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Priest Rapids Coordinating Committee

April 11, 2014

Conference Call

PRCC Members

Scott Carlon, Bryan Nordlund, NMFS
Kirk Truscott, CCT
Bob Rose, YN
Tom Dresser, Curt Dotson, GCPUD

Jim Craig, USFWS
Jeff Korth, C. Andonaegui, P. Verhey WDFW
Jeff Skiles (CRITFC) representing CTUIR
Denny Rohr, Facilitator

Attendees

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Final Meeting Minutes

- I. **Welcome and Agenda Review** - Rohr welcomed participants to the conference call. Rohr outlined the purpose of today's call and the subjects to be addressed. Accordingly, the meeting agenda and subsequent decisions by PRCC members are outlined below.
- II. **Continued discussion regarding PR Turbine Installation and "use of BioPA scores in lieu of balloon tag study"** – The document distributed at the March 26, 2014 PRCC meeting titled "Biological Performance Assessment for Support of Turbine Designs Associated with the Priest Rapids Dam Turbine Upgrade Project" was again referenced and discussed. Rohr explained that the question before the committee is whether the BioPA scores can be used in lieu of doing a balloon tag study. Truscott noted that using the BioPA score in lieu of a balloon tag study, GPUD is accepting the financial risk associated with upfront costs of turbine manufacture/install without empirical survival data of the new turbines and that if actual survival with the new turbines is less than expected, additional costs may be accrued by GPUD to bring the project survival in line with survival criteria. After extended discussion, **PRCC members approved the use of the BioPA scores in lieu of doing a balloon tag study. Skiles abstained.**
- III. **Continued discussion of the "Upper Columbia Fish Screen Monitoring Program – Phase II** - This proposal and use of NNI funding for this program was presented at the March 26, 2014

PRCC meeting. At that time, committee members raised some questions and also requested additional time to review the proposal more thoroughly. Subsequent to the March 26th meeting, Korth provided additional information relative to the questions raised by committee members. **Accordingly, after thorough discussion of the proposal and the additional information provided by Korth, committee members approved use of NNI funding for this proposal. Skiles abstained.**

- IV. **Continued discussion of Statement of Agreement (SOA) 2014-02 on Evaluations to be implemented in 2014 as part of existing requirements or as a result of the Wanapum Spillway Fracture and Wanapum Reservoir Drawdown** – This SOA was first introduced to the committee on April 4, 2014. Extensive discussion was held at that time and approval of the SOA was given by several committee members. **After continued discussion during today's meeting, committee members gave final approval to SOA 2014-02. Skiles abstained.**
- V. **Continued discussion of NNI Funding Request from PRCC Habitat Sub Committee – Lower Wenatchee Instream Flow Enhancement Project Phase II** – This project was first introduced at the March 26, 2014 PRCC meeting. Jeremy Cram, WDFW Habitat SC member, participated in that meeting to provide an explanation and answer questions regarding the details of the project, and to also request NNI funding in the amount of \$456,241. During the March 26th meeting, committee members concluded their discussion by approving to fund 50% of the requested amount for this project from NNI funds. Subsequent to the March 26th PRCC meeting, Craig learned of additional information relative to the funding being requested, and he shared that information at today's meeting. Specifically, Craig outlined that the funding amount now being requested was approximately half of the initial funding expectation. **Accordingly, after extended discussion, committee members approved funding the project in total from the NNI Fund in the amount of \$456,241. Skiles abstained.**
- VI. **Next Meeting** – Rohr reminded the committee that the next conference call would be held on Monday, April 14, 2014 at the conclusion of the Monday morning Wanapum Briefing call. Rohr will distribute call in information for the meeting.