



Grant County
PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT
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Priest Rapids Coordinating Committee

Final Approved Meeting Minutes **CONFERENCE CALL**

Wednesday, October 12, 2016
1:00 pm

PRCC Representatives

Scott Carlon, Justin Yeager (Alt), NMFS

Bob Rose, YN

Jeff Korth, C. Andonaegui (Alt), P. Verhey (Alt) WDFW

Curt Dotson, Tom Dresser (Alt), GCPUD

Denny Rohr, D. Rohr & Assoc, Facilitator

Jim Craig, USFWS

Kirk Truscott, CCT

Tom Skiles, CTUIR

Erin McIntyre, GCPUD

Meeting Attendees

Scott Carlon, Bob Rose, Curt Dotson, Tom Skiles, Jeff Korth, Denny Rohr. Absent: Jim Craig, Kirk Truscott.

Meeting Minutes

- I. **Agenda Review** – No additional agenda items were added.
- II. **Purpose of Meeting** – Rohr stated the purpose of the conference call was to have continued discussion of SOA 2016-04, Decoupling Sub-yearling from Steelhead performance standard and linking to yearling Chinook for purpose of calculating NNI funding.
- III. **Discussion** – Members continued to comment that while Steelhead may not be the best surrogate to use for Sub-yearling and the calculation of NNI funding, they are inclined to not approve SOA 2016-04 at this time. However, they commented they will continue to look for alternatives to SOA 2016-04, but if alternatives cannot be identified, comment was made to stay with the current process for calculating NNI funding. Members continued discussions regarding possible alternatives and clarification of related information. Dotson provided clarification to member's questions regarding some of the background and use of the standard error percentage used in the NNI calculations, specifically regarding the 3.6 % number. Further discussion of

possible alternatives continued with members commenting on the 2003, 2004, 2005 Yearling Survival Studies, the 2008, 2009, 2010 Steelhead Survival Studies, and the current 2014, 2015, 2016 Steelhead Survival Studies. Dotson stated that considerable improvements have been made within the PRP and Grant would like members to also take that into consideration as well. Additional discussion included the possibility of using Sub-yearling concrete survival data in order to have Sub-yearling information to use for NNI funding calculations, and possibly doing this in the interim until technology is perfected to allow a project wide Sub-yearling study. It was further noted that the federal operators use concrete only for their survival studies. Discussion continued but no alternatives were identified. Dotson requested that SOA 2016-04 be voted upon by the members. Accordingly, with Dotson voting yes, the other members voted to not approve but with the understanding that discussions would continue in an attempt to identify a possible alternative to the current process. The discussion concluded with Korth and Rose agreeing to work together offline to identify a listing of some "JFP thoughts" regarding Sub-yearlings and how to calculate their survival estimates for calculating NNI funding. The listing will be distributed to the PRCC for further discussion.

- IV. Summary** – Rohr was directed to include this subject as an agenda item for further discussion at the next PRCC meeting on October 26th.

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