



# Conference Call Action Items

## Aquatic Settlement Work Group

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**To:** Aquatic SWG Parties

**Date:** February 10, 2022

**From:** John Ferguson, Chair, Anchor QEA, LLC

**Re:** Final Action Items of the February 9, 2022, Aquatic SWG Conference Call

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Below is a summary of Action Items from the Aquatic Settlement Work Group (SWG) meeting that was held by conference call on Wednesday, February 9, 2022, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Attendees are listed in Attachment A. These action items include the following:

### I. Summary of Action Items

1. Douglas PUD will review construction drawings for the Wells Dam fishways and collection galleries to identify the number and locations of wall-to-wall diffuser gratings in each ladder, for discussion during the Aquatic SWG conference call on March 9, 2022 (Item VI-6).
2. The YN will distribute a presentation on Pacific Lamprey transformation identification techniques that Ralph Lampman shared during the Pacific Lamprey Information Exchange Webinar that occurred on February 8, 2022 (Item VI-7).
3. Aquatic SWG members will review the revised *Wells Dam 2022 Adult Lamprey Approach and Passage Study Plan* (2022 Adult Pacific Lamprey Study Plan) and revised *Statement of Agreement Regarding the Implementation of the Wells Dam 2022 Adult Lamprey Approach and Passage Study Plan* (2022 Adult Pacific Lamprey Statement of Agreement [SOA]) and be prepared to vote to approve during the Aquatic SWG conference call on March 9, 2022 (Item VI-8).
4. Douglas PUD will develop language to more clearly define the release strategy for prioritizing study fish in the 2022 Adult Pacific Lamprey Study Plan, for discussion during the Aquatic SWG conference call on March 9, 2022 (Item VI-8).
5. Aquatic SWG members will review the draft SOA, *Wells Reservoir White Sturgeon Supplementation 2023-2026*, and be prepared to vote to approve during the Aquatic SWG conference call on March 9, 2022 (Item VI-9).
6. Resource comanagers will discuss the timeline and potential modeling needed for setting harvest goals for White Sturgeon in the Wells Reservoir, as it relates to the proposed

duration of the 4-year draft SOA, *Wells Reservoir White Sturgeon Supplementation 2023-2026*, for discussion during the Aquatic SWG conference call on March 9, 2022 (Item VI-9).

7. The Aquatic SWG meeting on March 9, 2022, will be held by conference call (Item VII-1).

## II. Summary of Decisions

1. Aquatic SWG members present approved the *2022 Aquatic Settlement Agreement and Workgroup Action Plan*, as revised (Item VI-3).
2. Aquatic SWG members present approved the *2021 Annual Report Total Dissolved Gas Abatement Plan* (2021 TDG/GAP Report), as revised (Item VI-4).
3. Aquatic SWG members present approved the *2022 Total Dissolved Gas Abatement Plan* and appended *Wells Bypass Operating Plan* (2022 GAP/BOP), as revised (Item VI-5).

## III. Agreements

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

## IV. Review Items

1. The draft SOA, *Wells Reservoir White Sturgeon Supplementation 2023-2026*, was distributed to the Aquatic SWG by Kristi Geris on February 7, 2022 (Item VI-10).
2. The revised 2022 Adult Pacific Lamprey Study Plan and revised 2022 Adult Pacific Lamprey SOA were distributed to the Aquatic SWG by Kristi Geris before the Aquatic SWG conference call on February 9, 2022 (Item VI-8).

## V. Documents Finalized

1. The final *2022 Aquatic Settlement Agreement and Workgroup Action Plan*, as revised, was distributed to the Aquatic SWG by Kristi Geris following the Aquatic SWG conference call on February 9, 2022 (Item VI-3).
2. The final 2021 TDG/GAP Report, as revised, was distributed to the Aquatic SWG by Kristi Geris following the Aquatic SWG conference call on February 9, 2022 (Item VI-4).
3. The final 2022 GAP/BOP, as revised, was distributed to the Aquatic SWG by Kristi Geris following the Aquatic SWG conference call on February 9, 2022 (Item VI-5).

## Attachment A – List of Attendees

<b>Name</b>	<b>Role</b>	<b>Organization</b>
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 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 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:

† Only present for the review and approval of the 2021 TDG/GAP Report (Item VI-4).