



Conference Call Action Items

Aquatic Settlement Work Group

To: Aquatic SWG Parties

Date: August 12, 2021

From: John Ferguson, Chair, Anchor QEA, LLC

Re: Final Action Items of the August 11, 2021, 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, July 14, 2021, from 10:00 a.m. to 10:40 a.m. Attendees are listed in Attachment A. These action items include the following:

I. Summary of Action Items

1. Douglas PUD will obtain from Grant PUD catch rate data from Pacific Lamprey trapping efforts at Priest Rapids Dam to date, for distribution to the Aquatic SWG (Item VI-1).
2. The Yakama Nation (YN) will coordinate with Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission (CRITFC) and provide notification of any adjustments to the current 8% tribal allocation at Bonneville Dam for Pacific Lamprey translocation beginning as early as 2022 (Item VI-1).
3. Douglas PUD will develop a draft adult Pacific Lamprey study plan for implementation in 2022 that considers potential methodologies, release locations, and sample size requirements, for discussion in fall 2021 (Item VI-1).
4. Aquatic SWG members will consider possible objectives for a Bull Trout passive integrated transponder (PIT) tag study for implementation in 2022, for discussion in October 2021 (Item VI-1).
5. Douglas PUD will add Wells Fish Hatchery White Sturgeon stocking considerations to a future Aquatic SWG meeting agenda, this fall, after a technical subgroup is able to further discuss this topic and data from the 2021 White Sturgeon monitoring and evaluation (M&E) effort are available for review (Item VI-1).
6. Douglas PUD will assist the Colville Confederated Tribes (CCT) in uploading brood year (BY) 2020 White Sturgeon passive integrated transponder (PIT) tag files to the PIT Tag Information System (PTAGIS) for 612 fish released into Lake Roosevelt, to help inform the ongoing 2021 Wells Project White Sturgeon M&E effort (Item VI-4).

7. Douglas PUD will notify Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) of the path forward Aquatic SWG members agreed upon for translocating Pacific Lamprey upstream of Wells Dam during the second 4-week trapping period at Priest Rapids Dam (Item VI-7).
8. The YN requested that Aquatic SWG members contact Ralph Lampman to discuss the available data before objecting to continuing translocating Pacific Lamprey upstream of Wells Dam during the second 4-week trapping period (Item VI-7).
9. USFWS will provide a draft letter to Douglas PUD to submit to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) for review, explaining USFWS' support for postponing the Year-10 Bull Trout passage and survival study at Wells Dam and the Twisp Weir using radio telemetry and why no further Endangered Species Act (ESA) consultation with USFWS is necessary (Item VI-9).
10. WDFW requested that Aquatic SWG members provide updates, if any, on White Sturgeon mortalities occurring in the mid- to upper-Columbia River associated with current water temperatures, as was recently observed near The Dalles, Washington (Item VI-10).
11. The Aquatic SWG meeting on September 8, 2021, will be held by conference call (Item VII-1).

II. Summary of Decisions

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

III. Agreements

1. Aquatic SWG members present are supportive of Douglas PUD collecting environmental DNA (eDNA) and Pacific Lamprey bile acids samples this October 2021 and next spring 2022, to freeze (preserve) until fiscal year 2022, when funding for analysis of these samples is available through the National Fish Habitat Partnership under the Pacific Lamprey Conservation Initiative (PLCI). This agreement was reached with the understanding that the Aquatic SWG may want to adjust the timing of sample collection in future years (Item VI-6).
2. Aquatic SWG members present agreed for Douglas PUD to proceed with translocating Pacific Lamprey upstream of Wells Dam during the second 4-week trapping period at Priest Rapids Dam (starting August 16, 2021), including picking up fish from Kirby Billingsley Hydro Park in Wenatchee, Washington each Thursday. The agreement included having Douglas PUD distribute a report to the Aquatic SWG via email each Friday with the weekly count, totals fish translocated to date, total run at Priest Rapids Dam to date, and the proportion of fish translocated above Wells Dam of the total run at Priest Rapids Dam to date. The Aquatic SWG agreed to review these data and object via email if members do not feel comfortable

continuing these efforts, at which point translocation above Wells Dam in 2021 will discontinue (Item VI-7).

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 |
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| John Ferguson | Aquatic SWG Chairman | Anchor QEA, LLC |
| Kristi Geris | Administration/Technical Support | Anchor QEA, LLC |
| Andrew Gingerich | Aquatic SWG Technical Representative | Douglas PUD |
| John Rohrback | Aquatic SWG Technical Support | Douglas PUD |
| Steve Lewis | Aquatic SWG Technical Representative | U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service |
| RD Nelle | Aquatic SWG Technical Support | U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service |
| Breean Zimmerman | Aquatic SWG Technical Representative | Washington State Department of Ecology |
| Laura Heironimus | Aquatic SWG Technical Alternate | Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife |
| Ralph Lampman | Aquatic SWG Technical Representative | Yakama Nation |
| Jason McLellan | Aquatic SWG Technical Representative | Colville Confederated Tribes |