



## Priest Rapids Coordinating Committee Meeting

### FINAL APPROVED MEETING MINUTES

#### CONFERENCE CALL

Wednesday, May 29, 2019  
10am

#### **PRCC Representatives**

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Scott Carlon, Justin Yeager (Alt), NMFS	Jim Craig, USFWS
Keely Murdoch, Bob Rose (Alt), YN	Kirk Truscott, Casey Baldwin (alt), CCT
Chad Jackson, P. Verhey (Alt) WDFW	Tom Skiles, CTUIR
Curt Dotson, Peter Graf (Alt), GCPUD	Erin Harris, Admin Ass't, GPUD
Denny Rohr, D. Rohr & Assoc, Facilitator	

#### **PRCC Meeting Attendees**

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Curt Dotson, GPUD	Jim Craig, USFWS
Keely Murdoch, YN	Tom Skiles, CTUIR
Scott Carlon, NMFS	Peter Graf, GPUD
Kirk Truscott, CCT	Denny Rohr, D. Rohr & Assoc, Facilitator
Chad Jackson, WDFW	Erin Harris, GPUD
Patrick Verhey, WDFW	

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#### **Decision made during May 29, 2019 meeting**

None

### **Meeting Minutes**

- I. **Welcome and Introductions** – Rohr welcomed everyone and announced that Brandon Rodgers, YN, will be taking Bob Rose's place as the YN PRCC alternate for Keely Murdoch as Rose is retiring.
- II. **Agenda Review (D. Rohr)** – Murdoch shared that when she travels outside a 50-mile radius of her office, she needs to secure a Travel Authorization (TA) which must be submitted two weeks prior to travel along with proof of purpose of the

travel. Rohr will comply with a final agenda, or draft meeting agenda will also work if not yet final.

### **III. Meeting Minutes (D. Rohr)**

- A. April 24, 2019 Meeting Minutes
- B. May 10, 2019 Conference Call

### **IV. Actions Items from April 24, 2019 Meeting (D. Rohr)**

- 1. Regarding Update of the White River Spring Chinook Mitigation 2026 Decision Framework, Carlon will follow up with Jeff Jorgenson, NMFS, as to his availability to meet with PRCC.
- 2. Regarding “Continued Support for UC Fish Screen Monitoring Program”, Danny Didricksen presentation report will be added to May or June meeting agenda; Rohr will discuss details with Didricksen.

### **V. Update of Approval and Affirmation of Change Order to Contract HFA 601-33H, “Non-Native Predator Recruitment Reduction – Phase I, Geoff McMichael” (D. Rohr) – Rohr affirmed for the record that this was approved during a PRCC conference call and follow-up on Friday, May 10, 2019 (See May 10, 2019 PRCC Conference Call meeting minutes). McMichael will attend the July PRCC meeting to provide an additional update and information.**

- A. **Sub yearling (P. Graf) –** At this point, Graf commented that sub-yearling Chinook are being discussed in the HCP Coordinating Committees’ meeting. The Chelan PUD SOA regarding the timeline for conducting a Project-wide survival study of sub-yearlings is similar to the Grant PUD SOA regarding this subject and with a similar timeframe. Accordingly, Graf suggested PRCC members who are not regular attendees of the HCP Coordinating Committee meetings follow the discussions by conference phone or meeting attendance, plus additional discussion as necessary will take place directly in the PRCC meeting as well.

### **VI. Potpourri (D. Rohr)**

- A. No updates

## **GENERAL UPDATES**

- A. **Avian Predation Activities (C. Dotson) –** Dotson commented that Weekly Reports from Real Time Research (RTR) are being received and distributed to PRCC members. 10 additional tern eggs have been identified in the Potholes/Goose Island area, and 34 terns have been identified as around and one Goose Island. The tern colony would have most likely re-established if PRCC had not provided dissuasion funding for the 2019 season. Skiles asked if RTR is doing tag collection, and Dotson replied yes, at islands with tern colonies present and well-established loafing areas. Dotson commented there are over three hundred tern nests on Blalock Island.

**B. FCRPS BiOp – Corps/BOR Avian Predation Management in Columbia Plateau Region (C. Dotson)** – Dotson commented there is no requirement in the current interim FCRPS BiOp of dissuasion activities in the Columbia Plateau by Action Agencies, plus over 300 tern nests have been identified on Blalock Island. Terns have dropped eggs in several locations. The question remains as to what will be included in the next FCRPS 2020 BiOp to help with avian predation management, particularly in the Columbia Plateau region. Dotson commented that at the June PRCC meeting he will be discussing with the PRCC the possibility of sending a letter to NOAA asking about predation management plans in regard to the 2020 BiOp.

**C. Update and Review of the White River Spring Chinook Mitigation 2026 Decision Framework (D. Rohr)** – Carlon commented that he contacted Jeff Jorgenson, NOAA, and asked if Jorgenson might have an interest in Lake Wenatchee survival data and Jorgenson replied yes. PRCC members agreed to having Jorgenson attend a PRCC meeting to discuss details further. Carlon will follow up with Jorgenson regarding his availability to attend a PRCC meeting.

**D. Review of Outstanding NNI Funded Projects**

1. **Continued Support for UC Fish Screen Monitoring Program (C. Jackson)** – Rohr is in contact with Danny Didricksen and arranging for him to attend the June 26<sup>th</sup> PRCC meeting to provide an update.
2. **Lower Wenatchee Instream Flow Enhancement Project Phase II (C. Jackson, D. Rohr)** – An ongoing Internal water rights review taking place with the involved irrigators has been completed. They are now moving forward with this project. Rohr commented the PRCC Habitat Subcommittee is following this project closely and he will keep the PRCC advised of ongoing activities.
3. **Evaluation of Caspian Tern Management to Reduce Predation on ESA-listed Salmonids in the Columbia Plateau Region – Time Extension to July 31, 2019 (C. Dotson)** –Report extension, later this summer.
4. **“Non-Native Predator Recruitment Reduction – Phase I” (K. Murdoch)** –Nothing additional
5. **“Northern Pike Removal in Lake Roosevelt” (K. Truscott)** – Nothing reported

**VII. Committee Reports (D. Rohr)** – Rohr will distribute.

**VIII.NNI and Habitat Funds Report (D. Rohr)** – No new report

**IX. Next Meeting (D. Rohr)** – Wednesday, June 26, 2019, 10:00 am, Wanapum Dam, HOB, Room 118 (note the room change)

**Action Items from May 29, 2019 Meeting**

1. McMichael will attend July PRCC meeting to provide and update report.
2. Carlon will follow up with Jeff Jorgenson, NOAA, regarding his availability to attend a PRCC meeting.
3. Rohr will follow up with Danny Didricksen regarding presenting an update at the June 26<sup>th</sup> meeting of the UC Fish Screen Monitoring Program.