# ROCKY REACH BIOLOGICAL OBJECTIVES 2013 STATUS REPORT

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# **ROCKY REACH HYDROELECTRIC PROJECT**

### FERC Project No. 2145

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Public Utility District No. 1 of Chelan County

Wenatchee, Washington

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Designated Use	Biological Objective	Evaluation Timeframe	Actions if Objective Achieved	Alternative Management Actions	Fish Management Plan Action
Salmonid Migration	HCP Plan Species (Chinook, Steelhead, Sockeye, Coho) 91% Project Passage Survival	By 2013	Maintain Action.	Additional Tools (bypass modifications, spill, other)	HCP Sections 3 and 5
Salmonid Harvest	HCP Plan Species NNI Hatchery Production Achieves 7%	By 2013	Maintain Action. Adjust 7% Production Level Every 10 Years	Modify hatchery facilities or use other method for artificial production (lake outplants)	HCP Sections 3 and 8
Salmonid Rearing	HCP Plan Species Tributary Fund Implements Habitat Improvements For NNI	Ву 2013	Maintain Action.	Modify type of projects funded	HCP Sections 3 and 7
Salmonid Spawning	HCP Plan Species Adult Passage Survival Included in 91% Project Passage Survival.	By 2013	Maintain Action.	Additional Tools	HCP Sections 3 and 5
Bull Trout Adult Upstream Passage	Take does not exceed 2% through the upstream fishway.	2005-2008	Maintain Action. Continue appropriate monitoring and the adaptive management process.	Develop and implement a plan, in consultation with the RRFF, to address identified problems.	Bull Trout Plan Sections 4.1.1- 4.1.3
Bull Trout Adult Downstream Migration	Take does not exceed 5% passing through turbines; 2% passing through spillways; and 2% passing through the downstream bypass.	2005-2008	Maintain Action. Continue appropriate monitoring and the adaptive management process.	Develop and implement a plan, in consultation with the RRFF, to address identified problems.	Bull Trout Plan Section 4.1.2
Bull Trout Adult Rearing in the Reservoir	Take does not exceed 2 fish for the fish predator control program.	2005-2008	Maintain Action. Continue appropriate monitoring and the adaptive management process.	Develop and implement a plan, in consultation with the RRFF, to address identified problems.	Bull Trout Plan Section 4.1.2
Bull Trout Sub-adult Downstream	Take does not exceed limits when established by USFWS.	As recommended by the RRFF.	Maintain Action. Continue appropriate monitoring and the	Pursue feasibility of Project operations of fishway/bypass if migration problems are identified	Bull Trout Plan Sections 4.1.1- 4.1.3

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Migration	n an		adaptive management process.		Plan Action
Bull Trout Sub-adult Rearing in the Reservoir	Take does not exceed limits when established by USFWS.	2005-2008	Maintain Action. Continue appropriate monitoring and the adaptive management process.	Develop and implement a plan, in consultation with the RRFF, to address identified problem(s).	Bull Trout Plan Section 4.1.2
White Sturgeon Natural Recruitment	Natural reproduction potential	Years 8-10, 13, and 18	Maintain Action. Continue appropriate monitoring and the adaptive management process.	Develop and implement a plan, in consultation with the RRFF, to address identified problem(s).	White Sturgeon Plan Section 4.4
White Sturgeon Population at Carrying Capacity	Increase the white sturgeon population in the Reservoir through supplementation to a level commensurate with available habitat and allowing for appropriate and reasonable harvest	Years 3-5, adjust stocking level; Years 6 – 50	Maintain Action. Continue appropriate monitoring and the adaptive management process.	RRFF to recommend stocking level, broodstock source. Develop and implement a plan, in consultation with the RRFF, to address identified problems	White Sturgeon Plan Sections 4.1-4.3; 4.6
White Sturgeon Harvest	Success in creating population with a stable age-structure that allows for limited harvest	Years 20 – 50	Maintain Action. Continue appropriate monitoring and the adaptive management process.	Develop and implement a plan, in consultation with the RRFF, to address identified problems.	White Sturgeon Plan Sections 4.1-4.6
Pacific Lamprey Adult Upstream and Downstream Migration	Success similar to best experience at other similar projects (Adult upstream fish passage as defined by the RRFF)	By Year 5	(Continuous reassessment every 10 years)	Develop and implement a plan, in consultation with the RRFF, to address identified problems.	Pacific Lamprey Sections 4.1.1- 4.1.7 and 4.4
Pacific Lamprey Juvenile Downstream Migration	Maintain safe, effective, and timely volitional passage Criteria (as defined by the RRFF)	TBD by RRFF with 5 year review by RRFF	Maintain Action. Continue appropriate monitoring and the adaptive management process.	Develop and implement a plan, in consultation with the RRFF, to address identified problems.	Pacific Lamprey Sections 4.2.1- 4.2.2 and 4.4
Pacific Lamprey Rearing	Avoid and minimize Project impacts on rearing habitat	By Year 5	Maintain Action. Continue appropriate monitoring and the adaptive management process.	Develop and implement a plan, in consultation with the RRFF, to address identified problems.	Pacific Lamprey Sections 4.3 and 4.4

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Pacific Lamprey Overall Combined Goal	No Net Impact	TBD by RRFF	Maintain Action. Continue appropriate monitoring and the adaptive management process.	Develop and implement a plan, in consultation with the RRFF, to address identified problems.	Pacific Lamprey Section 4
Native, Non-Stocked Resident Fish Species	No negative impacts caused by ongoing Project operations.	Years 1-2, with subsequent surveys determined by RRFF	Maintain Action. Continue appropriate monitoring and the adaptive management process.	Develop and implement a plan, in consultation with the RRFF, to address identified problems.	Resident Fish Plan Section 4.2

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