



Conference Call Action Items

Aquatic Settlement Work Group

To: Aquatic SWG Parties

Date: June 15, 2023

From: John Ferguson, Chair, Anchor QEA, LLC

Re: **Final Action Items of the June 14, 2023, Aquatic SWG Conference Call**

Below is a summary of Action Items from the Aquatic Settlement Work Group (SWG) meeting that was held by conference call on Wednesday, June 14, 2023, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Attendees are listed in Attachment A. These action items include the following:

Summary of Action Items

1. The Confederated Tribes of the Coville Reservation (CTCR) will discuss internally the feasibility of passive integrated transponder (PIT)-tagging and collecting genetic samples from adult Pacific Lamprey picked up from Priest Rapids Dam for translocation into the Okanogan River basin in 2023 (Item II-A).
2. Anchor QEA, LLC (Anchor QEA) will coordinate with Tracy Hillman (Priest Rapids and Rocky Reach Fish Forums [PRFF and RFFF] Chairman) regarding convening a joint Juvenile Pacific Lamprey Studies Subgroup meeting in late summer to early fall 2023 (Item II-B).
3. Douglas PUD will provide a ramp down profile for the recent "Methow Flush and Wells Project Draft" for distribution to the Aquatic SWG (Item II-H). *(Note: Andrew Gingerich provided these data following the Aquatic SWG conference call on June 14, 2023, which Kristi Geris distributed that same day.)*
4. The Yakama Nation (YN) will share a white paper on reservoir ramp down rates and scouring for distribution to the Aquatic SWG (Item II-H). *(Note: Ralph Lampman distributed a link to the document, Best Management Guidelines for Native Lampreys, following the Aquatic SWG conference call on June 14, 2023.)*
5. The YN will share literature on restoration and habitat modeling on lake sturgeon for distribution to the Aquatic SWG (Item II-I). *(Note: Ralph Lampman provided this literature following the Aquatic SWG conference call on June 14, 2023, which Kristi Geris distributed that same day.)*
6. The Aquatic SWG meeting on July 12, 2023, will be held by conference call (Item III-A).

Summary of Decisions

1. Aquatic SWG members present approved the Statement of Agreement (SOA), *To translocate adult Pacific Lamprey from Priest Rapids Dam to areas within or upstream of the Wells Project 2023-2024* (2023–2024 Adult Pacific Lamprey Translocation SOA), as revised (Item II-A).

Agreements

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

Review Items

1. The draft *White Sturgeon Supplementation and Management Plan Implementation in the Wells Reservoir, 2022* (2022 White Sturgeon M&E Report) and draft *Wells Reservoir, 2022 White Sturgeon Reproduction Assessment* (2022 White Sturgeon Reproduction Assessment Study Report) were distributed to the Aquatic SWG by Kristi Geris on May 17, 2023, and are available for a 45-day review with edits and comments due to Chas Kyger by July 1, 2023 (Item II-D).

Documents Finalized

1. The final memorandum, *Wells Hydroelectric Project No. 2149, Low Pool Elevation Bull Trout Survey – License Article 402* (Bull Trout Stranding Survey Memo) was distributed to the Aquatic SWG by Kristi Geris on June 12, 2023 (Item II-H).
2. The final 2023–2024 Adult Pacific Lamprey Translocation SOA was distributed to the Aquatic SWG by Kristi Geris on June 15, 2023 (Item II-A).

Attachment A – List of Attendees

| Name | Role | Organization |
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| 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 |
| RD Nelle | Aquatic SWG Technical Representative | U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service |
| Patrick Verhey | Aquatic SWG Technical Representative | Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife |
| Laura Heironimus | Aquatic SWG Technical Alternate | Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife |
| Jason McLellan* | Aquatic SWG Technical Representative | Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation |
| Ralph Lampman | Aquatic SWG Technical Representative | Yakama Nation |

Notes:

- * Joined after Aquatic SWG members present approved the May 10, 2023, conference call minutes, as revised (Item I-B).