
Subject: Wells Steelhead HGMP

From: Craig.Busack [<mailto:Craig.Busack@noaa.gov>]
Sent: Wednesday, April 13, 2011 4:01 PM
To: Mary Mayo
Cc: Rob Jones; Bartlett, Heather R (DFW)
Subject: Re: Wells Steelhead HGMP

Mary,

By means of this email, the Salmon Management Division of the NMFS Northwest Regional Office acknowledges receipt of the DCPUD/WDFW Wells Steelhead HGMP, dated 3/31/2011.

Craig Busack

On 4/13/2011 3:45 PM, Mary Mayo wrote:
[Please find attached the final Wells Steelhead HGMP.](#)

Thank you.

Mary

From: Mary Mayo
Sent: Wednesday, April 13, 2011 2:30 PM
To: Rob Jones (rob.jones@noaa.gov)
Cc: Bob Turner (bob.turner@noaa.gov); Keith Kirkendall; Bryan.Nordlund@noaa.gov; Jeff Korth; Jeff Grizzel; Tom Dresser; David Duvall (Dduvall@gcpud.org); Michael Schiewe Ph. D.; Bill Gale; Kirk Truscott; Craig Busack (craig.busack@noaa.gov); Tom Scribner (scribner@easystreet.net); Keely Murdoch (keely@mid-columbia-coho.net); Mike Tonseth; Joe Miller; Greg Mackey; Tom Kahler; Shane Bickford
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Please find attached a letter addressed to Rob Jones, NMFS Recovery Division, regarding the final Hatchery and Genetic Management Plan for the Wells Hatchery Complex Summer Steelhead Program.

If you have any questions, please contact Shane Bickford at (509) 881-2208 or sbickford@dcpud.org.

Thank you.

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Rob Jones
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April 13, 2011

Regarding: Wells Hatchery Complex Summer Steelhead HGMP

Dear Rob:

Public Utility District No. 1 of Douglas County (Douglas PUD) and the Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) are pleased to submit to the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) the attached final Hatchery and Genetic Management Plan (HGMP) for the Wells Hatchery Complex Summer Steelhead Program. Douglas PUD is the owner and lead funding entity of the program. The WDFW is the current operator of the program. Public Utility District No. 2 of Grant County (Grant PUD) also funds a portion of the summer steelhead raised at the Wells Hatchery.

Since October 2, 2003, Douglas PUD and WDFW have been operating the Wells Hatchery summer steelhead program as co-permittees under permit No. 1395. The ten-year term of permit No. 1395 expires in October 2013. In September 2008, Douglas PUD received a formal request from NMFS to submit a new HGMP for the Wells Hatchery summer steelhead program. Since that time Douglas PUD, as the lead entity for this HGMP, has been working closely with the Wells HCP Hatchery Committee (HCP HC) and Grant PUD to develop a program that will meaningfully contribute to recovery of summer steelhead populations upstream of Wells Dam, adhere to the guidance provided by the Hatchery Scientific Review Group, meet the mitigation obligations for passage losses at the Douglas PUD and Grant PUD hydro projects, and complement the proposed HGMP for the Winthrop National Fish Hatchery summer steelhead program operated by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS).

In response to NMFS's request to submit a revised HGMP and pursuant to Section 10(a)(1)(A) of the Endangered Species Act and 50 C.F.R. Part 222, Douglas PUD and WDFW, on their own behalf and on behalf of Grant PUD, hereby submit this letter and the enclosed HGMP to NMFS as an application for a new Section 10 permit to span a new 10-year period. It is requested that NMFS issue the permit to Douglas PUD and WDFW as co-permittees to the extent of their respective roles as explained in detail within the HGMP.

The Wells Hatchery Complex Summer Steelhead HGMP was developed and approved by members of the Wells HCP HC and by Grant PUD. Members of the HCP HC include the NMFS, USFWS, WDFW, the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation, the Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation, and Douglas PUD.

The goal of the program is the restoration of naturally reproducing populations of summer steelhead in their native habitats using locally adapted broodstock, while maintaining genetic and ecological integrity, and supporting harvest. The purpose is to meet the No Net Impact mitigation and inundation compensation goals established in the Wells HCP and the Priest Rapids Salmon and Steelhead Agreement in a manner consistent with overall objectives of rebuilding populations.

Roles and responsibilities for the program are as follows: The HCP HC is responsible for overseeing the implementation of the hatchery program and associated monitoring and evaluation studies. Douglas PUD funds facility improvements, operation of and changes to the artificial production programs, and the monitoring and evaluation program. WDFW, Douglas PUD's current designated agent, is charged with implementing the monitoring and evaluation studies and operating the hatchery facilities at the direction of Douglas PUD. Grant PUD is currently a co-funder of the hatchery program, including funding hatchery operations, monitoring and evaluation, and facility improvements.

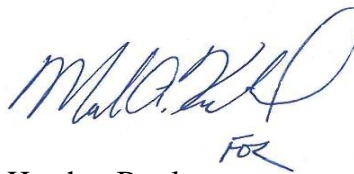
Douglas PUD and WDFW encourage NMFS to expedite the review of this HGMP to facilitate implementation of the proposed programs in time for the 2012 summer steelhead run. Douglas PUD supports WDFW's separate application for a permit related to the implementation of adult summer steelhead management within the Upper Columbia Region.

If you have any questions regarding the Wells Hatchery Complex Summer Steelhead HGMP or the operation of the Wells Hatchery Complex, please feel free to contact Greg Mackey or Tom Kahler at (5509) 881-2489 or 881-2322, respectively.

Sincerely,



Shane Bickford
Natural Resources Supervisor



Heather Bartlett
Hatcheries Division Manager

Copy: Bob Turner – NMFS
Keith Kirkendall – NMFS
Bryan Nordlund – NMFS
Jeff Korth – WDFW
HCP Hatchery Committee Members
Mike Schiewe – HCP Hatchery Committee Chairman
Jeff Grizzel – Grant PUD
Tom Dresser – Grant PUD
David Duvall – Grant PUD

HATCHERY AND GENETIC MANAGEMENT PLAN (HGMP)

Hatchery Program:

Wells Complex Summer Steelhead Program

**Species or
Hatchery Stock:**

Upper Columbia River Summer Steelhead
(*Oncorhynchus mykiss*)

Agency/Operator:

Douglas PUD and
Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

Watershed and Region:

Methow Sub-basin/Columbia Cascade Province
Okanogan Sub-basin/ Columbia Cascade
Province

Date Submitted:

April 06, 2011

Date Last Updated:

March 31, 2011