



Conference Call Action Items

Aquatic Settlement Work Group

To: Aquatic SWG Parties

Date: May 10, 2019

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

Re: Final Action Items of the May 8, 2019 Aquatic SWG Conference Call

Below is a summary of Action Items from the Aquatic Settlement Work Group (SWG) meeting that was by conference call on Wednesday, May 8, 2019, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. Attendees are listed in Attachment A. These action items include the following:

I. Summary of Action Items

1. The Yakama Nation (YN), U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), and Washington Department of Ecology (Ecology) will review edits made to the *2018 Pacific Lamprey Management Plan Annual Report* and will provide additional comments or a vote via email to Douglas PUD and Kristi Geris by close-of-business on May 8, 2019 (Item VI-2). (Note: the YN, USFWS, and Ecology approved the annual report, as revised, via email following the Aquatic SWG conference call on May 8, 2019.)
2. Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) and Ecology will review edits made to the *2018 White Sturgeon Management Plan Annual Report* and will provide additional comments or a vote via email to Douglas PUD and Kristi Geris by close-of-business on May 8, 2019; and USFWS approved the report contingent on incorporating additional WDFW edits (Item VI-2). (Note: WDFW and Ecology approved the annual report, as revised and with no additional comments, via email following the Aquatic SWG conference call on May 8, 2019.)
3. Breean Zimmerman will determine the definition, history, and Ecology's interpretation of the "reasonable and feasible measures" clause in the Wells Project Clean Water Act (CWA) 401 Certification (Item VI-2).
4. Steve Lewis will discuss internally with USFWS the appropriate fish size threshold for identifying Bull Trout passing Wells Dam fish ladder count windows as subadults (Item VI-2).
5. Douglas PUD will coordinate with USFWS to further discuss the definition of "non-lethal take" concerning Bull Trout in the Wells Project (Item VI-2).
6. The Aquatic SWG meeting on June 12, 2019, will be held by **conference call** (Item VII-2).

II. Summary of Decisions

1. Aquatic SWG members present approved the *2018 Aquatic Settlement Agreement Annual Report*, and appended *2018 White Sturgeon Management Plan Annual Report*, *2018 Bull Trout Management Plan and Incidental Take Annual Report*, *2018 Water Quality Management Plan Annual Report* (and appended *2018 Water Temperature Annual Report*), *2018 Pacific Lamprey Management Plan Annual Report*, *2018 Aquatic Nuisance Species Management Plan Annual Report*, and *2018 Resident Fish Management Plan Annual Report* (Item VI-2). (Note: USFWS approved the annual report, as revised, via email following the Aquatic SWG conference call on May 8, 2019.)
2. Aquatic SWG members present approved the *Northern Pike Monitoring and Response Plan*, as revised (Item VI-3).

III. Agreements

1. Aquatic SWG members present agreed that for Pacific Lamprey translocation efforts in 2019, fish will be collected during the earlier part of the migration (as opposed to later) to collect larger fish and fish that may be inclined to migrate farther upstream (Item VI-7).

IV. Review Items

1. A draft Douglas PUD 2018 Evaluations of White Sturgeon Supplementation report was distributed to the Aquatic SWG by Kristi Geris on April 16, 2019, which is available for a 45-day review with edits and comments due to Andrew Gingerich by May 31, 2019; Douglas PUD will request approval of the report during the Aquatic SWG meeting on June 12, 2019 (Item VI-4).

V. Documents Finalized

1. The final *Northern Pike Monitoring and Response Plan* was distributed to the Aquatic SWG by Kristi Geris following the Aquatic SWG conference call on May 8, 2019 (Item VI-3).

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
Breean Zimmerman	Aquatic SWG Technical Representative	Washington Department of Ecology
Patrick Verhey	Aquatic SWG Technical Representative	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife
Laura Heironimus	Aquatic SWG Technical Alternate	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife
Jason McLellan	Aquatic SWG Technical Representative	Colville Confederated Tribes
John Rohrbach	Technical Support	Colville Confederated Tribes
Ralph Lampman	Aquatic SWG Technical Representative	Yakama Nation

Notes:

- * A USFWS representative was not present for the approval of the Northern Pike Monitoring and Response Plan or the Agreement regarding Pacific Lamprey translocation in 2019