



## PRCC Habitat Subcommittee

### Conference Call

Thursday, 10 April 2025  
 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

### Final Meeting Minutes

#### PRCC Habitat Subcommittee Members

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Tracy Bowerman, Shelby Fowler (alt), USFWS	Chris Fisher, CTCR
Dave Duvall, Deanne Pavlik-Kunkel (alt), GPUD	Brandon Rogers, Hans Smith (alt), YN <sup>1</sup>
Justin Yeager, NMFS	Carl Merkle, CTUIR
Jeremy Cram, Cody Gillin (alt), WDFW	Erin Harris, GPUD
Nathan and Clayton Buck, Wanapum	Tracy Hillman, BioAnalysts, Chair

#### Meeting Attendees

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Kate Terrell, USFWS	Dave Duvall, GPUD
Jeremy Cram, WDFW	Tracy Bowerman, USFWS
Deanne Pavlik-Kunkel, GPUD	Chris Fisher, CTCR
Cody Gillin, WDFW	Erin Harris, GPUD
Chris Mott, GPUD	Catherine Willard, Chelan PUD*
Tom Kahler, Douglas PUD*	Tracy Hillman, BioAnalysts

\* Guests who joined the PRCC Habitat Subcommittee meeting for the discussion on Effects of Restoration Actions on Brook Trout.

#### Action Items:

- Tracy Hillman will discuss with Brandon Rogers/Hans Smith and Justin Yeager the possibility of inviting the Methow Salmon Recovery Foundation (MSRF) and an Okanogan County representative to discuss the Methow River – Integrated CMZ Update project with the PRCC HabSC during the May meeting.

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<sup>1</sup> Brandon Rogers and Justin Yeager provided their votes on decision items before and after the meeting.

- Tracy Hillman will discuss with Brand Rogers/Hans Smith and Justin Yeager whether they approve funding for the first two-line items of the Eagle Rocks Habitat Enhancement project budget amendment/scope change request.
- Jeremy Cram will verify with Mickey Fleming (Chelan Douglas Land Trust) whether the Bockoven Entiat Acquisition project has been pulled.
- Tracy Hillman will invite MSRF to the May meeting to discuss with the PRCC HabSC the budget amendment/scope change on the Eagle Rocks Habitat Enhancement project.
- Tracy Hillman will invite MSRF and a representative from Okanogan County to the next PRCC HabSC meeting to discuss the proposed Methow River – Integrated CMZ Update project.
- Tracy Hillman will add language to the letters he sends to sponsors who have been awarded funding from the PRCC HabSC that selection of a contractor for design, architecture, or engineering services must go through a competitive bid process.
- Dave Duvall will review contracts between Grant PUD and project sponsors to determine whether the contracts include language requiring sponsors to request proposals for design, architecture, or engineering work.
- Dave Duvall will investigate the cost of developing a universal sign design for placement at select restoration and protection projects funded by the PRCC HabSC.

## Decision Items<sup>2</sup>:

- ***Decision:*** PRCC Habitat Subcommittee members agreed to extend the timeline on the Enloe Dam Sediment Analysis and 30% Design project from 31 December 2025 to 31 December 2026.
- ***Decision:*** PRCC Habitat Subcommittee members agreed to set up a \$25,000 contract with Noble Ag Land Valuation for conducting or reviewing appraisals. Funding will come from Fund 602.
- ***Decision:*** PRCC Habitat Subcommittee members approved placing signage on restoration or protection projects on a case-by-case basis.

## I. Welcome and Introductions

Tracy Hillman welcomed everyone to the meeting and participants introduced themselves.

Tracy noted that the PRCC Habitat Subcommittee (PRCC HabSC) and HCP Tributary Committees will meet jointly for the discussion on Effects of Restoration Actions on Brook Trout. Following the discussion, the PRCC HabSC will take a short lunch break and reconvene to discuss PRCC HabSC items.

## II. Effects of Restoration Actions on Brook Trout (with the HCPs Tributary Committees)

Last month the HCP Tributary Committees denied funding for the Beaver-Powered Stream Restoration Project submitted by Trout Unlimited. Although the HCP Tributary Committees (and PRCC HabSC) generally support low-tech process-based restoration actions, the HCP Tributary Committees were concerned, based on the locations of the proposed work, that the restoration work would primarily benefit Brook Trout (EBT). The sponsor requested feedback from the HCP Tributary Committees and

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<sup>2</sup> All decision items listed here were approved by PRCC HabSC members.

