

Priest Rapids Coordinating Committee Conference Call

AGENDA

Tuesday, March 24, 2026

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

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

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PRCC Representatives, Alternates, and Facilitation

Larissa Rohrbach, Anchor QEA, Facilitator
Kristi Geris, Anchor QEA, Technical Support
Tom Lorz, CRITFC
Pete McHugh (Alt), CRITFC for CTUIR
Kirk Truscott, Casey Baldwin (Alt), CTCR
Tom Dresser, Rod O'Connor (Alt),
Tim Taylor (Alt), GPUD

Scott Carlon, Emi Melton (Alt), NMFS
Chad Jackson, Andrew Murdoch (Alt), WDFW
Clayton Buck, Wanapum
Bill Gale, USFWS
Keely Murdoch, Brandon Rogers (Alt), YN

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 reach out to K. Truscott and B. Gale (not in attendance) to obtain their approval of the PRCC January 27 meeting minutes. *(Note: K. Geris emailed a request for approval via email on February 25, 2026.)*
- Grant PUD will contact Real Time Research (RTR) and ask about the following: 1) a 1-hour follow-up call with the PRCC on March 10; and 2) whether a recommendation from the PRCC for a preferred approach for estimating spring Chinook Salmon predation rates is needed before the PRCC discuss this again in their March 24, 2026, meeting.
- Anchor QEA will reach out to K. Truscott and B. Gale (not in attendance) to obtain their approval of the SOA *Decoupling Summer Subyearling Survival Estimates From Juvenile Steelhead Survival Estimates*. *(Note: K. Geris emailed a request for approval via email after the PRCC conference call on February 24, 2026.)*
- P. McHugh will provide a draft PRCC No Net Impact (NNI) Funds Specification Sheet for the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission's (CRITFC's) wild Hanford subyearling passive integrated transponder (PIT)-tagging project for discussion, with Jeff Fryer (CRITFC Project Lead) in attendance, during next month's PRCC March 24, 2026, meeting.
- PRCC representatives will be prepared to vote on the PRCC NNI Funds Specification Sheet for Grant PUD's and Chelan PUD's project titled *Tag Effects Evaluation for Summer Subyearling Chinook Salmon* during next month's PRCC March 24, 2026, meeting.¹

Agenda

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

The draft February 24 PRCC conference call minutes for review were distributed on March 10. The revised minutes for approval were distributed on March 17.

Meeting minutes approval protocols.

¹ Grant PUD and Chelan PUD will also request approval of their draft study plan during next month's joint subyearling session (Joint Session 15).

The May 26 PRCC meeting will be held at the Douglas PUD Auditorium in East Wenatchee, WA.

(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. **NNI Spec Sheet – Wild Hanford Sub PIT-Tagging (P. McHugh, J. Fryer) (TBD)**
- IV. **DECISION: NNI Spec Sheet – Subyearling Lab Eval (30 mins)**
This spec sheet was distributed on February 23.
- V. **RTR 2026 Avian Predation Work (TBD)**
- VI. **White River Program (10 mins)**
- VII. **Past Survival Studies Review (5 mins)**
Move to action item.
- VIII. **2026-2028 Smolt Survival Studies Preparations (10 mins)**
- IX. **2026 Fish Passage Operations**
 - 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 ^a		Summer Chinook Salmon ^b		Fall Chinook Salmon ^c		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

No update anticipated.

B. Northern Pike Removal

An update from the UCUT Tribes on Northern Pike activities was distributed to the PRCC by K. Geris on March 2, 2026.

C. WDFW PIT Tag Barge

No update anticipated.

D. 2026 Quincy Northern Pikeminnow Derby

No update anticipated.

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 March 4, next meeting April 1.
- Habitat Subcommittee – met March 12, next meeting April 9.
- Fall Chinook Work Group – met October 7, next meeting April 30.
- Hatchery Subcommittee – met March 18 to 19, next meeting April 15 to 16.

XII. SOAs discussed in 2026

SOA number	Key Words	Last Discussed	Status
2026-01	Decoupling Summer Subyearling Survival	February 24, 2026	Contingently Approved ²
2026-XX	Survival Evaluations - Path Forward	November 25, 2025	In Review

XIII. Next PRCC Meeting

The next PRCC meeting will be on Tuesday, April 28, 2026, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., to be held in-person at the Confluence Technology Center in Wenatchee, Washington. A joint session with the HCP-CC for a Subyearling Chinook Salmon Workshop Recap (Joint Session 16) will be held from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. (schedule TBD).

XIV. Subyearling Workshop Recap (Joint Session 15 with HCP-CCs)

Vote to approve the Grant PUD and Chelan PUD study plan.

Discuss comments on the Douglas PUD study plan.

² PRCC members present approved this SOA contingent on approval from the CTCR and USFWS. USFWS approved via email on March 6. The CTCR vote is forthcoming.