



Conference Call Action Items

Aquatic Settlement Work Group

To: Aquatic SWG Parties

Date: May 22, 2020

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

Re: Final Action Items of the May 13, 2020 Aquatic SWG Conference Call (v2)

Below is a summary of Action Items from the Aquatic Settlement Work Group (SWG) meeting that was held by conference call on Wednesday, May 13, 2020, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Attendees are listed in Attachment A. These action items include the following:

I. Summary of Action Items

1. Douglas PUD will distribute photographs, if available, of the Pacific Lamprey passage improvements installed in the Wells Dam west fish ladder during the 2019/2020 winter maintenance outage, and summarize work completed this year in both ladders to close gaps in and around diffuser gratings (Item VI-1). *(Note: Andrew Gingerich provided two photographs of maintenance completed on a floor diffuser grating in Pool 56 of the Wells Dam west fish ladder in January 2020 following the conference call on May 13, 2020, which Kristi Geris distributed to the Aquatic SWG that same day.)*
2. Douglas PUD will develop for Aquatic SWG review and inclusion in future *Aquatic Nuisance Species Management Plan* annual reports, a formal contact list of regional and state agencies and notification protocol to implement in the event that aquatic nuisance species are detected during monitoring activities in the Wells Project (Item VI-3).
3. Douglas PUD and Anchor QEA, LLC (Anchor QEA) will address outstanding comments and edits on the draft *2019 Aquatic Settlement Agreement Annual Report* and appended management plan annual reports, as discussed and approved by the Aquatic SWG (Item VI-3).
4. Douglas PUD will check-in with Grant PUD regarding Pacific Lamprey translocation logistics in 2020, including translocating Grant PUD fish farther upstream above Wells Dam, and will update the Aquatic SWG during the conference call on June 10, 2020 (Item VI-6).
5. Douglas PUD, the Colville Confederated Tribes (CCT), and Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) will convene outside of the Aquatic SWG to develop a draft Statement of Agreement (SOA) for a White Sturgeon Adult Reproductive Assessment (Item VI-9).

6. The Aquatic SWG meeting on June 10, 2020, will be held by conference call (Item VII-1).

II. Summary of Decisions

1. Aquatic SWG members present approved the *2019 Aquatic Settlement Agreement Annual Report* and appended *2019 White Sturgeon Management Plan Annual Report, 2019 Bull Trout Management Plan and Incidental Take Annual Report, 2019 Water Quality Management Plan Annual Report* (and appended *2019 Water Temperature Annual Report*), *2019 Pacific Lamprey Management Plan Annual Report, 2019 Aquatic Nuisance Species Management Plan Annual Report, and 2019 Resident Fish Management Plan Annual Report* (Item VI-3). (Note: Steve Lewis provided U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service [USFWS] approval of the 2019 Bull Trout Management Plan and Incidental Take Annual Report via email on May 22, 2020, contingent that his comments be further discussed during future Aquatic SWG meetings.)
2. Aquatic SWG members present approved the *White Sturgeon Supplementation and Management Plan Implementation in the Wells Reservoir, 2019* (2019 White Sturgeon Monitoring and Evaluation [M&E] Report; Item VI-4).

III. Agreements

1. There were no agreements discussed during today's conference call.

IV. Review Items

1. There are no items that are currently available for review.

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
Keith Hatch	Observer	U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs
RD Nelle	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 Alternate Representative	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife
Jason McLellan	Aquatic SWG Technical Representative	Colville Confederated Tribes
Ralph Lampman	Aquatic SWG Technical Representative	Yakama Nation