

Priest Rapids Coordinating Committee Meeting

AGENDA

Tuesday, September 22, 2026
1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

**In Person at Wanapum Hydro Office Building
and Microsoft Teams**

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PRCC Representatives, Alternates, and Facilitation

Larissa Rohrbach, Anchor QEA, Facilitator
Kristi Geris, Anchor QEA, Technical Support
Tom Lorz, Pete McHugh (Alt), CRITFC for CTUIR
Dennis Moore, John Arterburn (Alt), CTCR
Tom Dresser, Rod O'Connor (Alt),
Tim Taylor (Alt), GPUD

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

Action Items

- The Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation (CTCR) will provide an official PRCC representation designation letter for the administrative record.
- Anchor QEA will follow up with National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) to obtain their vote on the PRCC July 28 meeting minutes. (*Note: S. Carlon provided NMFS approval of the minutes via email on August 26, 2026.*)
- Anchor QEA will coordinate with Tracy Hillman (Habitat Conservation Plan Coordinating Committees [HCP-CCs] Chair) regarding a joint PRCC/HCP-CCs letter from the PRCC Facilitator and HCP-CCs Chair about the NMFS staffing constraints and resulting inability to participate in PRCC and HCP processes.

(Note: T. Hillman is awaiting HCP-CCs indication of support to move forward on a joint letter.)

- Grant PUD will review and respond to the Joint Fisheries Parties' (JFP's) revisions to the draft statement of agreement (SOA) *Survival Evaluations - Path Forward*. *(This item is ongoing.)*
- Grant PUD will provide all dead-fish-release detections on any array deployed during Grant PUD's 2026 Smolt Survival Study.
- Grant PUD will provide steelhead travel time by reach for Rock Island-released fish, broken down by kilometer per day (km/day), as presented on slide 15 of the presentation *Juvenile Chinook Salmon and Steelhead Survival through the Priest Rapids Project in 2026*.

Agenda

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

The draft August 25 PRCC meeting minutes for review were distributed on September 8. The revised minutes were distributed on September 15.

II. Actions Items Review

III. WDFW NNI Funding Proposal (45 mins)

Presenters: Katy Shelby and Thomas Desgroseillier.
Distributed on September 10.

IV. 2026 Smolt Survival Study Update

Address questions about last month's update.

V. White River

PRCC PC September 16, 2026, Meeting Recap.

VI. 2026 Fish Passage Operations

A. *Fish ladder inspections*

B. *Fish spill updates*

PRD Spillway Stability Improvement Project Update (5 mins)
Fish Mode Update (5 mins)

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

The following are final adult fish counts from April 15 through August 8:

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	10,307	200	34,939	1,324	4,169	1,192	67,451	2,760	1,780
WAN	9,945	272	35,787	1,379	2,111	1,318	66,003	1,845	1,751
RIS	8,573	563	35,154	1,046	1,294	225	66,330	673	1,213

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. Northern Pike Removal

No update anticipated.

B. WDFW PIT Tag Barge

No update anticipated.

C. 2026 Quincy Northern Pikeminnow Derby

No update anticipated.

D. 2026 RTR Avian Predation Study

No update anticipated.

E. Tag Effects Evaluation for Summer Subyearling Chinook Salmon

General update.

Next joint session in October (tbd).

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 September 2, next meeting October 7.
- Habitat Subcommittee – met September 10, next meeting October 8.
- Fall Chinook Work Group – met April 30, next meeting October 5.
- Hatchery Subcommittee – will meet September 16, next meeting October 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)

SOA number	Key Words	Last Discussed	Status
2026-XX	Survival Evaluations - Path Forward	April 28, 2026	In Review

X. Next PRCC Meeting

The next PRCC meeting will be on Tuesday, October 27, 2026, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., to be held in-person at the Wanapum Hydro Office Building in Beverly, Washington.

The next Subyearling Joint Session (Session 17) with the HCP-CC may be in October (schedule to be determined).