

Priest Rapids Coordinating Committee Meeting

AGENDA

Tuesday September 26, 2023

2:00 PM to NLT 4:00 PM

Wanapum Dam Hydro Office Building (HOB) 107 and Webex

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PRCC Representatives and Alternates, and Facilitation

Bryan Nordlund, Facilitator Larissa Rohrbach, Facilitation Support, Anchor QEA Kirk Truscott, Casey Baldwin (Alt), CCT Tom Lorz, CTUIR Curt Dotson, Tom Dresser (Alt), GPUD Scott Carlon, Justin Yeager (Alt), NMFS Bill Gale, USFWS Chad Jackson, A. Murdoch (Alt) WDFW Keely Murdoch, Brandon Rogers (Alt), YN

Action Items

- B. Nordlund will determine whether WDFW's presentation of a memorandum on wild smolt survival should be presented as a joint topic for the next HCP-CC and PRCC meetings.
- Grant PUD will report the number of fish mode starts and stops prior to December 31.

Review Items

 Grant PUD's Draft Study Plan for the Estimation of Juvenile Yearling Chinook, Sockeye, and Steelhead Survival through the Priest Rapids Project in 2025–2027 (Survival Study Plan) was sent on August 22 for discussion in the September 26 meeting.

Decisions and Approvals

• None.

Agenda

I. Welcome, Announcements and Introductions

- II. Agenda Review
- III. Meeting Minutes Status

The August 22 PRCC meeting minutes were distributed by email on September 12, with revisions due by September 22.

- IV. Actions Items Review
- V. Wild Smolt Survival
- VI. Survival Study Plan: Goal to Approve in October
- VII. Subyearling Chinook Salmon Workshop Planning
- VIII. 2023 Fish Passage Operations Report
 - A. Fish ladder inspections
 - B. Fish spill updates
 - C. Fish counts for 2023 (April 15 November 15)

The following are fish counts as of September 12, 2023:

Project	Spring Chinook Salmon (Adult + Jack)	Summer Chinook Salmon (Adult + Jack)	Fall Chinook Salmon	Sockeye Salmon	Coho Salmon	Steelhead
Priest	18,696	49,547	12,671	231,225	3,115	5,157
Rapids						
Wanapum	18,792	57,251	6,417	227,996	1,150	4,948
Rock Island	17,619	51,574	3,016	247,677	342	4,181

IX. PRCC Facilitator Position

UPDATES

X. Review of Outstanding NNI Funded Projects

- A. Lower Wenatchee Instream Flow Enhancement Project Phase II. (No update)
- B. Northern Pike Removal (2022-2024) (No update)
- C. **WDFW PIT tag barge** (Update presentation following summer outmigration season)
- D. Quincy Northern Pikeminnow Derby (No update)
- E. 2023 RTR Avian Predation study (No update)

XI. Sub-Committee Updates

Nordlund has forwarded the latest subcommittee distributions he has received to date to PRCC members and alternates.

- Priest Rapids Fish Forum met September 6.
- Habitat Subcommittee met September 14.
- Fall Chinook Work Group next meeting October 3.
- Hatchery Subcommittee met September 20.

XII. SOAs discussed in 2023

SOA number	Key words	Last Discussed	Status
2022-03	Fish Mode revision	January 24, 2023	Closed
2023-01	Sockeye Salmon Program	January 24, 2023	Closed
2022-02	Hatchery Production Objectives, 2024-2033	February 28, 2023	Closed

XIII. Next Meetings

The next PRCC meeting is scheduled for October 24 at 1 p.m., at the Wanapum HOB-107 Executive Conference Room. A link for virtual attendance will be provided.