

Priest Rapids Coordinating Committee Meeting

AGENDA

Tuesday, September 23, 2025

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

12:30 PM to 1:00 PM (break for lunch)

1:00 PM to 4:00 PM (PRCC session)

In Person at
Wanapum Hydro Office Building
14352 WA-243 S, Beverly WA
and

Microsoft Teams

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PRCC Representatives, Alternates, and Facilitation

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

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 develop a first draft of talking points for the White River hatchery program assessment process for engaging with the public. *(This item is ongoing).*

- Grant PUD will inquire internally with Public Affairs about obtaining assistance with developing a community outreach plan for the White River hatchery program assessment process. *(This item is ongoing)*.
- PRCC representatives will consider consistency of the guiding principles with the Salmon and Steelhead Settlement Agreement (SSSA) in the Conceptual Approach to Evaluating Survival Study Outcomes (Path Forward – Conceptual Discussion Document) and will prepare for additional discussion on mitigation-related guiding principles (Nos. 4 to 7) during the PRCC September 23, 2025, meeting.
- PRCC representatives contributing edits to the Path Forward – Conceptual Discussion Document will include citations for specific SSSA sections. *(This item is ongoing)*.
- PRCC representatives will consider modifications, if any, needed to approve the draft statement of agreement (SOA) *Decoupling Summer Subyearling Survival Estimates From Juvenile Steelhead Survival Estimates*, for discussion during the PRCC September 23, 2025, meeting.
- Grant PUD will inquire with Real Time Research (RTR) about an interim update on the 2025 RTR Avian Predation Study, Objective 4.1. *(This item is ongoing)*.

Agenda

- I. Subyearling Workshop Recap (12:00 p.m. Joint Session 9 with HCP-CCs)**
PUD updates on draft study plans.
- II. Welcome, Announcements, Agenda Review, and Meeting Minutes Approval (1:00 p.m.)**
The draft August 26 PRCC meeting minutes were distributed by K. Geris on September 8.
- III. Actions Items Review**
- IV. 2026 Smolt Survival Study**
- V. Conceptual Approach to Evaluating Survival Study Outcomes**
- VI. Decoupling Summer Subyearling Survival Estimates From Juvenile Steelhead Survival Estimates**
- VII. White River Hatchery Program**
Public outreach update.
- VIII. 2025 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 September 13:

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	3,493	544	141,467	58	4,852
WAN	15,784	1,470	41,157	993	1,813	388	139,574	35	4,564
RIS	14,532	1,017	39,868	1,194	1,503	131	139,643	15	3,493

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

IX. NNI-Funded Projects

A. Lower Wenatchee Instream Flow Enhancement Project Phase II

Grant PUD update.

B. Northern Pike Removal

No update anticipated.

C. WDFW PIT Tag Barge

No update anticipated.

D. 2025 Quincy Northern Pikeminnow Derby

No update anticipated.

E. 2025 RTR Avian Predation Study

RTR questions for the PRCC and discuss a cutoff date for natural-origin outmigration timing.

X. 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 3, next meeting October 1.

- Habitat Subcommittee – met September 11, tour of Habitat Projects in Canada October 8-9, next meeting November 6.
- Fall Chinook Work Group – met May 6, next meeting October 7.
- Hatchery Subcommittee – will meet September 17-18, next meeting October 15-16.

XI. SOAs discussed in 2025

SOA number	Key Words	Last Discussed	Status
2025-XX	Decoupling Summer Subyearling Survival	July 22, 2025	In Review

XII. Next PRCC Meeting

The next PRCC meeting will be on Tuesday, October 28, 2025, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., to be held in-person at the Wanapum Hydro Office Building in Beverly, WA. A joint session with the HCP-CC for a Subyearling Chinook Salmon Workshop Recap (Joint Session 10) will be held from 12:30 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. (schedule TBD).