MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Subject: DRAFT minutes for the 23 May 2023 Cole Rivers Regional meeting. The meeting was held via WebEx. In attendance:

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1. **Final decisions or recommendations made at this meeting.**
   1. Documents may be found at: [Documents / Rogue / 2022 / Rogue Coordination](https://pweb.crohms.org/tmt/documents/FPOM/2010/Rogue_Coordination/)
2. **Action Items**
   1. [Oct 22] **ACTION:** Review the documentation submitted by Van Dyke to better understand the history. At the November meeting, plan to discuss any potential changes to production.
   2. [April 23] **ACTION:** van Dyke will share his document once it is completed. **STATUS:** van Dyke says he has a document ready to send. He will send it today. Gallion said he is attempting to join the CWT databases and will share once he is successful. van Dyke said he is hopeful about spring Chinook returns for this year. This should be the result of production changes and ocean conditions.
   3. [May 23] Contract meeting to discuss the fish loss. **ACTION:** Wertheimer will schedule a meeting next week. **STATUS:** Couture and Wertheimer settled on 30 May.
3. **Maintenance and Construction Updates**
   1. Power supply update. Ruiz reported that the wire for the power supply will be delayed another month. NWP is meeting with the contractor and sub-contractor this afternoon to see if there is any way to push the delivery sooner. Wire is now expected to arrive in mid-July. Installation will take about two months, with completion in early September. There are limited, viable options. Contract termination would result in a longer delay as a new contractor is found and the amount of wire needed could be produced. Wertheimer noted that this is at the highest level of Portland District, with the Colonel involved in meetings with the contractors.
      1. New transformer/sub-station. Ruiz said this project may go to Small Projects. Still working on resourcing. Estimated to be about $1.5M project. Couture asked how confident NWP is regarding the ability of the existing transformer to work with the new power line. Ruiz said the team looked at it, they believe the transformer will be fine for a bit but due to the age, it needs to be replaced sooner rather than later.
   2. Fish water update. The more the team investigates the project, the more they find that needs to be updated to accommodate a new system. Ruiz will take any questions back to the PDT. Clements noted that the fish need to be considered when sizing the hatch house. Couture said he and others in ODFW are involved in the meetings and working on this project with NWP. Clements asked about the fish screens for the intakes. He thought those may not be up to fish criteria. Gallion will carry that forward to the PDT. Couture said the team has said they are looking at all water delivery systems, and that should include the intakes. Pease said the existing screens are not only not fish criteria size but they are also oriented incorrectly.
   3. Roofs. Gallion said the hope is to award at the end of May.
   4. Brail hoist. Proximity switches are being procured. Install will be a service contract.
   5. Concrete inspections. The Dive Ops team will come down in July. They will remove debris, ROV the adult holding ponds, and make whatever repairs they can (if needed). Pease said the missing bar has been fixed by ODFW.
4. **Production and Research Updates.**
   1. Production Targets. Pease reported that everything is looking good except for the summer steelhead. Rogue winter steelhead are on target. Fish have stopped coming in the ladder, likely due to the high water. Elevations are expected to drop a little today; we will see if that moves fish in.
      1. ODFW related fish incident. Couture said the fish loss report has been drafted, Wertheimer has a CDR, and ODFW is on pause while completing their investigation and corrective actions. ODFW PIO will connect with NWP PAO to address public inquiry. Couture said ODFW is looking at creative solutions to mitigate for the loss. They don’t have final numbers or a plan yet but they are working on alternatives. Once they have something more solid, they will circle back for discussions with NWP.
         1. Gallion asked about the part power played. Couture said the timing of everything was unfortunate. There was a dead fish in the adult holding pond but that wasn’t an abnormal mortality. The Facebook post was uninformed, and the photos didn’t reflect anything that could be attributed to the power situation. Couture said the fish loss was directly the result of human error. He did also note that while the loss wasn’t directly a result of the power, the hatchery has a greater risk of loss due to the suboptimal power and water conditions. In the current condition, the hatchery does have all it's eggs in one basket so the loss was likely greater due to the way production has changed with the limited power available.
         2. Wertheimer followed up with the suggestion that this issue continue to be dealt with through the contract process. Couture was fine with that but also noted that PIO would like to issue a press release with high level details. **ACTION:** Wertheimer will schedule a meeting next week for the contract discussion.
5. **Agencies Response to Social Media, Facebook post**
   1. Protocol for CMR employees- refer to ODFW PIO. There was general consensus to leave media responses to the agency professions (PIO and PAO).