

Final Conference Call Action Items



Aquatic Settlement Work Group

To: Aquatic SWG Parties **Date:** May 14, 2015
From: John Ferguson, Chair (Anchor QEA, LLC)
Re: Final Action Items of the May 13, 2015 Aquatic SWG Conference Call

Below is a summary of Action Items from the Aquatic SWG meeting that was held by conference call on Wednesday, May 13, 2015, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. These action items include the following:

I. Summary of Action Items

1. The Colville Confederated Tribes (CCT), Douglas PUD, and John Ferguson will discuss developing guidelines for hatchery rearing juvenile sturgeon; the path forward will be considered during an Aquatic SWG meeting in summer 2015 (Item VI-1).
2. Douglas PUD will update the Aquatic SWG when more is known regarding the feasibility of tagging white sturgeon on a work boat equipped with a sling opposed to on the shore, during white sturgeon monitoring and evaluation (M&E) efforts in 2015 (Item VI-1).
3. Douglas PUD will provide the final 2014 Bull Trout Management Plan and Incidental Take Annual Report to Kristi Geris for distribution to the Aquatic SWG (Item VI-1).
4. Douglas PUD will prepare a draft letter to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) requesting permission to combine all Aquatic Settlement Agreement (ASA) Annual Reports and deadlines into one submittal, and provide the draft letter to Kristi Geris for distribution to the Aquatic SWG; the Aquatic SWG will review and discuss the draft letter at a future meeting (Item VI-1).
5. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) and Douglas PUD will continue coordination with the Rocky Reach Fish Forum (RRFF) and Priest Rapids Fish Forum (PRFF) regarding potential lamprey translocation and tagging opportunities, as they arise (Item VI-7).
6. The USFWS will contact Ralph Lampman (Yakama Nation [YN]) regarding possibly presenting a summary of recent YN lamprey translocation efforts at the next Aquatic SWG in-person meeting (Item VI-7).

7. The Aquatic SWG meeting on June 10, 2015, will be held by **conference call**, and a date for the next in-person meeting will be discussed at that time (Item VII-1).

II. Summary of Decisions

1. The Aquatic SWG members present approved the 2014 ASA Annual Report (Item VI-2).
2. The Aquatic SWG members present approved the four remaining 2014 ASA Management Plan Annual Reports (i.e., Water Quality, Pacific Lamprey, Resident Fish, and White Sturgeon; Item VI-3).

III. Agreements

1. The Aquatic SWG members present agreed that Douglas PUD should inquire with FERC regarding the feasibility of combining all ASA Annual Reports and deadlines into one submittal (Item VI-1).

IV. Review Items

1. Kristi Geris sent an email to the Aquatic SWG on April 24, 2015, notifying them the 2015 Juvenile Lamprey Habitat Evaluation Study Plan is available for a 30-day review period, with edits and comments due to Chas Kyger by Monday, May 25, 2015 (Item VI-5).

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	Technical Support	Douglas PUD
Steve Lewis	Aquatic SWG Technical Representative	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Patrick Verhey	Aquatic SWG Technical Representative	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife
Chad Jackson	Technical Support	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife