Project Swan Safe update July 1st 2021

Today, July 1st, OPAS received word that the property owner who was recovering from health issues, agreed to sign the easement that allows the project to proceed. He met with the Clallam County PUD engineering manager and signed the easement that permits us to set a work schedule. PUD will finalize their engineering plan and provide us with a date for the project. In addition, Clallam County Roads Department has approved the project’s permit application.

John Acklen’s skillful negotiations with Wave Cable resulted in a revised, lower bid, along with their commitment to sign on as a Swan Safe project partner. Our excavating contractor, C and J excavating, has also agreed to join our partnership and work with us to keep their costs under control. Super job John!

Once again, a large THANK YOU to Shelly Ament, WDFW biologist, for her untiring commitment to making our Swan Safe project proceed this summer. Last week she reached out directly to the property owner who had delayed signing and expressed the urgency of getting the easement completed this week.

John Acklen, our OPAS lead person for this project will return from his extended cross-country vacation in early July and resume providing more frequent updates as scheduling, planning, and actual work move forward.

Once more we continue to extend our thanks to you our donors, for your continuing support, dedication to keeping the swans safe, and your patience as we have worked through the easements, contracts, bids, and permits needed to make the work occur. The generous and timely contributions you have made will produce a safer wintering pond for swans for many years to come. The safety of the birds will be your tangible reward!

Ken Wiersema, President