



# Conference Call Action Items

## Aquatic Settlement Work Group

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**To:** Aquatic SWG Parties

**Date:** March 11, 2021

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

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

### I. Summary of Action Items

1. U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) will provide comments to Douglas PUD on the draft *Statement of Agreement to No Longer Require Year-10 Bull Trout Passage and Survival Study at Wells Dam and the Twisp Weir Using Radio Telemetry* by Wednesday, March 24, 2021, and then Douglas PUD will distribute a revised draft Statement of Agreement (SOA) for Aquatic SWG review (Item VI-4).
2. Aquatic SWG members will review the summary document, *ASWG Project Proposal: Environmental DNA & Lamprey Bile Acids Monitoring to Assess the Impacts of Adult Translocation in the Upper Columbia Basin above Wells Dam*, for further discussion during the Aquatic SWG conference call on April 14, 2021 (Item VI-5).
3. Aquatic SWG members will review the draft 2022 Pacific Lamprey Passive-Integrated Transponder (PIT) Tag Study Outline for further discussion during the Aquatic SWG conference call on April 14, 2021 (Item VI-6).
4. Aquatic SWG members will review the current White Sturgeon SOA, *Wells Reservoir White Sturgeon Supplementation 2018-2022*<sup>1</sup>, 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 meeting on May 12, 2021 (Item VI-8).
5. The Aquatic SWG meeting on April 14, 2021, will be held by conference call (Item VII-2).

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

## II. Summary of Decisions

1. There were no decision items approved during today's conference call.

## III. Agreements

1. Aquatic SWG members present agreed to: 1) Douglas PUD conducting a Bull Trout PIT tag-only study in 2021, per USFWS guidance, instead of implementing the Aquatic SWG-approved study plan, *Bull Trout Passage and Take Monitoring at Wells Dam and Twisp River Weir* (2021–2022 Bull Trout Radio Telemetry Study Plan); 2) further develop the draft *Statement of Agreement to No Longer Require Year-10 Bull Trout Passage and Survival Study at Wells Dam and the Twisp Weir Using Radio Telemetry* for Aquatic SWG approval; and 3) develop a study plan for the Bull Trout PIT tag study for implementation in 2021 at a later date (Item VI-4).

## IV. Review Items

1. The draft *Statement of Agreement to No Longer Require Year-10 Bull Trout Passage and Survival Study at Wells Dam and the Twisp Weir Using Radio Telemetry* was distributed to the Aquatic SWG by Kristi Geris on March 10, 2021 (Item VI-4).
2. The summary document, *ASWG Project Proposal: Environmental DNA & Lamprey Bile Acids Monitoring to Assess the Impacts of Adult Translocation in the Upper Columbia Basin above Wells Dam*, was distributed to the Aquatic SWG by Kristi Geris on March 10, 2021, and will be further discussed during the Aquatic SWG conference call on April 14, 2021 (Item VI-5).
3. A draft 2022 Pacific Lamprey PIT Tag Study Outline was distributed to the Aquatic SWG by Kristi Geris on March 10, 2021, and will be further discussed during the Aquatic SWG conference call on April 14, 2021 (Item VI-6).

## 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
Monica Blanchard	Aquatic SWG Technical Support	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife
Jed Varney*	Aquatic SWG Technical Support	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife
Ralph Lampman	Aquatic SWG Technical Representative	Yakama Nation
Jason McLellan	Aquatic SWG Technical Representative	Colville Confederated Tribes

Notes:

\* Joined conference call for the WDFW briefing, *Sturgeon Pathogen Surveys*, discussion.