PRCC HabSC regarding how low-tech process-based restoration projects should be proposed, especially as they relate to EBT.

Tracy Bowerman indicated that she and Cody Gillin are reaching out to others who implement these types of projects and how they deal with EBT. They are assembling a working group to develop some restoration guidelines for sponsors who may be proposing restoration projects in areas that support EBT. EBT, a game fish in Washington State, are managed by WDFW. The proposed goal of the EBT working group will be to understand what the region can do about EBT, because EBT expansion limits the recovery of ESA-listed species, especially Bull Trout. Potential proposed actions include better mapping of EBT distribution, better support for monitoring of EBT populations, recommendations for EBT management, and potential for an inter-agency Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on EBT take at worksites. An early step in the process is to compile existing information on EBT interactions with other species including Bull Trout, Chinook Salmon, Coho Salmon, steelhead/rainbow, Westslope Cutthroat Trout, Mountain Whitefish, etc., and then identify the factors that affect those interactions (e.g., temperature, which is known to affect interspecific interactions). Overall, the hope would be to share a set of management practices to limit the effects of EBT on native species. This would also include soliciting feedback from project sponsors.

In an email from Hans Smith to Tracy Hillman, Hans stated that *"...we need the USFWS to clearly bring forward their new guidance on when projects that are typically consistent under ARBO/HIP, won't be allowed to use those programmatics anymore. They have formally decided to prohibit a channel reconstruction project on the Chiwawa River from going forward this year - so they obviously have made some decisions that they need to start sharing with the habitat restoration community so that we can understand the new constraints they are imposing. It is also difficult to understand why they are imposing new constraints on side channel restoration projects based on the very limited and inconclusive data they have collected at Silver Falls. Hopefully they can start to demonstrate that they have, or plan to get, more data and information beyond just Silver Falls before they start reducing restoration project options across the region."*

Justin Yeager agreed with Hans' statement and said this issue needs to be resolved as soon as possible. He said there are restoration projects being held up by the USFWS because of the EBT concern. Cody indicated that he is reaching out to other regions on the east side to see how they are dealing with this issue. He said an inter-agency MOU for incidental removal of EBT was developed in the Yakima River basin. He is also reaching out to folks in the Pend Oreille Basin regarding their approach for dealing with EBT. Chris Fisher recommended that Cody reach out to the Kalispel Tribe. Chris said the Kalispel Tribe has been working on EBT removal as a component of their Cutthroat Trout restoration projects.

Cody asked about the effectiveness of removing EBT. Justin responded that they cannot be removed completely. Chris said they set up a no-bag-limit on EBT in Salmon Creek in the Okanogan River basin. He has no information on how successful the removal was but believes it was not entirely successful because fishermen have limited access to the stream. Other studies (e.g., Sun Creek in Crater Lake National Park, Oregon) have shown that it is very difficult to completely remove EBT from streams. Tracy Hillman said removing EBT is an ongoing process that requires sustained efforts and multiple strategies.

Tracy Bowerman said she will set up a meeting of the working group and will invite members of the Tributary Committees and PRCC Habitat Subcommittee to participate in the working group.

### III. Lunch Break

### IV. Agenda Review

The PRCC Habitat Subcommittee reviewed and approved the April agenda.

### V. March Meeting Notes

PRCC HabSC members reviewed and approved the 13 March 2025 meeting notes.

### VI. Review Action Items

The PRCC HabSC reviewed the following action items from the March meeting:

- Dave Duvall will request a status report from the Okanagan Nation Alliance on the ORRI Okanagan Falls project. **Ongoing.**
- Dave Duvall will request a rate sheet from Noble Ag Land Valuation, American West Ag Appraisals, and Agri/Com Appraisals. **Complete. See discussion under Section IX.**
- Jeremy Cram will provide Dave Duvall with a list of PRCC HabSC-funded equipment and identify the status of the equipment. **Complete. Following the meeting, Jeremy indicated that the equipment purchased with PRCC HabSC funds for PIT-tag detection in Icicle Creek has reached the end of its useful life and is no longer in service.**

### VII. Project Updates

Members of the PRCC HabSC provided the following updates on funded projects:

