

Final Meeting Action Items



Aquatic Settlement Work Group

To: Aquatic SWG Parties **Date:** March 17, 2014
From: Michael Schiewe, Chair (Anchor QEA, LLC)
Re: Final Action Items of the March 12, 2014 Aquatic SWG Meeting

Below is a summary of Action Items from the Aquatic SWG meeting that was held in person at the Wells Dam Hydroelectric Project from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm on Wednesday, March 12, 2014. These action items include the following:

I. Summary of Action Items

1. Douglas PUD will coordinate with U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) to finalize the draft 2013 Methow Basin Bull Trout Passive Integrated Transponder (PIT) Tag Summary (Item VI-1).
2. Douglas PUD will discuss with USFWS the Wells White Sturgeon Stocking Plan for implementation in 2014 that was approved by Aquatic SWG members present (Item VI-3).
3. Douglas PUD will develop a list of considerations for the future of sturgeon stocking, including future sources, prioritization, and genetics (Item VI-3).
4. Douglas PUD will develop a summary outlining the objectives of their White Sturgeon public outreach efforts (Item VI-4).
5. Aquatic SWG members will submit comments to Douglas PUD regarding ideas for Douglas PUD's White Sturgeon public outreach efforts (Item VI-4).
6. Aquatic SWG members will submit comments on Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife's (WDFW's) draft standardized White Sturgeon Fish Health Protocol, to WDFW (with a copy to Kristi Geris) prior to the next Aquatic SWG meeting on April 9, 2014 (Item VI-4).

II. Summary of Decisions

1. The Aquatic SWG members present approved the 2013 Aquatic Nuisance Species Management Plan Annual Report (Item VI-2).

2. The Aquatic SWG members present approved the following Wells White Sturgeon Stocking Plan for implementation in 2014: 1) all stocked fish will be asymptomatic of disease; 2) all larvae-source fish available at the Wells Fish Hatchery (approximately 2,200) will be stocked at a target size of at least 146 to 272 grams (g) (280 to 352 millimeters [mm]); and 3) the balance of the 5,000 fish target will be stocked using direct gamete-source fish from 12 families (half-sibling) and be stocked at a target mean size of 111 to 146 g (256 to 280 mm) (Item VI-3).

III. Agreements

1. Douglas PUD agreed, in future years, to update the introductory information in the Aquatic Nuisance Species Management Plan (ANSMP) Annual Report (Item VI-2).

IV. Review Items

1. Kristi Geris sent an email to the Aquatic SWG on March 11, 2014, notifying them that WDFW's draft standardized White Sturgeon Fish Health Protocol is available for review. Comments on the draft protocol are due to WDFW (with a copy to Geris) prior to the Aquatic SWG meeting on April 9, 2014 (Item VI-4).

V. Documents Finalized

1. The final 2013 Aquatic Nuisance Species Management Plan Annual Report was distributed to the Aquatic SWG by Kristi Geris on March 14, 2014 (Item VI-2).

Attachment A List of Attendees

Name	Role	Organization
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
Patrick Verhey	SWG Technical Representative	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife
Chad Jackson	Technical Support	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife
John Kerwin	Technical Support	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife
Bob Rogers	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
Donella Miller†	Technical Support	Yakama Nation

Notes

† Joined by phone