

Pearsons questioned at what stage of the process USFWS should be consulted. Dresser stated the HGMP would go to FERC, the non-federal designation would be requested, and the bull trout Biological Opinion (BiOp)

would be discussed. Craig and Gale were comfortable with not submitting the HGMP to USFWS at the same time as submittal to NMFS.

Rohr asked for a vote, following is the response given by PRCC and PRCC Hatchery Subcommittee members:

United States Fish and Wildlife Service – Yes

Colville Confederated Tribes – Yes

Yakama Nation – Yes

National Marine Fisheries Service – Yes

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife – Yes

Grant [County](#) Public ~~Utilities~~ [Utility](#) District – Yes

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