- **Appraisals** – Dave Duvall reported that he received one appraisal order, and the results are pending.
- **ORRI VDS Backwatering Project** – Chris Fisher reported that the Okanagan Nation Alliance (ONA) will complete this project this year.
- **Lower Wenatchee Instream Flow Enhancement Project, Phase II Project** – Kate Terrell reported that the sponsor (Trout Unlimited; TU) is working with the Jones Shotwell Ditch Company Board of Directors on finalizing the Trust Water Right Agreement. In addition, because the project has been delayed one year, all temporary access agreements will need to be updated as they are only good through July 2025.
- **Cascade Orchards Icicle Creek (COIC) Flow Restoration Project** – Kate Terrell reported that recent construction focused on installing services. The contractors are also testing the system, and the system will start up soon for the irrigation season.
- **Okanagan Lake Dam East Salmon Passage Design Project** – Dave Duvall shared that this project is complete and can be closed once Grant PUD receives the final invoice.
- **Peshastin Creek RM 2.5 Project** – Kate Terrell indicated that Cascade Fisheries (CF) continues to coordinate with the landowner and Chelan Douglas Land Trust (CDLT) on a conservation easement or fee simple purchase of the property. The sponsor received their 401 Water Quality Certification from Ecology. The Army Corps of Engineers has raised concern over a potential burial site and is requiring additional field work, which should be completed in April.

- **Bockoven Entiat and Stormy Acquisition Projects** – Kate Terrell reported that the landowner is on pause and may pull the Entiat acquisition. Their granddaughter has an interest in the property, and they intend to leave the property to her. The landowner also voiced concern that CDLT properties are no longer places they can enjoy for walks because of restoration work on the sites. Apparently, CDLT has heard this from others as well. Kate stated that the landowner has not foreclosed the sale of the Stormy Creek property, but the sponsor’s neighbors may be upset with them if they sell to CDLT. Jeremy Cram will reach out to Mickey Fleming (CDLT) and see whether the Entiat property has been pulled by the sponsor.
- **Canyon Creek Culvert Design and Construction Project** – Kate Terrell indicated that Cascade Fisheries met with the Forest Service on a 30% culvert design. The preferred alternative is an arch culvert. The sponsor’s engineer is working on the size of that culvert, and they will meet with the Forest Service in May to secure approval from the Forest Service on the size of the culvert.
- **Eagle Rocks Habitat Enhancement Project** – Kate Terrell said the sponsor (Methow Salmon Recovery Foundation; MSRF) did not do any work in March. Work to be completed before high flows this year includes removal of deer fencing and straw waddles and additional repairs to the access routes.
- **Kedrowski Acquisition Project** – Kate Terrell indicated that the appraisal for the Kedrowski property is proceeding. Because of a leadership change in the Calvary Church, the sponsor is working with the new leadership on reestablishing the agreement.
- **Shuttleworth Creek Diversion Removal Project** – Dave Duvall shared that this project is complete and can be closed once Grant PUD receives the final invoice.
- **Bartsch Acquisition – Lower Twisp River – Reach 2A Project** – Kate Terrell said the sponsor (MSRF) closed the property on 18 March 2025. The purchase will guarantee sponsor access for habitat improvements and additional restoration actions. The sponsor and the landowner completed a short-term (one year) rent-back agreement. Kate said this acquisition opens options for levee medication, floodplain engagement, and culvert removals.
- **Skyline Screen and Fish Return Project** – Kate Terrell said the sponsor (MSRF) is working with WDFW to install the updated fish screen. They are also working on snow-free access for screen installation, overseeing headgate installation, and ensuring that controls needed to operate the new screen wiper are in place and tested in time to meet scheduled delivery dates.
- **Penticton Dam Fish Passage Construction** – Chris Fisher said that ONA is currently breaking ground for the fishway (see photos from Zoe Eyjolfson in Attachment 1). The project is expected to be completed by 30 June 2025. The fishway will begin operation in July 2025.
- **ORRI Okanagan Falls** – Dave Duvall said he has been coordinating with the sponsor (ONA) on their insurance certificate and contracting.
- **White River Ohme Acquisition** – Kate Terrell reported that Grant PUD hired an appraiser (Pacific Appraisal Associates), and the landowners are in the process of doing the Boundary Line adjustment to separate the 20 acres they will retain from the 60 acres that will be purchased by CDLT with PRCC HabSC funding.
- **Enloe Dam Sediment Analysis and 30% Design** – Kate Terrell reported that the sponsor (Trout Unlimited) continues to make progress on this project even though there has been a “pause” in federal contracts. The sponsor is working with Grant PUD on a contract, and they hope the

