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Subject: RE: 11/30 Yakama Nation meeting on WA hydros logistics

My work cell 206-303-7374 See you at 7:45

From: Wu, Jennifer
Sent: Wednesday, November 28, 2018 3:11 PM
To: Lidgard, Michael <Lidgard.Michael@epa.gov>; Weber, Courtney <Weber.Courtney@epa.gov>; Merz, Martin <merz.martin@epa.gov>
Subject: 11/30 Yakama Nation meeting on WA hydros logistics

Hi All, here are logistics and info for our meeting with Yakama Nation this Friday on the federal WA hydro permits.

Friday, 11/30
10:30-1pm
Yakama Nation HQ, 401 Fort Road, Toppenish, WA
Contact: McClure Tosch Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)

Martin and I will meet and leave north Seattle around 715. We will pick up Courtney and Mike at a Mercer Island Park and Ride at 745 (See below for directions*). Without traffic, it will take a little less than three hours. If we need to text each other, here are cell phone #s: Jenny Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP); Courtney Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP); Martin Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP); Mike (?)

We can spend some of our car time together prepping for the questions below. I'll also give a 25-30 minute presentation on the status of the permits at the meeting.

1. What is the history of NPDES permits at dams on the Columbia River and why is this permit needed now?
   The letter only addressed Dams in the Zone 6 fishery and the Lower Snake River. However, Grand Coulee Dam has been mentioned in other correspondence, what is the status of that permit?
2. We have concerns with have two permits for dams on the Oregon/Washington border.
   What will be done to ensure discharges on both sides of the river are enforced consistently?
   How involved is WA and OR in this permitting process?
3. Permit coverage.
   The permit seems to only focus on concrete structures of Dams however, we know that there is contaminated stormwater at the Bradford Island site which is part of the Bonneville Dam complex. This stormwater appears to be unpermitted/unregulated at this point, how will this type of stormwater be covered in this permit? In addition, we only know about Bradford Island due to cleanup activity and there is high probability for contaminated stormwater at other dams. A much larger look at stormwater at dams needs to be conducted and included in this effort.
   We are encouraged to see the permit does not allow for PCB discharges of any kind. However, the Columbia River itself does have PCBs in the water. How will this work?
   Dams have been operated for more than 50 years and are basically large industrial sites. It seems like a full screening of the discharge water needs to be completed before chemicals can be selected for permits.
4. The temperature TMDL process is on a path of a TMDL being issued by December of 2018. If that happens, these permits will be moot according the draft language. What is EPA's thought on how this will all play out?

*Directions to mtg spot for Park and Ride on Mercer Island:
Take the first MI exit (W. Mercer Way).
Make a right off the exit
Make a left at the first 4 way stop (SE 24th St – I think)
Towards the top of the hill on your left is the park n ride.

I'm not in the office tomorrow, but you can call or text me.

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