

# Final Conference Call Action Items

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## *Aquatic Settlement Work Group*

**To:** Aquatic SWG Parties **Date:** December 12, 2013  
**From:** Michael Schiewe, Chair (Anchor QEA, LLC)  
**Re:** Final Action Items of the December 11, 2013, 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 11:30 am on Wednesday, December 11, 2013. These action items include the following:

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

1. Patrick Verhey will remind Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) Fish Health Staff that Douglas PUD is facing a capacity issue at Wells Hatchery that requires resolution no later than December 16, 2013; and therefore, the Aquatic SWG needs WDFW's input regarding white sturgeon health guidance before that time. Further, Verhey will inquire whether WDFW's guidance will be a recommendation within the Aquatic Settlement Agreement (ASA) or unilateral decision occurring without unanimous consent of the Aquatic SWG (Item VI-2).
2. Aquatic SWG members will submit comments or email approval of the revised draft Phase One White Sturgeon Management Plan (WSMP) Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) Study Plan to Douglas PUD (with a copy to Kristi Geris and Mike Schiewe) no later than December 20, 2013 (Item VI-3).
3. Douglas PUD will provide a draft Bull Trout Passive Integrated Transponder (PIT)-Tag Summary to Kristi Geris for distribution to the Aquatic SWG no later than December 25, 2013; for discussion during the Aquatic SWG conference call on January 8, 2014 (Item VI-5).
4. Douglas PUD will provide a draft Resident Fish Plan to Kristi Geris for distribution to the Aquatic SWG no later than December 17, 2013; for discussion at the Aquatic SWG conference call on January 8, 2014, and approval at the Aquatic SWG conference call on February 12, 2014 (Item VI-6).
5. Douglas PUD will provide the draft 2014 Gas Abatement Plan (GAP) and Bypass Operating Plan (BOP) to Kristi Geris for distribution to the Aquatic SWG no later than December 17, 2013; for discussion at the Aquatic SWG conference call on January 8,

2014, and approval at the Aquatic SWG conference call on February 12, 2014 (Item VI-6).

## **II. Summary of Decisions**

1. There were no Statements of Agreement (SOAs) approved at today's meeting.

## **III. Agreements**

1. The Aquatic SWG members present agreed on the following: If WDFW guidance on white sturgeon fish health rearing and stocking practices is to continue rearing and stocking all asymptomatic (non-clinical signs of an epizootic) larval-origin white sturgeon, the default action will be to follow the WSMP and stock the full complement of larval-origin fish currently on-station at Wells Hatchery (i.e., 2,300 fish), with the balance to achieve the 5,000 fish goal coming from the direct gamete-origin fish. Fish stocking sizes and release dates will be determined by the Aquatic SWG. If WDFW Fish Health Staff provides guidance other than above, the Aquatic SWG will convene a conference call to discuss options (Item VI-2).
2. The Aquatic SWG members present agreed to consider approval of the Phase One WSMP M&E Study Plan by email (Item VI-3).

## **IV. Review Items**

1. The revised Phase One WSMP M&E Study Plan, which was distributed to the Aquatic SWG by Kristi Geris on December 10, 2013, is out for an additional 10-day review period with comments or email approval due to Andrew Gingerich (with a copy to Geris) no later than December 20, 2013 (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 |
| 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                              |
| Donella Miller   | Technical Support                | Yakama Nation                              |