contract will be finalized by 21 April 2025. Chris Fisher added that the sponsor completed an internal review of the Sediment Evaluation Report. The next step will be a redraft of the report and a presentation to the Dredged Materials Management Office and the Technical Advisory Committees. The gist of the report is that there is far less silt/arsenic in Enloe Reservoir than previously estimated, that the arsenic is less toxic than feared (to either ecological receptors or human receptors), and the “toxic” forms of arsenic in the reservoir sediments are expected to chemically transform into non-toxic forms in the presence of oxygen if the sediments are eroded and resuspended in the water column. Chris said the sponsor continues to make progress developing the concept of a “dam removal entity” that will handle contracting, construction management, and liability/risk management during a dam removal scenario. He also noted that the sponsor continues to meet and coordinate with Okanogan PUD.

- **Methow River Riparian Stewardship** – Kate Terrell shared that the sponsor (MSRF) is waiting to begin contracting with Grant PUD.
- **M2@3R Habitat Construction** – Kate Terrell shared that the sponsor (MSRF) is waiting to begin contracting with Grant PUD.
- **Libby Creek Fish-Passage Barrier Dam Removal** – Kate Terrell shared that the sponsor (Cascade Fisheries) is waiting to begin contracting with Grant PUD. With other funding, they continue to move forward with permitting and reached out to WDFW for review of the 60% design.

## VIII. Restoration/Protection Projects

### Lower Wenatchee Instream Flow Enhancement, Phase II Budget Amendment

Kate Terrell stated that the PRCC HabSC and Rock Island HCP Tributary Committee received a budget amendment from Trout Unlimited on the Lower Wenatchee Instream Flow Enhancement, Phase II project. The sponsor indicated that because of unforeseen permitting issues with the Army Corps of Engineers, construction of the project has been delayed one year. This delay required the contractor and their subs to adjust prices to reflect current rates, reallocate resources according to the delayed schedule, continue planning and coordinating their project resources, and store, move, and manage purchased materials. As a result, the sponsor requested an additional \$387,596 to implement the project. During the HCP Tributary Committees meeting, the Rock Island HCP Tributary Committee agreed to contribute the additional requested amount for the project. Thus, the budget amendment has been pulled from the PRCC HabSC.

### Enloe Dam Time Extension

During the Project Updates discussion, the PRCC HabSC discussed the need to extend the timeline on the Enloe Dam Sediment Analysis and 30% Design project. They decided to extend the contract from 31 December 2025 to 31 December 2026 in case there are any issues with federal funding for this project.

***Decision:*** PRCC Habitat Subcommittee members agreed to extend the timeline on the Enloe Dam Sediment Analysis and 30% Design project from 31 December 2025 to 31 December 2026.

### Eagle Rocks Habitat Enhancement Project Budget Amendment and Scope Change

Dave Duvall said he received a budget amendment/scope change from MSRF on the Eagle Rocks Habitat Enhancement project. This project was substantially completed late last year and there are funds remaining in the PRCC HabSC agreement. The sponsor would like to use the remaining funds to cover maintenance of riparian plantings. The sponsor stated, “In order to fully leverage secured funding for construction of the larger Sugar Reach Project and reduce the remaining funding gap, MSRF is requesting

*a change in scope for our PRCC agreement. MSRF would like to utilize unspent funds in our current agreement to cover riparian adaptive and maintenance needs for the Eagle Rocks Riparian Planting.”* The sponsor specifically requested \$3,600 for spring adaptive management in 2025, \$12,500 for maintenance work during the first year (2025), and \$21,000 for ongoing maintenance during years 2 through 5 (2026-2029). Dave said they are not requesting additional funds; they are requesting to use the remaining funds to address adaptive management.

Members present were divided on whether to allow the sponsor to use the remaining funds to implement adaptive management actions on the project site. Some members expressed concern about this becoming a recurring issue, suggesting future stewardship costs should be included in initial proposals. Concerns were also raised regarding project creep and the responsibility of the project sponsor to conduct ongoing maintenance. There was debate about who should bear the cost of ongoing maintenance. Ultimately, after discussion, members present supported the use of remaining funds for the first two items (i.e., \$3,600 for spring adaptive management in 2025 and \$12,500 for maintenance work during the first year), but not the last item (\$21,000 for ongoing maintenance during years 2 through 5).

