



NATIONAL WILDFIRE COORDINATING GROUP

NIAC-Interagency Aerial Supervision Subcommittee

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Date: 16 June 2021
To: John Buehler, Chair, National Interagency Aviation Committee (NIAC)
From: Walter Bunt, Chair NIAC-Interagency Aerial Supervision Subcommit
Subject: Review and Adoption of Aerial Supervision Requirements for Amphibious Water Scoopers.

Purpose: The purpose of this memorandum is to provide a change request to your committee for review, approval and adoption by NWCG partners as a standard for Aerial Supervision Requirements during wildland aviation operations.

Background: The NWCG Standards for Aerial Supervision, PMS 505 does not contain specific information for aerial supervision requirements related to Amphibious Water Scoopers when the resource is not "Initial Attack" carded. An Initial Attack (IA) carded Amphibious Water Scooper is defined as having an Initial Attack Water Scooper Captain as the Pilot in Command (PIC) and they are designated as an AKI. The lack of an identified Interagency Standard for the level of Aerial Supervision Required when an Amphibious Water Scooper is not IA carded is causing the users of these resources to choose between the "Airtanker not IA carded" and the "Level 2 SEAT" standards which have separate requirements.

Recommendation: On 16 June 2021, the IASS met and agreed to the following update to the *NWCG Standards for Aerial Supervision, PMS 505*. This change would be placed in Chapter 3, Table 1, as the 5th Line (Situation).

SITUATION	HLCO	LPIL	ATGS / ASM***
Multi-Engine Amphibious Water Scooper Not IA Carded.	N/A	REQUIRED IF NO ATGS	REQUIRED IF NO LPIL

NIAC Decision

Approved:

Denied:

Contact: Please direct questions to IASS-Chair, Walter Bunt at 208-387-5327 or walter.bunt@usda.gov.

Reference: NWCG Standards for Aerial Supervision, PMS 505, Chapter 3, Table 1.

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