

# SOP: Pinpoint GPS logger data retrieval and programming

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## Data retrieval - Swift GPS fixes on Lotek PinPoint 8/10 units

1. Open Lotek PinPoint Host software.
2. Connect DLC-1 to computer via USB.
3. Ensure PinPoint GPS logger's electrical connections are clear of mud/debris and connect to the DLC-1. A good connection will be indicated by a green **COM** light on the DLC-1 unit.
4. If necessary, select the correct communications (COM) port to connect to the DLC-1. A dropdown menu is located in the upper left of the screen below the **System** menu.
5. Click **<Show Tag Parameters>** button (also available under the **Commands** menu).
6. Click **<Deactivate Tag>** button (also available under the **Commands** menu).
7. If tag has been deployed for more than a couple of months, allow it to charge completely prior to data retrieval. A full charge will be indicated by a green **CHRG** light on the DLC-1 unit.
8. Click **<Get GPS Data>** button (also available under the **Data** menu).
9. When prompted, save the \*.psr file and, subsequently, enter the coordinates and altitude (m) of the initial Swift fix. Adam will provide this information for each tag.
10. Send the resultant \*.psr and \*.obs files to Adam. The \*.obs file will be located in the same directory, and share the same name, as the \*.psr file.
11. Confirm receipt of these files prior to reprogramming the tag for another deployment.

## Tag programming - Swift GPS fixes on Lotek PinPoint 8/10 units

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4. If necessary, select the correct communications (COM) port to connect to the DLC-1. A dropdown menu is located in the upper left of the screen below the **System** menu.
5. Click **<Show Tag Parameters>** button (also available under the **Commands** menu).
6. If tag is activated, click **<Deactivate Tag>** button (also available under the **Commands** menu).
7. Synchronize your computer's system time with official US time, available at [time.gov](http://time.gov).
8. Synchronize the tag time with your system time by clicking **<Set Tag Time>** button (also available under the **Commands** menu) and following the default prompts.
9. Click **<Send GPS Schedule>** button (also available under the **Schedule** menu) and browse to the location of the desired schedule file (\*.ASF). These files are available from Adam. Follow the default prompts after selecting this file. Note: an initial GPS fix at a known location is necessary to get accurate Swift fixes. This initial fix is a part of the schedule, so pick a time and date that is convenient for you and let Adam know.
10. Allow the tag to charge completely prior to activation. A full charge will be indicated by a green **CHRG** light on the DLC-1 unit.
11. Click **<Activate Tag>** button (also available under the **Commands** menu) and follow default prompts (e.g., erase tag data).
12. Just prior to the initial fix time (see above), place the tag at least 1 m above the ground in a spot that (a) is easily located with high accuracy on, e.g., Google Maps, and (b) has a clear view of the sky. The fix is acquired in  $\leq 10$  s, but ensure that you've given the tag(s) time to acquire the fix prior to removal. Checking [time.gov](http://time.gov) on a mobile device is a good way to confirm the fix time has passed.