



Priest Rapids Coordinating Committee

FINAL APPROVED MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, January 23, 2018
Grant PUD Wenatchee Office
1:00 pm

PRCC Meeting Representatives

Scott Carlon, Justin Yeager (Alt), NMFS
Keely Murdoch, Bob Rose (alt), YN
Tom Skiles, CTUIR
Erin McIntyre, Admin Ass't, GPUD
Denny Rohr, D. Rohr & Assoc, Facilitator

Jim Craig, USFWS
Kirk Truscott, Casey Baldwin (alt) CCT
Chad Jackson, P. Verhey (Alt) WDFW
Curt Dotson, Tom Dresser (Alt), GPUD

Meeting Attendees

Jim Craig, Tom Skiles (phone), Curt Dotson, Scott Carlon, Denny Rohr, Erin McIntyre, Keely Murdoch, Tom Dresser (phone), Kirk Truscott, Chad Jackson

Decisions

1. November 22, 2017 and December 12, 2017 were finalized and approved.
2. SOA 2017-07, acceptance of 2015, 2016, and 2017 Steelhead Survival Estimates as meeting the (3 Yr. Ave.) Project Performance Standard were affirmed as approved.
3. SOA 2018-01, Statement of Agreement on Grant PUD's Coho Obligation and Future Juvenile Survival Evaluation Schedule for Yearling Chinook, Sockeye and Steelhead was approved.

Meeting Minutes

- I. **Agenda Review (D. Rohr)** – No additions.
- II. **Meeting Minutes (D. Rohr)** – December 12, 2017 approved; affirmation of final approval for November 22, 2017.

- III. **Action Items** Review from December 12, 2017 meeting (D. Rohr) – All action items were completed.
- IV. **Affirmation of Approval** (D. Rohr) – SOA 2017-07, acceptance of 2015, 2016, and 2017 Steelhead Survival Estimates as meeting the (3 Yr. Ave.) Project Performance Standard – Rohr stated that SOA 2017-07 is approved. All members, except for T. Skiles, had approved SOA 2017-07 during the December 12, 2017 PRCC meeting. During that meeting and vote, Skiles requested more time. Skiles notified Rohr by email the day following the meeting that he also approved SOA 2017-07. Accordingly, SOA 2017-07 is approved.
- V. **DECISION ITEM: SOA 2018-01**, Statement of Agreement on Grant PUD's Coho Obligation and Future Juvenile Survival Evaluation Schedule for Yearling Chinook, Sockeye and Steelhead - (T. Dresser, K. Murdoch) GCPUD and the Yakama Nation walked the PRCC through draft SOA 2018-01.

CCT had a question regarding of when the check-in/recalculation time was for Coho. Grant PUD indicated that as the SOA is drafted, 2023 is the decision point to decide if survival evaluations are necessary or if coho mitigation remains at 14%. CCT also asked about what happens if the survival is lower than what it is now. Grant PUD indicated that nothing in SOA precludes any member from digging into data and bringing forward new information that suggests that survival is lower than 14%. CCT asked about the term of the SOA and Grant PUD and Yakama Nation indicated that the term is actually 2032.

WDFW requested that a footnote be added to ensure that if other facilities are to be used to support the coho program that it be reviewed and approved by the PRCC Hatchery Subcommittee. Grant PUD was comfortable with that footnote addition.

After discussion, PRCC Committee members voted to APPROVE.

- VI. **Update Discussion of Estimating the Survival of Juvenile Spring Chinook in Lake Wenatchee (D.Rohr)** – Rohr informed the committee members that a meeting was scheduled to take place immediately after today's PRCC meeting to discuss this subject. Attendees will be C. Jackson, S. Carlon, C. Dotson, P. Graf, and D. Rohr. Rohr also invited others to attend if desired.
- VII. **Potpourri – (D. Rohr)**
 - A GPUD 2018 Total Dissolved Gas Abatement Plan – This report has been distributed to FERC, and copies were distributed to PRCC members by email of January 3, 2018.
 - B UCSRB Science Conference January 24, 25 – Rohr commented on the meeting which is to be held over the next 2 days. Several PRCC members will be in attendance.
 - C Steve Hays Retirement Reception, January 23, 2018– Rohr commented that long time Chelan PUD biologist Steve Hays is retiring, and a reception is scheduled in Wenatchee this day from 2 – 4:00.

VIII. GENERAL UPDATES

- A Avian Predation Activities (C. Dotson) – No update.
- B Tern Depredation Permit Activities (T. Dresser) –The FWS unofficially turned Grant down with their request for a Depredation Permit. Accordingly, Grant has withdrawn their application.
- C Hatchery Activities (T. Dresser) – No Update.
 - 4. Carlton Acclimation Facility –
 - 5. Nason Creek Acclimation Facility –
 - 6. Priest Rapids Hatchery Modifications
 - 7. Penticton Hatchery
- D Hatchery Permits: Sec 10 Consultation/Summer Chinook, Sec 7 Consultation/Bull Trout. (T. Dresser) - No update.
- E Review of Outstanding NNI Funded Projects
 - 1. Continued Support for Upper Columbia Fish Screen Monitoring Program (C. Jackson) – C. Jackson and D. Rohr have discussed a schedule for D. Didricksen to provide update reports to the PRCC. The first update will occur in April and continue quarterly thereafter. Lower Wenatchee Instream Flow Enhancement Project Phase II (C. Jackson) - No Update.
 - 2. Methow Valley Irrigation District (MVID) Instream Flow Improvement Project (T. Dresser) – K. Truscott wanted to alert T. Dresser that he is hearing there may be some funding issues with this project. Truscott stated that Chris Fisher (CCT representative on the PRCC Habitat SC) is checking into this further, and Dresser commented he will follow up with Grant staff as well. Accordingly, this will be updated in more detail at the February PRCC meeting.
 - 3. Predator Fish Recruitment Reduction (B. Rose, K. Murdoch) No update.
 - 4. Northern Pike Removal in Lake Roosevelt (K. Truscott)- No update.
 - 5. Satellite Telemetry of Caspian Terns (C. Dotson) – No update.
- IX. **Committee Reports** (D. Rohr) – Rohr distributed to members
- X. **Qtrly NNI and Habitat Funds Report** – Year-End 2017 (D. Rohr) – Work in progress, and a year-end report is expected soon.
- XI. **Next Meeting** – Wednesday, February 28, 2018, Wanapum Dam HOB, Room 107 (D. Rohr)

Action Items for January 23, 2018 Meeting

- 1. Rohr will distribute copy of final and approved SOA 2018-01 to PRCC members.
- 2. Truscott and Dresser will follow up regarding funding questions about MVID project.