



**FINAL APPROVED MEETING MINUTES**

**Priest Rapids Coordinating Committee**

Wednesday, February 28, 2018

9:00 am

**CONFERENCE CALL**

**PRCC Meeting 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, Tom Dresser (Alt), GCPUD	Erin McIntyre, Admin Ass't, GCPUD
Denny Rohr, D. Rohr & Assoc, Facilitator	

**PRCC Meeting Attendees**

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**Meeting Minutes**

- I. Agenda Review (D. Rohr) – Rohr informed the committee members that Tom Dresser was leaving his position as the alternate on the PRCC. Curt Dotson will remain as the PRCC representative, and Peter Graf will take over Dresser's alternate position.

- II. Meeting Minutes (D. Rohr) – January 23, 2018 – Meeting Minutes Approved.
  
- III. Action Items from January 23, 2018 Meeting (D. Rohr) –
  - A Rohr will distribute copy of final and approved SOA 2018-01 to PRCC members. – Completed
  - B Truscott and Dresser will follow up regarding funding questions about the MVID project. - Truscott followed up and learned that the funding questions were applicable to a different project and not the MVID project.
  
- IV. Update Discussion of Estimating the Survival of Juvenile Spring Chinok in Lake Wenatchee (D. Rohr) – Rohr informed the members this is a work in progress as involved committee members continue to review and follow up with action items.
  
- V. ISAB UC Spring Chinook Presentation and Report, ISAB 2018-01 (C. Dotson, T. Dresser) – This is information important to the Upper Columbia and PRCC. Committee members were informed of the ISAB Report 2018-01 being available, and that a power point presentation was presented to the NWPCC by two ISAB members on February 13<sup>th</sup> in Portland.
  
- VI. Dr. Michelle Rub Pinnipeds Presentation to NWPCC, 14Feb18 (S. Carlon, D. Rohr) – Reference was made to the power point presentation by Dr. Rub to the NWPCC on February 14<sup>th</sup>. Rohr distributed a copy of Rub’s power point presentation to PRCC members via email on February 28. Further, it was pointed out that the ISAB identified in the 2018-01 Report (see above) that pinnipeds are the primary marine mammals preying on Chinook and steelhead originating from the Upper Columbia Basin. Rohr commented that momentum appears to be building as to how to address the increasing pinniped predation in the lower river.
  
- VII. 2018 Habitat Funds / NNI Report (C. Dotson) – Dotson informed the PRCC of the Habitat and NNI Funds that were deposited into the appropriate accounts on February 15<sup>th</sup>, specifically,
  - A No Net Impact Fund 601 – \$657,188.14
  - B Habitat Supplemental Fund 602 - \$1,091,213.31
  - C Habitat Fund 603 - \$ 389,805.87

**VIII. Potpourri – (D. Rohr) – No new information**

**IX. GENERAL UPDATES**

**A Avian Predation Activities (C. Dotson) –** Draft reports, funded by PRCC (NNI) are being developed OSU/ Real Time Research regarding all their work (ACE, BOR, PRCC) will be coming out shortly. ACE/BOR's avian management plans/programs are scheduled to conclude with the 2018 tern nesting season. Dotson raised concerns about the federal action agencies walking away from their avian predation responsibilities if there isn't some kind of federal action to address what BiOp coverage is in place for the federal folks after 12/31/2018 – the end of the federal 2014 BiOp. Are we staying on top of this? Carlon, shared Lynn Krasnow reported the same concerns. Is the BOR the only one responsible to Goose Island? At this year's AFEP meeting ACE (Walla Walla) stated that they have completed their avian predation management requirements and that 2018 will be their last year of tern management.

**B Review of Outstanding NNI Funded Projects**

1. Continued Support for Upper Columbia Fish Screen Monitoring Program (C. Jackson) – WDFW will provide quarterly update at the April 25, 2018 PRCC meeting.
2. Lower Wenatchee Instream Flow Enhancement Project Phase II (C. Jackson, D. Rohr) – Habitat Subcommittee will have the project sponsor at their next meeting to discuss status.
3. Methow Valley Irrigation District (MVID) Instream Flow Improvement Project (T. Dresser, K. Truscott) – Truscott followed up with funding question from January 23rd meeting that the MVID project might be having funding issues. Truscott informed the committee members that the questions were applicable to another project and not MVID.
4. Predator Fish Recruitment Reduction (B. Rose, K. Murdoch) – No additional information at this time.
5. Northern Pike Removal in Lake Roosevelt (K. Truscott) – No new numbers to report.
6. Satellite Telemetry of Caspian Terns (C. Dotson) – The report is being finalized for distribution to PRCC.

**X. Committee Reports (D. Rohr) –** Rohr distributed electronically.

**XI. Qtrly NNI and Habitat Funds Report – Year-End 2017 (D. Rohr) –** Rohr distributed electronically.

**XII.** Next Meeting – Wednesday, March 28, 9:00 am, Wanapum Dam HOB, Room 107 (D. Rohr)

**XIII.** Additional End of Meeting Comments:

- A Dotson commented that April 15<sup>th</sup> Progress Reports are due to FERC. All the reports are combined into one report.
- B Carlon asked how many Caspian Tern satellite tags remain operable. Dotson commented there are still 13 tags giving data on a weekly basis, and he is amazed with how long they've lasted and the information they are providing.

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