



Conference Call Action Items

Aquatic Settlement Work Group

To: Aquatic SWG Parties

Date: May 14, 2021

From: John Ferguson, Chair (Anchor QEA, LLC)

Re: Final Action Items of the May 12, 2021 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, May 12, 2021, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. Attendees are listed in Attachment A. These action items include the following:

I. Summary of Action Items

1. Anchor QEA will coordinate with U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) regarding Aquatic SWG approval of the *Statement of Agreement Regarding the Suspension of the Year 10 Bull Trout Passage and Survival Radio Telemetry Study at Wells Dam and the Twisp Weir* (Bull Trout Statement of Agreement [SOA]), as revised, and will obtain a vote via email from USFWS after the draft minutes from today's conference call are available for review (Item VI-4).
2. Aquatic SWG members will consider goals, objectives, and the technical merits of implementing a Bull Trout passive integrated transponder (PIT) tag study, for discussion during the Aquatic SWG conference call on June 9, 2021 (Item VI-4).
3. Aquatic SWG members will review the current White Sturgeon SOA, *Wells Reservoir White Sturgeon Supplementation 2018-2022*¹, and Section 4.3.1 of the *White Sturgeon Management Plan*, in preparation to continue discussing Wells Fish Hatchery White Sturgeon stocking considerations during the Aquatic SWG conference call on June 9, 2021 (Item VI-6).
4. The Yakama Nation (YN) will further review the different methodologies for collecting bile acid samples and present their recommended protocol for discussion during the Aquatic SWG conference call on June 9, 2021 (Item VI-8).
5. Douglas PUD will develop a draft adult Pacific Lamprey study plan for implementation in 2022 that considers potential methodologies, release locations, and sample size requirements, for discussion this fall 2021 (Item VI-8).

¹ As approved by the Aquatic SWG on January 11, 2017, and distributed on January 12, 2017.

6. Douglas PUD will develop a summary of potential options to study adult Pacific Lamprey via PIT tag detection for implementation in 2021, for discussion during the Aquatic SWG conference call on June 9, 2021 (Item VI-8).
7. Aquatic SWG members will identify potential dates during the Aquatic SWG conference call on June 9, 2021, to convene coordination calls with the regional fish forums regarding Pacific Lamprey translocation during 2021 (Item VI-9).
8. The Aquatic SWG meeting on June 9, 2021, will be held by conference call (Item VII-1).

II. Summary of Decisions

1. Aquatic SWG members present approved the 2020 Aquatic Settlement Agreement (ASA) Annual Report and appended 2020 White Sturgeon Management Plan Annual Report, 2020 Bull Trout Management Plan and Incidental Take Annual Report, 2020 Water Quality Management Plan Annual Report (and appended 2020 Water Temperature Annual Report), 2020 Pacific Lamprey Management Plan Annual Report, 2020 Aquatic Nuisance Species Management Plan Annual Report, and 2020 Resident Fish Management Plan Annual Report (Item VI-3). *(Note: the Colville Confederated Tribes [CCT] approved the 2020 ASA Annual Report and appended resources management plan annual reports via email on May 11, 2021.)*
2. Aquatic SWG members present approved the Bull Trout SOA, as revised (Item VI-4). *(Note: the CCT approved this SOA via email on May 11, 2021.)*

III. Agreements

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

IV. Review Items

1. A draft 2022 Pacific Lamprey PIT-tag Study Outline was distributed to the Aquatic SWG by Kristi Geris on March 10, 2021. A draft adult Pacific Lamprey study plan for implementation in 2022 is expected this fall 2021 (Item VI-8).

V. Documents Finalized

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

Attachment A – List of Attendees

Name	Role	Organization
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
Steve Lewis*	Aquatic SWG Technical Representative	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
RD Nelle	Aquatic SWG Technical Support	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Breean Zimmerman	Aquatic SWG Technical Representative	Washington State Department of Ecology
Patrick Verhey	Aquatic SWG Technical Representative	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife
Laura Heironimus	Aquatic SWG Technical Alternate	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife
Ralph Lampman	Aquatic SWG Technical Representative	Yakama Nation

Notes:

* Left conference call around 11:00 a.m. (was not present for the Aquatic SWG approval of the Bull Trout SOA under Item VI-4, and remaining agenda items).