



# Conference Call Action Items

## Aquatic Settlement Work Group

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**To:** Aquatic SWG Parties

**Date:** February 9, 2023

**From:** John Ferguson, Chair, Anchor QEA, LLC

**Re:** **Final Action Items of the February 8, 2023, Aquatic SWG Conference Call**

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Below is a summary of Action Items from the Aquatic Settlement Work Group (SWG) meeting that was held by conference call on Wednesday, February 8, 2023, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:50 a.m. Attendees are listed in Attachment A. These action items include the following:

### Summary of Action Items

1. Anchor QEA, LLC (Anchor QEA) will request from U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) a vote via email on the *2022 Annual Report Total Dissolved Gas Abatement Plan* (2022 TDG/GAP Annual Report) and *2023 Total Dissolved Gas Abatement Plan* and appended *Wells Bypass Operating Plan* (2023 GAP/BOP), which were approved by Aquatic SWG members present during today's Aquatic SWG conference call (Item II-A and Item II-B). *(Note: Kristi Geris sent this request following the Aquatic SWG conference call on February 8, 2023, and USFWS approved via email on February 9, 2023.)*
2. Douglas PUD will verify that juvenile Pacific Lamprey collected and passive integrated transponder (PIT)-tagged at the Carlton rotary screw trap are released upstream of the trap, to help monitor trap efficiency and estimate overall run size (Item II-C).
3. The Yakama Nation (YN) will let The River Mile Network know that Douglas PUD is supportive of sharing crayfish monitoring data collected in the Wells Reservoir, upon request (Item II-C).
4. The YN will provide a lamprey bait flyer to Douglas PUD for posting around the Wells Project (Item II-C).
5. Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) will ask internally about the timeline and schedule for releasing the Northern Pike Rapid Response Statewide Plan (Item II-C).
6. Anchor QEA will notify USFWS that Douglas PUD plans to request approval of the *2023 Aquatic Settlement Agreement and Workgroup Action Plan* during the Aquatic SWG conference call on March 8, 2023, and to reach out to Douglas PUD with questions (Item II-C). *(Note: Kristi Geris sent this notification following the Aquatic SWG conference call on February 8, 2023.)*

7. Douglas PUD will coordinate with Wells Dam mechanical staff to: 1) ask about the feasibility of widening the 3-inch plating around diffuser gratings with regards to hydraulics through the area; 2) request any additional photographs taken of reducing gaps in the east fishway during the 2022/2023 Wells Dam winter maintenance period; and 3) make note to recheck measurements of the areas depicted in the photographs shared during today's Aquatic SWG conference call (Attachment B to the meeting minutes; Item II-D).
8. Douglas PUD will resend or provide the location of the latest photographs taken of the Pacific Lamprey improvements installed in the Wells Dam count window areas (Item II-D).
9. Douglas PUD will follow-up with USFWS regarding PIT-tagging of Bull Trout incidental captures in the Methow River basin for inclusion in the *Bull Trout Movement and Life History Investigation 2022* (2022 Bull Trout PIT Study) (Item II-F).
10. The Aquatic SWG meeting on March 8, 2023, will be held by conference call (Item III-A).

## Summary of Decisions

1. Aquatic SWG members present approved the 2022 TDG/GAP Annual Report (Item II-A). *(Note: USFWS approved via email on February 9, 2023.)*
2. Aquatic SWG members present approved the 2023 GAP/BOP (Item II-B). *(Note: USFWS approved via email on February 9, 2023.)*

## Agreements

1. There were no agreements discussed during today's conference call.

## Review Items

1. The draft *2023 Aquatic Settlement Agreement and Workgroup Action Plan* was distributed to the Aquatic SWG by Kristi Geris on February 7, 2023. Douglas PUD will request approval of the action plan during the Aquatic SWG conference call on March 8, 2023 (Item II-C).

## Documents Finalized

1. There are no documents that have been recently finalized.

**Attachment A – List of Attendees**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Role</b>	<b>Organization</b>
John Ferguson	Aquatic SWG Chairman	Anchor QEA, LLC
Kristi Geris	Administration/Technical Support	Anchor QEA, LLC
Andrew Gingerich	Aquatic SWG Technical Representative	Douglas PUD
Chas Kyger	Aquatic SWG Technical Alternate	Douglas PUD
John Rohrback	Aquatic SWG Technical Support	Douglas PUD
Patrick Verhey	Aquatic SWG Technical Representative	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife
Laura Heironimus	Aquatic SWG Technical Alternate	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife
Breean Zimmerman*	Aquatic SWG Technical Representative	Washington State Department of Ecology
Jason McLellan	Aquatic SWG Technical Representative	Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation
Ralph Lampman	Aquatic SWG Technical Representative	Yakama Nation

## Notes:

- \* Left the meeting after Item II-B.