Priest Rapids Coordinating Committee Statement of Agreement on Designating Coho Salmon Survival Surrogate

Submitted to the Priest Rapids Coordinating Committee: <u>January 25, 2017</u> Approved by the Priest Rapids Coordinating Committee: <u>February 27, 2017</u>

<u>Statement:</u> The Priest Rapids Coordinating Committee (PRCC) agrees that yearling Chinook salmon will be used as a surrogate for coho salmon survival. This surrogate survival will be used to estimate No-Net-Impact (NNI) hatchery compensation for upper Columbia Basin coho salmon that enter the Priest Rapids Project.

<u>Background:</u> Survival rates for yearling Chinook, coho, sockeye, and steelhead were compared and presented in a 2016 memo (Skalski and Townsend, 2016).

Citations:

Skalski, J.R. and R.L. Townsend. 2016. Comparison of Juvenile Survival of Chinook Salmon, Sockeye Salmon, Steelhead, and Coho Salmon Releases through the Grant Project, 2010-2015. Memo by Columbia Basin Research for Public Utility District No. 2 of Grant County, Ephrata, WA.