After the meeting, Tracy Hillman reached out to Justin Yeager and Hans Smith regarding their thoughts on the budget amendment/scope change. Justin supported the first two items; Hans indicated that he has some questions regarding the amendment. Hans said it would be useful for the sponsor to account for what the funding gap looks like so the PRCC HabSC can better understand what funding the sponsor has secured for all Sugar Reach projects, and what are the exact gaps they are projecting. Tracy Hillman will invite the sponsor to the May meeting to discuss the budget amendment/scope change with the PRCC HabSC.

### **Methow River – Integrated CMZ Update Proposal**

Last month, Kate Terrell introduced the Methow River – Integrated CMZ Update proposal from the Methow Salmon Recovery Foundation. The purpose of the project is to remap the outdated channel migration zone (CMZ) of the Methow River (RM 0-75). This work will create an integrated picture of risks and process-based restoration opportunities along the Methow River. The sponsor will include updated LiDAR data, river course changes, and advancements in CMZ mapping techniques. The total cost of the project is \$299,860. The sponsor requested \$74,965 from the PRCC HabSC. Last month, the PRCC HabSC was unable to make a funding decision because they needed more information on how this project will inform prioritization and selection of appropriate restoration actions along the Methow River. In addition, they wanted input from Brandon Rogers and Hans Smith, who were unable to attend the March meeting. As a result, the PRCC HabSC tabled a decision on this project until the April meeting.

Kate indicated that the sponsor provided additional information on this project. She said the proposed project includes steps to map a CMZ that will create a template for an integrated strategy that combines risk reduction and process-based restoration efforts. The core elements of the study include (1) remapping the original CMZ, which was completed in 2006, with updated data and methods to create a realistic boundary to support the County’s land-use regulation efforts and (2) using integrated hydraulic modeling and habitat analysis to support strategic planning and restoration “within the CMZ.” The sponsor will specifically map floodplain connectivity and utilize the channel migration/modeling analysis to assess riparian health and cottonwood recruitment processes. This work will identify opportunities for river corridor expansions through restoration and acquisition. The sponsor stated that “...*integration of habitat restoration and conservation goals into existing CMZs is needed to help regulate existing and future development by providing a scientific basis for (1) applying land use codes that prevent unwise and risky future development, and (2) identifying areas for strategic property acquisitions.*”

Members present discussed the original application and the additional materials provided by the sponsor. They generally agreed that an updated CMZ map could prevent development within sensitive riparian/floodplain areas; however, there is no certainty that Okanogan County will accept and use the revised CMZ maps. Although the additional information provided by the sponsor indicates that they are collaborating with the County, it is not clear whether the County will accept and use the revised mapping as a technical basis for land use/development decisions in the CMZ critical areas. To that end, the PRCC HabSC would like the sponsor and a representative from Okanogan County to attend the next PRCC Habitat Subcommittee meeting (8 May 2025) to discuss the project. The PRCC HabSC directed Tracy Hillman to reach out to the sponsor and request that they and a representative from the County join the next PRCC HabSC meeting to discuss the CMZ mapping project.

## IX. Administration and Information Updates

### Appraisers and Their Rates

Dave Duvall reported that he reached out to the appraisers and asked them for their rate sheets. Their rates are shown in the following table.

Contract Number	Business Name	Contact	Rate	Per diem	Yellow Book Certified	Appraisal Type	Notes
602-25H	Cascade Chelan	Larry Rees	\$600 per 8-hr day	Federal	?	Primary	0.25-hour increment
602-38	Walters Appraisal	Tom Walters	\$90 per hour	IRS	?	Review	0.25-hour increment
430-HFA 602-44	Pacific Appraisals	Kirk Dosser	\$1200 daily rate	Federal	Yes	Primary	0.25-hour increment
N/A	Noble Ag Land	Mark Noble	\$250 per hour	?	Yes	Both	
N/A	American West Ag	Kristen Los	\$3,000 minimum	?	No	Primary	Seeking YB Cert in April 2025
N/A	Agri/Com	Jim McCollough	\$4,000 minimum	?	No	Primary	

Dave reminded the group that Tom Walters has retired and the PRCC HabSC dismissed Larry Rees as an appraiser. Members agreed to keep Pacific Appraisal Associates on contract and add Noble Ag Land Valuation as a primary appraiser. Both are yellow book certified and are willing to review appraisals. Members agreed to set up a \$25,000 contract with Noble Ag Land Valuation.

