

# Final Conference Call Action Items

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## *Aquatic Settlement Work Group*

**To:** Aquatic SWG Parties **Date:** January 9, 2014  
**From:** Michael Schiewe, Chair (Anchor QEA, LLC)  
**Re:** Final Action Items of the January 8, 2014, Aquatic SWG Conference Call

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Below is a summary of Action Items from the Aquatic SWG meeting that was held by conference call from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm on Wednesday, January 8, 2014. These action items include the following:

### **I. Summary of Action Items**

1. The Aquatic SWG will submit comments on the draft 2014 Wells Dam Gas Abatement Plan (GAP) and Bypass Operating Plan (BOP) to Andrew Gingerich no later than Friday, January 17, 2014 (Item VI-3).
2. Douglas PUD will coordinate with the Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) to develop revisions to the Wells Hydroelectric Project Spill Playbook, which is appended to the draft 2014 Wells Dam GAP and BOP, regarding management strategies during high spill events, and will provide an explanation of those revisions to Kristi Geris for distribution to the Aquatic SWG (Item VI-3).
3. The Aquatic SWG will submit comments on the draft 2013 GAP and Total Dissolved Gas (TDG) Report to Andrew Gingerich no later than Friday, February 7, 2014 (Item VI-3).
4. The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW), in coordination with the Yakama Nation (YN) and the Colville Confederated Tribes (CCT), will develop a draft standardized White Sturgeon Fish Health Protocol (to be implemented starting with 2014 white sturgeon broodstock and larval collections) prior to the Aquatic SWG meeting on March 12, 2014 (Item VI-4).
5. WDFW will provide an update on the development of the draft standardized White Sturgeon Fish Health Protocol at the Aquatic SWG meeting on February 12, 2014 (Item VI-4).
6. The Aquatic SWG will submit comments on the draft 2014 Resident Fish Assemblage Study Plan to Douglas PUD no later than Thursday, January 23, 2014 (Item VI-5).

7. The Aquatic SWG will submit comments on the draft 2014 Aquatic Settlement Agreement (ASA) Workgroup Action Plan to Douglas PUD no later than Monday, February 3, 2014 (Item VI-7).
8. John Kerwin will provide a presentation on WDFW fish health programs and mandates at the Aquatic SWG meeting on March 12, 2014 (Item VII-1).
9. **The Aquatic SWG meeting on March 12, 2014 will be held in person at Douglas PUD Headquarters in East Wenatchee, Washington (Item VII-1).**

## II. Summary of Decisions

1. The Phase One White Sturgeon Management Plan (WSMP) Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) Study Plan was unanimously approved by the Aquatic SWG; Ecology and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) approved the study plan via email on December 20, 2013, and the CCT, the YN, WDFW, and Douglas PUD approved the study plan during the Aquatic SWG conference call on January 8, 2014 (Item VI-4).

## III. Agreements

1. The Aquatic SWG members present agreed, with USFWS abstaining (i.e., not present) and Ecology deferring to WDFW, to passive integrated transponder (PIT)-tag and release into the Wells Pool approximately 15 Wanapum larvae that are currently on station at the Wells Fish Hatchery in order to free up needed tank space for the Douglas PUD White Sturgeon Program (Item VI-4).
2. The Aquatic SWG members present agreed to hold the Aquatic SWG meeting on March 12, 2014, in-person, at Douglas PUD Headquarters in East Wenatchee, Washington (Item VII-1).

## IV. Review Items

1. Kristi Geris sent an email to the Aquatic SWG on December 17, 2013, notifying them that the draft 2014 Wells Dam GAP and BOP is out for a 30-day review period, with comments due to Andrew Gingerich no later than Friday, January 17, 2014 (Item VI-3).
2. Kristi Geris sent an email to the Aquatic SWG on December 23, 2013, notifying them that the draft 2014 Resident Fish Assemblage Study Plan is out for review. Douglas PUD is requesting a 30-day review period with comments due to Douglas PUD no later than Thursday, January 23, 2014 (Item VI-5).
3. Kristi Geris sent an email to the Aquatic SWG on January 2, 2014, notifying them that the draft 2014 ASA and Workgroup Action Plan is out for a 30-day review period, with comments due to Andrew Gingerich no later than Monday, February 3, 2014 (Item VI-7).

4. Kristi Geris sent an email to the Aquatic SWG on January 9, 2014, notifying them that the draft 2013 GAP and TDG Report is out for a 30-day review period, with comments due to Andrew Gingerich no later than Friday, February 7, 2014 (Item VI-3).

## **V. Reports Finalized**

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

## Attachment A List of Attendees

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<b>Name</b>	<b>Role</b>	<b>Organization</b>
Mike Schiewe	SWG Chair	Anchor QEA, LLC
Kristi Geris	Administration/Technical Support	Anchor QEA, LLC
Andrew Gingerich	SWG Technical Representative	Douglas PUD
Chas Kyger	Technical Support	Douglas PUD
Shane Bickford	SWG Policy Representative	Douglas PUD
Steve Lewis*	SWG Technical Representative	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Patrick Verhey	SWG Technical Representative	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife
Chad Jackson	Technical Support	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife
Pat Irle	SWG Technical Representative	Washington State Department of Ecology
Jason McLellan	SWG Technical Representative	Colville Confederated Tribes
Bret Nine	Technical Support	Colville Confederated Tribes
Bob Rose	SWG Technical Representative	Yakama Nation

Notes:

- \* Left meeting early following the Stocking Plan discussion.