

## Priest Rapids Coordinating Committee Conference Call

### AGENDA

**Tuesday, January 27, 2026**  
**9:00 AM to 12:00 PM (PRCC session)**  
**12:30 PM to 1:00 PM (joint subyearling session)**

#### Microsoft Teams

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#### **PRCC Representatives, Alternates, and Facilitation**

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

#### **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*).
- Grant PUD will update the revised draft statement of agreement (SOA) *Survival Evaluations - Path Forward* to retain content where there is agreement and consider documenting in a background section topics that were discussed but will not be included in the agreement. (*This item is ongoing*).
- The Joint Fisheries Parties (JFP) will submit additional edits to the revised draft SOA *Decoupling Summer Subyearling Survival Estimates From Juvenile*

*Steelhead Survival Estimates* in the version distributed on November 20, for discussion during the PRCC conference call on January 27, 2026.

- 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 for discussion during the PRCC conference call on January 27, 2026. *(This item is ongoing)*.
- Grant PUD will look into updating next year's annual Fish Mode Summary Memorandum to include minutes, hours, and date ranges when fish mode at Wanapum Dam operated below 11.8 kcfs. *(This item is ongoing)*.
- Grant PUD and other PRCC parties will review the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) and National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) Fishway Prescriptions requirements and processes related to recording adult counts of all species. *(This item is ongoing)*.
- Grant PUD will review the annual reporting requirements for the Northern Pike Removal No Net Impact (NNI)-Funded Project, and Anchor QEA will reach out to the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation (CTCR) about a presentation, if needed. *(Note: A 2025 Lake Roosevelt Northern Pike Suppression Memorandum was distributed to the PRCC by K. Geris on January 6.)*

## Agenda

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

The draft December 15 PRCC conference call minutes for review were distributed on January 12. The revised minutes for approval were distributed on January 20.

The draft January 14 PRCC extra conference call minutes will be distributed the week of January 19.

### II. **Actions Items Review**

### III. **RTR 2026 Avian Predation Work (20 mins)**

DECISION: Request for NNI funding

RTR's 2026 Proposal distributed on Jan 5; 2025 Report Presentation distributed on Jan 16.

### IV. **Decoupling Summer Subs and Steelhead SOA (TBD)**

- V. Survival Evaluations Path Forward SOA (TBD)**
- VI. Past Survival Studies Review (20 mins)**  
Steelhead Recap & Action Items Follow-up
- VII. 2026-2028 Smolt Survival Study Preparations (15 mins)**
- VIII. Annual Progress and Implementation Report (5 mins)**  
Forthcoming 30-day PRCC review.
- IX. 2026 Fish Passage Operations**  
Elect Agency Spill Representatives for 2026 Spill Season

**A. *Fish ladder inspections***

**B. *Fish spill updates***

**C. *Adult Fish counts for 2025 (April 15 – November 15)***

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

| Project | Spring Chinook Salmon <sup>a</sup> |       | Summer Chinook Salmon <sup>b</sup> |       | Fall Chinook Salmon <sup>c</sup> |       | Sockeye Salmon | Coho Salmon | Steelhead |
|---------|------------------------------------|-------|------------------------------------|-------|----------------------------------|-------|----------------|-------------|-----------|
|         | Adults                             | Jacks | Adults                             | Jacks | Adults                           | Jacks |                |             |           |
| PRD     | 15,932                             | 842   | 38,260                             | 920   | 21,707                           | 1,272 | 141,503        | 16,221      | 9,363     |
| WAN     | 15,784                             | 1,470 | 41,158                             | 993   | 10,410                           | 723   | 139,607        | 16,063      | 9,110     |
| RIS     | 14,532                             | 1,017 | 39,868                             | 1,194 | 7,905                            | 306   | 139,677        | 15,874      | 7,880     |

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**

### **X. NNI-Funded Projects**

**A. Lower Wenatchee Instream Flow Enhancement Project Phase II**

Updates provided to the PRCC HabSC in their 11/13 and 1/8 meetings.

**B. Northern Pike Removal**

2025 Lake Roosevelt Northern Pike Suppression Memo distributed on January 6.

**C. WDFW PIT Tag Barge**

No update anticipated.

**D. 2026 Quincy Northern Pikeminnow Derby**

Request for NNI funding forthcoming.

**E. 2026 RTR Avian Predation Study**

Covered above.

**XI. 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 January 7, next meeting February 4.
- Habitat Subcommittee – met January 8, next meeting February 12.
- Fall Chinook Work Group – met October 7, next meeting April 30.
- Hatchery Subcommittee – met January 20 and January 29, next meeting February 18 to 19.

**XII. SOAs discussed in 2026**

| SOA number | Key Words                              | Last Discussed    | Status    |
|------------|----------------------------------------|-------------------|-----------|
| 2026-XX    | Decoupling Summer Subyearling Survival | December 15, 2025 | In Review |
| 2026-XX    | Survival Evaluations - Path Forward    | November 25, 2025 | In Review |

**XIII. Next PRCC Meeting**

The next PRCC meeting will be on Tuesday, February 24, 2026, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., to be held virtually. A joint session with the HCP-CC for a Subyearling Chinook Salmon Workshop Recap (Joint Session 14) will be held from 12:30 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. (schedule TBD).

**XIV. Subyearling Workshop Recap (Joint Session 13 with HCP-CCs)**

PUD updates on draft study plans.