**Decision:** PRCC Habitat Subcommittee members agreed to set up a \$25,000 contract with Noble Ag Land Valuation for conducting or reviewing appraisals. Funding will come from Fund 602.

### Request for Proposals for Engineers and Contractors

Dave Duvall stated that Grant PUD contracting raised concern regarding the Enloe Dam Sediment Analysis and 30% Design project. Specifically, they asked whether engineering services on the project went through a competitive bid process. Kate Terrell and Chris Fisher said that there was a request for proposals and the engineer was selected through a competitive bid process. This happened before the PRCC HabSC approved funding for the project. Dave indicated that it is state law that design, architecture, and engineering services must go through a competitive bid process. This means that sponsors receiving funding from the PRCC HabSC must go through a competitive bid process to select design, architecture, and engineering contractors to work on their projects. Members indicated that sponsors usually go through a competitive bid process to select engineers and contractors to work on their projects. Tracy Hillman said that he can add this language to the letters he sends to sponsors who have been awarded funding from the PRCC HabSC. Dave said he will review the Grant PUD and sponsor agreements to see whether this language exists in the agreements.

## **Salmon Recovery Funding Board 2025 Schedule**

Tracy Hillman reviewed the Salmon Recovery Funding Board/Tributary Committees proposed schedule for 2025. Important dates are noted below:

1. Completed Draft Applications Due: 18 April 2025
2. Site Visits: 5-8 May 2025
3. Tributary Committees Review Draft Applications: 8 May 2025
4. Final Application Due: 27 May 2025
5. Tributary Committees Review Final Applications: 12 June 2025

## **Signage on Acquisition and Restoration Properties**

Dave Duvall stated that the PRCC HabSC has funded several protection and restoration projects. He questioned whether some of these projects should have signs indicating the good work the PRCC HabSC is doing in the region. Concerns were raised about vandalism and cost. Members also discussed whether to implement a universal sign design or to manage signage requests on a case-by-case basis. After discussion, members agreed to add signage on a case-by-case basis. Dave said he will investigate the cost of developing a universal sign design. Members believe signs for some protection and screening/water-savings projects would be appropriate.

***Decision:*** PRCC Habitat Subcommittee members approved placing signage on restoration or protection projects on a case-by-case basis.

## **Kate Terrell's Retirement**

The PRCC HabSC celebrated Kate Terrell's retirement from the USFWS and PRCC HabSC. Members reflected on the significant effect Kate had on the success of the PRCC HabSC. They recalled meaningful memories and expressed a desire to stay connected. Kate Terrell also spoke, sharing how much the PRCC HabSC has meant to her and how grateful she is to have been a part of such a collaborative and supportive group. She expressed deep appreciation, noting that this has been a truly special group to work with. The PRCC HabSC thanked her for her many years of service to the USFWS and the PRCC HabSC. She will be missed greatly.

## **USFWS Representation on the PRCC HabSC**

The USFWS designated Dr. Tracy Bowerman as their representative on the PRCC HabSC (see Attachment 2). Tracy Bowerman brings a significant understanding of the issues associated with the Upper Columbia as well as a strong background in habitat restoration and modeling. Shelby Fowler will continue as the Service's alternate on the PRCC HabSC.

## **X. Adjourn**

Tracy Hillman adjourned the meeting at 3:45 pm.

## **XI. Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the PRCC HabSC will be on 8 May 2025. The PRCC HabSC will join the Upper Columbia Regional Technical Team for project tours on 5-8 May.

# Attachment 1

## Photos of Construction on the Okanagan Lake Passage Project Photos from Zoe Eyjolfson









# Attachment 2

## Letter from the USFWS Designating Their Representative on the PRCC Habitat Subcommittee



United States Department of the Interior

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RE: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service representation on the Habitat Subcommittee of the Priest Rapids Coordinating Committee.

Dear Mr. Hillman:

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's (Service) representative on the PRCC-Habitat Subcommittee, Kate Terrell, is retiring. Dr. Tracy Bowerman will be serving as the Service's representative on the committees beginning May 8, 2025. Both Tracy and Kate will attend the April meeting to ensure a smooth transition. Tracy brings a significant understanding of the issues associated with the Upper Columbia Region as well as a strong background in habitat restoration and modeling. Her representation will ensure effective, coordinated implementation of restoration projects funded and supported by the Tributary Committees.

Sincerely,

**WILLIAM  
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William Gale  
Complex Leader  
USFWS Leavenworth Fisheries Complex

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