

Priest Rapids Coordinating Committee Meeting

AGENDA

Tuesday, April 28, 2026

9:00 AM to 11:00 AM (PRCC session)

11:00 AM to 12:30 PM (joint subyearling session)

**In Person at Confluence Technology Center
and Microsoft Teams**

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PRCC Representatives, Alternates, and Facilitation

Larissa Rohrbach, Anchor QEA, Facilitator	Scott Carlon, Emi Melton (Alt), NMFS
Kristi Geris, Anchor QEA, Technical Support	Chad Jackson, Andrew Murdoch (Alt), WDFW
Tom Lorz, Pete McHugh (Alt), CRITFC for CTUIR	Clayton Buck, Nathan Buck, Wanapum
Kirk Truscott, Casey Baldwin (Alt), CTCR	Bill Gale, USFWS
Tom Dresser, Rod O'Connor (Alt),	Keely Murdoch, Brandon Rogers (Alt), YN
Tim Taylor (Alt), GPUD	

Action Items

- L. Rohrbach will work with T. Dresser to identify proposed dates for a PRCC Policy Committee meeting, including a timeline for materials preparation. *(This item is ongoing.)*
- The Joint Fisheries Parties (JFP) will review and respond to Grant PUD's revisions to the draft statement of agreement (SOA) *Survival Evaluations - Path Forward*. *(This item is ongoing.)*
- Grant PUD will verify whether dead fish releases were used in the studies presented in the ongoing review of past survival studies. *(This item is ongoing.)*

- Grant PUD will consider looking into route-specific survival data as they relate to avian predation presented in the ongoing review of past survival studies. *(This item is ongoing.)*
- Grant PUD will update the draft White River Spring Chinook Program Public Outreach and Stakeholder Engagement Guide with suggested responses to the talking points. *(This item is ongoing.)*
- Anchor QEA will distribute calendar placeholders for April 1 and April 2, from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m., to discuss the forthcoming PRCC No Net Impact (NNI) Funds Specification Sheet (spec sheet) for the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission's (CRITFC's) proposed work. Anchor QEA will also reach out to K. Truscott about his availability to attend one of these sessions. P. McHugh will communicate to J. Fryer (CRITFC) that a spec sheet is needed before April 1. *(Note: All these items were completed after the PRCC meeting on March 24. Ultimately, CRITFC decided not to pursue this request for NNI funds.)*
- Anchor QEA will reach out to K. Truscott about the Confederated Tribe of the Colville Reservation's (CTCR's) vote on *Task 3.2.b Rock Island Dam (RIS) Yearling Chinook passive integrated transponder (PIT)-tagging of Real Time Research's (RTR's) PRCC NNI Funds Specification titled Avian Predation on Juvenile Salmonids on the Middle Columbia River, 2026.* *(Note: This outreach was completed on March 25, and K. Truscott indicated that the CTCR approves Task 3.2.b via email on April 15, 2026.)*
- Anchor QEA will obtain written clarification from T. Hillman (PRCC Hatchery Subcommittee [HSC] Chair) about the current status of the White River Spring Chinook Salmon Program process. *(Note: This clarification was distributed to the PRCC by K. Geris on March 27, 2026.)*
- Grant PUD will continue discussing the "Past Survival Studies Review" agenda topic after completion of this year's smolt survival study.

Agenda

I. **Welcome, Announcements, Agenda Review, and Meeting Minutes Approval**

The draft March 10 PRCC meeting minutes for review were distributed on March 31. The draft minutes for approval were distributed on April 21.

The draft March 24 PRCC meeting minutes for review were distributed on April 15. The revised minutes for approval were distributed on April 21.

Meeting minutes approval protocols.

(Reminder: No later than 10:30 a.m., send email notification confirming the SY session start time [tentatively 11:00 a.m.])

II. Actions Items Review

III. Survival Evaluations Path Forward SOA (TBD)

IV. 2026-2028 Smolt Survival Studies Preparations (TBD)

V. White River Spring Chinook Salmon Program (TBD)

VI. 2026 Fish Passage Operations

A. Fish ladder inspections

B. Fish spill updates

C. Adult Fish counts for 2026 (April 15 – November 15)

The following are final adult fish counts from April 15 through April 20:

Project	Spring Chinook Salmon ^a		Summer Chinook Salmon ^b		Fall Chinook Salmon ^c		Sockeye Salmon	Coho Salmon	Steelhead
	Adults	Jacks	Adults	Jacks	Adults	Jacks			
PRD	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
WAN	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
RIS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5

Notes:

a: Chinook counted from April 15 to June 13 are considered spring Chinook Salmon.

b: Chinook counted from June 14 to August 13 are considered summer Chinook Salmon.

c: Chinook counted after August 14 are considered fall Chinook Salmon.

PRD = Priest Rapids; WAN = Wanapum; RIS = Rock Island

UPDATES

VII. NNI-Funded Projects

A. Lower Wenatchee Instream Flow Enhancement Project Phase II
Complete?

B. Northern Pike Removal
No update anticipated.

C. WDFW PIT Tag Barge
No update anticipated.

D. 2026 Quincy Northern Pikeminnow Derby
No update anticipated.

E. 2026 RTR Avian Predation Study

No update anticipated.

VIII. Subcommittee Updates

K. Geris has forwarded the latest subcommittee distributions she has received to date to PRCC members and alternates.

- Priest Rapids Fish Forum – met April 1, next meeting May 6.
- Habitat Subcommittee – met April 9, next meeting May 14.
- Fall Chinook Work Group – met October 7, next meeting April 30.
- Hatchery Subcommittee – met April 15 to 16, next meeting May 20 to 21.

IX. SOAs discussed in 2026

SOA number	Key Words	Last Discussed	Status
2026-01	Decoupling Summer Subyearling Survival	February 24, 2026	Approved (March 20, 2026)
2026-XX	Survival Evaluations - Path Forward	November 25, 2025	In Review

X. Next PRCC Meeting

The next PRCC meeting will be on Tuesday, May 26, 2026, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., to be held in-person at the Douglas PUD Auditorium in East Wenatchee, Washington. A joint session with the HCP-CC for a Subyearling Chinook Salmon Workshop Recap (Joint Session 17) will be held from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. (schedule TBD).

XI. Subyearling Joint Session 16 (with HCP-CCs)

Vote to approve the Douglas PUD study plan.

Grant/Chelan PUDs study update.