



Priest Rapids Coordinating Committee Meeting AGENDA

Tuesday, June 28, 2022
9:00 to 11:30AM

**Location: Douglas PUD auditorium
1151 Valley Mall Parkway, East Wenatchee**

See map on back of agenda for entry location (O) and parking (X).

Zoom Meeting available:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81069135558>

Meeting ID: 810 6913 5558

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Or, find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/u/kAwJXde0w>

PRCC Representatives

Scott Carlon, Justin Yeager (Alt), NMFS
Keely Murdoch, Brandon Rogers (Alt), YN
Chad Jackson, P. Verhey (Alt) WDFW
Curt Dotson, Tom Dresser (Alt), GPUD

Jim Craig (absent), USFWS
Kirk Truscott (absent), Casey Baldwin (alt), CCT
Tom Skiles, CTUIR

Decisions and Approvals Made During May 24, 2022, Meeting

1. **Decision:** Erin to reserve meeting rooms at Wanapum for future meetings (completed).
2. **Approved:** March and April meeting minutes are final.

Agenda

- I. **Welcome, Announcements and Introductions**
- II. **Agenda Review**
- III. **May Meeting Minutes Approval**

- A. May 24, 2022, PRCC meeting minutes – May meeting minutes were distributed by Bryan Nordlund by email on June 8. Comments are due by July 7, 2022.

IV. Status of Actions Items from May 24, 2022, Meeting

- A. Nordlund has followed up with John Ferguson and Douglas PUD to discuss options for future Coordinating Committee meetings. Tentatively, meetings will be held at two locations (Douglas PUD auditorium and Wanapum HOB-107) with virtual access available, and virtual only meetings (poor weather months).
- B. Follow-up on Corp/BOR Avian Predation Management (Skiles, Carlon and Dotson – work in progress).

V. 2021 Fish Passage Operations Report

- A. **Update on investigations for fish count discrepancy:**
Updates from Curt and PRCC discussion.
- B. **Fish ladder inspections:**
Tom Skiles performs monthly ladder inspections at the GPUD dams for the fisheries agencies and tribes. Any report?
- C. **Fish spill updates:**
Spill season has commenced for the juvenile outmigration (April 2022).
- D. **Fish counts for 2022 (April 15 – June 13)**

Project/Life Stage	Spring Chinook	Summer Chinook	Sockeye	Fall Chinook	Steelhead	Coho
Priest Rapids adults	21,091				16	
Rock Island adults	21,529				79	
Priest Rapids jacks	3329					
Rock Island-jacks	3322					

VI. Discussion - Develop PRCC operations protocols (e.g., SOA development, timing, agenda items, presentations etc.)

DRAFT For PRCC input - outline development for PRCC Operations protocols					
General Protocol	Specifics	Initiation timing	Review timing	Comment venue	
Statement of agreement	SOA	after PRCC discussion	per PRCC chosen comment process	Agency letter or PRCC vote	
New PRCC agenda topic	none	anytime	next PRCC	PRCC e-mail	
Meeting protocols	Agenda	7 days after PRCC	next PRCC	verbal or e-mail	
	Minutes	NA	next PRCC	verbal or e-mail	
	Conducting meeting	NA	NA	NA	
Document review	NNI study report	upon completion	30 days	PRCC email	
	Survival study report	upon completion	90 days	Agency letter	
	Draft survival study	upon completion	45 days	PRCC email	
	Joint study (eg. HSC)	upon completion	30 days	PRCC email	
	PRCC generated study	upon completion	30 days	PRCC email	
Voting	Member absent from PRCC meeting	Facilitator follow-up after PRCC	3 days after PRCC	Facilitator e-mail to PRCC	
	General Item	after PRCC discussion	30 days	PRCC vote	
Vetting Issues	none	anytime	next PRCC	NA	
Notification of meeting absence	meeting topics	at least 1 day prior to meeting	NA	waive input for meeting or send alternate	
	meeting votes	Facilitator follow-up after PRCC	3 days after PRCC	Facilitator e-mail to PRCC	

VII. Discussion - Future meeting locations and times.

Currently, options include Douglas PUD auditorium, Wanapum HOB-107 and virtual meetings. We decided last meeting to use all of these in a yet to be determined order. I have brought the request that the “home team” committee meetings take place in the afternoon, with the “visitors” meetings take place in the morning. An example of this is happening today.

VIII. Discussion - Survival study preliminary discussions.

Let's focus on fleshing out list from last meeting and prioritize discussions. Potential discussion points include:

- timing, species, life stage(s)
- future workshops needed?
- tag type
- standard to measure (combine projects? combine adult + juvenile?)
- accuracy/precision of data analysis
- fish source
- release points
- assessing tag and tagger effects detection points
- dealing with adverse river flow conditions
- plant operations
- achieving standard or not – path forward
- factoring in avian predation
- others, per PRCC discussion?

UPDATES

IX. Review of Outstanding NNI Funded Projects

- A. Lower Wenatchee Instream Flow Enhancement Project Phase II – (no updates)
- B. Avian Predation on ESA-listed Juvenile Salmonids on the Mid-Columbia River, 2021 (weekly updates have been forwarded to PRCC)
- C. Barkley Irrigation Company Permanent Point of Diversion - Completing Implementation of the Permanent Solution (no updates)
- D. Northern Pike Removal (2022-2024) – in place
- E. Quincy Pikeminnow Derby – in place
- F. Wenatchee PIT tag barge – exception to SOA 2013-04 granted and in place

X. Committee Updates

Bryan Nordlund has forwarded the latest subcommittee distributions he has received to date via email.

- A. Priest Rapids Fish Forum – PRFF met on June 1. An update from the PRFF has been forwarded to the PRCC.
- B. Habitat Subcommittee – No HabSC meeting this month. Next meeting is scheduled for July 14.

C. Fall Chinook Work Group – No meeting this month.

D. Hatchery Subcommittee – HSC met on June 15, 2022.

XI. SOA’s discussed in 2022

SOA number	Key words	Last Discussed	Status
2021-06	Facilitator selection	January 25, 2022	open

XII. Next Meetings

The next PRCC meetings are scheduled for July 26 and August 23, 2022, time and location TBD.

XIII. Today’s Action Item Summary: (each member)

