



Conference Call Action Items

Aquatic Settlement Work Group

To: Aquatic SWG Parties

Date: January 12, 2022

From: John Ferguson, Chair, Anchor QEA, LLC

Re: Final Action Items of the January 12, 2022, 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, January 12, 2022, 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. U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) will submit a vote via email on the revised draft *Bull Trout Movement and Life History Investigation 2022* (2022 Bull Trout Passive Integrated Transponder [PIT] Study Plan) no later than close-of-business on Friday, January 14, 2022 (Item VI-2).
2. Aquatic SWG members will be prepared to vote on the draft *2022 Aquatic Settlement Agreement and Workgroup Action Plan*, draft *2022 Total Dissolved Gas Abatement Plan* and appended *Wells Bypass Operating Plan (2022 GAP/BOP)*, and draft *2021 Annual Report Total Dissolved Gas Abatement Plan (2021 TDG/GAP Report)* during the Aquatic SWG conference call on February 9, 2022 (Items VI-3 and VI-4).
3. Douglas PUD will inquire internally about accommodating an in-person tour of the dewatered Wells Dam east fishway, including possibly attending the fish rescue, and will coordinate with the Yakama Nation (YN), as needed (Item VI-5).
4. Douglas PUD (and possibly the YN) will distribute photographs of Pacific Lamprey passage improvements implemented in the Wells Dam east fishway and discuss these improvements during the Aquatic SWG conference call on February 9, 2022 (Item VI-5).
5. Douglas PUD will convene a technical subgroup (consisting of Ralph Lampman, Patrick Verhey, RD Nelle [USFWS], and Laura Heironimus) to discuss edits to the draft *Adult Lamprey Approach and Passage Study Plan, Wells Dam – 2022* (2022 Adult Pacific Lamprey Study Plan) and will provide a revised draft study plan for discussion during the Aquatic SWG conference call on February 9, 2022 (Item VI-8).

6. Douglas PUD will provide a proposed path forward for Wells Fish Hatchery White Sturgeon stocking considerations for discussion during the Aquatic SWG conference call on February 9, 2022 (Item VI-10).
7. The Aquatic SWG meeting on February 9, 2022, will be held by conference call (Item VII-2).

II. Summary of Decisions

1. Aquatic SWG members present approved the 2022 Bull Trout PIT Study Plan, as revised (Item VI-2). *(Note: USFWS requested to submit a vote via email no later than Friday, January 14, 2022.)*

III. Agreements

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

IV. Review Items

1. The draft *2022 Aquatic Settlement Agreement and Workgroup Action Plan* was distributed to the Aquatic SWG by Kristi Geris on December 16, 2021 (Item VI-3).
2. The draft 2021 TDG/GAP Report and draft 2022 GAP/BOP were distributed to the Aquatic SWG by Kristi Geris on January 11, 2022. Douglas PUD will request approval of these draft documents during the Aquatic SWG conference call on February 9, 2022 (Item VI-4).

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	Aquatic SWG Technical Alternate	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 Zimmermant†	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 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

Notes:

† Left the conference call during agenda Item VI-8