



Conference Call Action Items

Aquatic Settlement Work Group

To: Aquatic SWG Parties

Date: August 13, 2020

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

Re: Final Action Items of the August 12, 2020 Aquatic SWG Conference Call

Below is a summary of Action Items from the Aquatic Settlement Work Group (SWG) meeting that was held by conference call on Wednesday, August 12, 2020, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

Attendees are listed in Attachment A. These action items include the following:

I. Summary of Action Items

1. Douglas PUD will coordinate with the Colville Confederated Tribes (CCT) to resolve any discrepancies in the 2019 Pacific Lamprey translocation numbers that have been reported to the Aquatic SWG (Item VI-3).
2. John Ferguson will send the agreement made today by the Aquatic SWG regarding Pacific Lamprey translocation efforts in 2020 (see Section III below) to Tracy Hillman (Rocky Reach Fish Forum [RRFF] and Priest Rapids Fish Forum [PRFF] Chairman; Item VI-3). *(Note: Ferguson relayed this agreement to Hillman, as discussed, following the Aquatic SWG conference call on August 12, 2020.)*
3. Douglas PUD will coordinate with Grant PUD to implement the agreement made today by the Aquatic SWG regarding extending Pacific Lamprey collection activities at Priest Rapids Dam in support of translocation efforts in 2020 (see Section III below; Item VI-3).
4. Douglas PUD, the CCT, Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW), and other interested parties will convene outside of the Aquatic SWG to discuss the use of genetics with Dr. Andrea Schreier (University of California, Davis) to meet requirements in the *White Sturgeon Management Plan* and develop a draft Statement of Agreement (SOA) for a White Sturgeon Adult Reproductive Assessment (Item VI-4).
5. Douglas PUD, the CCT, WDFW, and other interested parties will convene outside of the Aquatic SWG to develop a list of topics to address regarding spontaneous autopolyploidy in White Sturgeon supplementation programs to discuss with the Aquatic SWG, and the Aquatic SWG will continue discussing the RRFF and PRFF document, *Guidance for Evaluating Spontaneous Autopolyploidy in White Sturgeon Supplementation Programs*, during future Aquatic SWG meetings (Item VI-7).

6. Douglas PUD will coordinate internally with Greg Mackey (Douglas PUD hatchery monitoring and evaluation staff) to assess the feasibility of conducting a passive integrated transponder (PIT)-tag study for Pacific Lamprey at the rotary screw trap in the Methow River (Item VI-9).
7. The Yakama Nation will send handling and tagging protocols for Pacific Lamprey to Douglas PUD for consideration in assessing the feasibility of implementing a PIT-tag study (Item VI-9).
8. The Aquatic SWG meeting on September 9, 2020 will be held by conference call (Item VII-1).

II. Summary of Decisions

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

III. Agreements

1. Aquatic SWG members present agreed to the following statement regarding Douglas PUD's Pacific Lamprey translocation efforts: "In 2020, the initial plan was for an 8-week trapping period for Pacific Lamprey at Priest Rapids Dam. The first 4-week period was intended for translocation above Wells Dam; the second 4-week period was intended for fish to be released at Kirby Billingsley Hydro Park. The Aquatic SWG votes to approve the extension of Douglas PUD receiving Pacific Lamprey from Grant PUD at Kirby Billingsley Hydro Park for the second 4-week period, thereby creating 8 weeks of translocation above Wells Dam in 2020, to be released per the Aquatic SWG SOA, *To translocate adult Pacific Lamprey from Priest Rapids Dam to areas within or upstream of the Wells Project and postpone passage evaluations* (approved June 13, 2018)." (Item VI-3).

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
Sarah Montgomery	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
Ralph Lampman	Aquatic SWG Technical Representative	Yakama Nation