



Grant County **PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT**

Priest Rapids Coordinating Committee

Conference Call
Wednesday, April 14, 2014
9:30 – 1:00

PRCC Members

Scott Carlon/Bryan Nordlund, NMFS
Bob Rose, YN
Jeff Korth, C. Andonaegui, P. Verhey, WDFW
Tom Dresser/Curt Dotson, GCPUD

Jim Craig, USFWS
Kirk Truscott, CCT
Tom Skiles (CRIFTC) representing CTUIR
Denny Rohr, Facilitator

Attendees

Scott Carlon, Bryan Nordlund NMFS
Bob Rose, YN
Jeff Korth, WDFW
Tom Dresser/Curt Dotson, GCPUD
Debbie Williams, GCPUD

Jim Craig/Kate Terrell, USFWS
Kirk Truscott, CCT
Tom Skiles, CRIFTC
Russell Langshaw/Peter Graf, GCPUD
Denny Rohr, Facilitator

Decision Summary:

1. PRCC members agreed to turn off attraction flow water for the Priest Rapids Right Bank Ladder (PRRBL), and let the ladder operate strictly by gravity flow. If fish are seen using the PRRBL and not the Priest Rapids Left Bank Ladder (PRLBL) and OLAFT, the PRRBL will be totally closed off until study fish tagging is complete and/or ladder fixes are deemed successful.
2. PRCC members approved - If travel time for 90% of the salmonids is within 356 hours from Priest Rapids to Rock Island PIT detectors, ladder fixes are considered successful and trap/haul will cease.
3. PRCC agreed to a mortality rate for salmonids of less than 5% at the Wanapum exit, (as calculated daily on a cumulative basis) to consider the ladder fix successful and cease trap/haul. The PRCC will reconvene if the mortality rate approaches 3%.
4. PRCC members decided that the PIT-tag sample size will remain the same (200 PIT tags). If it looks like additional tagging is needed, Grant PUD will notify the PRCC, who will make that decision. 10-20 fish will also be tagged with an acoustic tag, and be released back into the river to collect additional data regarding the trap and transport program.

Distributed Items:

1. Monitoring and Evaluation of Adults in Response to Modifications to Wanapum Dam Adult Ladder.
2. Wanapum Dam Adult Passage and Monitoring Plan 2014 PowerPoint presentation.

Action Items:

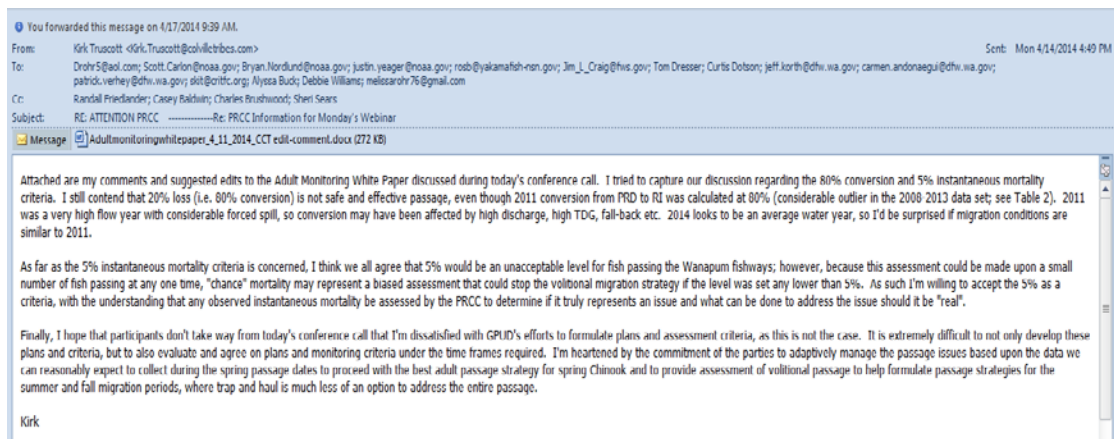
1. Grant PUD committed to provide weekly updates to the PRCC and will review additional conversion rate information (80%-90%).

Final Meeting Minutes

I. Welcome and Introductions

II. Wanapum Dam Adult Passage and Monitoring Plan 2014 – Russell Langshaw, Grant PUD, presented a PowerPoint presentation on 2014 Wanapum Dam Adult Passage and Monitoring Plan. He explained that the following key decisions need to be made during today's call:

- Will the Priest Rapids Right Bank Ladder remain open during trapping at the Off-Ladder Adult Fish Trap (OLAFT):
- PRCC members agreed to turn off attraction flow water for the Priest Rapids Right Bank Ladder (PRRBL), and let the ladder operate strictly by gravity flow. If fish are seen using the PRRBL and not the Priest Rapids Left Bank Ladder (PRLBL) and OLAFT, the PRRBL will be totally closed off until study fish tagging is complete and/or ladder fixes are deemed successful. Criteria needed to decide if trap and transport can be terminated:
 - Travel time 90% within 356 hours (from Priest Rapids to Rock Island PIT detectors) – PRCC members approved - If travel time for 90% of the salmonids is within 356 hours from Priest Rapids to Rock Island PIT detectors, ladder fixes are considered successful and trap/haul will cease.
 - Conversion rate >80% - A majority of the PRCC members decided that if an 80% conversion rate (from Priest Rapids to Rock Island PIT detectors) is achieved in conjunction with the other criteria, trap and transport can be terminated. Consensus was not reached on this item. Grant PUD, based on a majority decision and the need to begin implementation of the plan, moved forward with the 80% conversion rate. **Grant PUD committed to provide weekly updates to the PRCC and will review additional conversion rate information (80%-90%).** The CCT proposed a conversion rate of >90%, but consensus was not reached on this conversion rate either (Subsequent to the meeting, Kirk Truscott supplied his comments in support of his 90% recommendation).
 - Instantaneous mortality rate <5% - PRCC agreed to a mortality rate for salmonids of less than 5% at the Wanapum exit, (as calculated daily on a cumulative basis) to consider the ladder fix successful and cease trap/haul. The PRCC will reconvene if the mortality rate approaches 3%.
- PIT-tag sample size
 - Stage I
 - 200 at OLAFT - PRCC members decided that the PIT-tag sample size will remain the same (200 PIT tags). If it looks like additional tagging is needed, Grant PUD will notify the PRCC, who will then make that decision. 10-20 fish will also be tagged with an acoustic tag, in order to collect additional data regarding the trap and transport program.
 - Up to 600 previously tagged (in river run-at-large)
 - Stage II
 - Up to 1000 previously tagged (in river run-at-large)
 - Lamprey monitoring to be developed in PRFF



III. Next (regular) Meeting – April 22, 2014, 1:30 p.m., conference call/WebEx.