



Grant County **PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT**

Priest Rapids Coordinating Committee

Thursday, May 01 2014
Conference Call

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, CTUIR

Denny Rohr, Facilitator

Attendees

Bryan Nordlund, NMFS

Jeff Korth, WDFW

Tom Skiles, CRITFC

Russell Langshaw/Peter Graf, GCPUD

Denny Rohr, Facilitator

Jim Craig, USFWS

Kirk Truscott, CCT

Tom Dresser/Curt Dotson, GCPUD

Debbie Williams, GCPUD

Decision Summary:

1. PRCC members agreed that ladder flows be maintained status quo until Monday, May 5th.
2. PRCC members agreed that OLAFT operations remain status quo until Monday, May 5th.
3. PRCC members deferred the decision to tag 10-20 Spring Chinook with acoustic & PIT-tags to evaluate the Trap-n-Transport program.
4. PRCC members agreed that Trap-n-Transport for spring Chinook will continue, but will be re-visited on a weekly basis.

Final Meeting Minutes

I. Welcome and Introductions

II. Agenda Review – No additions were made to the agenda.

III. Update of Wanapum Dam Activities – Dresser presented a PowerPoint presentation with the most up to date fish passage information as of May 1, 2013. He explained that he needs the PRCC to make the following decisions during today's meeting. Should attraction flows be restored to the Priest Rapids Right Bank Ladder, should Off-Ladder Adult Fish Trap (OLAFT) operations be adjusted or limited, confirm the need to tag 10-20 spring Chinook, and should Trap-n-Transport continue.

- **Priest Rapids Right Bank ladder – Should Attraction Flow Be Restored** – PRCC members agreed that ladder flows be maintained status quo until Monday, May 5th, at which time passage numbers will reviewed again and a decision will be made.
- **Adjust and/or Limit OLAFT Hours of Operation** – PRCC members agreed that OLAFT operations will remain status quo until Monday, May 5th, until all 250 evaluation fish have been tagged. PRCC will hold a conference call after acoustic tag data analysis is available.
- **Confirm the Need to Tag 10-20 Spring Chinook** – PRCC members deferred this discussion until it's known if volitional passage will be successful.
- **Continuing Trap-n-Transport program** – PRCC members agreed that Trap-n-Transport for spring Chinook will continue, but will be re-visited on a weekly basis. Korth questioned the need to bifurcate wild vs. hatchery fish, or sockeye vs. Chinook, into two tanker trucks. PRCC members didn't see any reason to do this.
- **Juvenile Bypass Monitoring Update** – Dotson reported that the first release of tagged yearling Chinook took place yesterday in the Rock Island Tailrace, and that the second release occurred today. Steelhead tagging will start in a couple of days because fish haven't started to show up yet. Rock Island index counts doubled from May 29th to May 30th. Test groups consist of 18 fish per tank, per species. A total of 1700 fish per species will be tagged and released during this study.

IV. **Next Meeting** – May 28, 2014, SeaTac Radisson Hotel Boardroom