

**PRCC SOA 2012-07**

**Priest Rapids Coordinating Committee  
Statement of Agreement on  
Marking Strategy for Priest Rapids Hatchery Programs  
for Broodyear 2011**

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**Statement**

All Grant PUD Priest Rapids Hatchery fall Chinook released will be otolith marked to facilitate identification at adult return. For broodyear 2011 only, the Parties agree the Grant PUD Priest Rapids Hatchery fall Chinook releases shall be 600,000 AD+CWT Index group and a release of 600,000 CWT only (no ad-clip) to represent a Double Index Tag group. In addition, another 1 million fish will be marked with an adipose fin clip.

**Background**

The Priest Rapids Coordinating Committee of the Priest Rapids Settlement Agreement recognizes a long term marking strategy for broodstock management has yet to be finalized to implement the Monitoring and Evaluation Plan and the broodstock management principles outlined in the Hatchery and Genetic Management Plan. Mark methods continue to be evaluated relative to cost, benefits and risks, and ability to meet the long term M&E Plan and broodstock management principles. Pursuant to a final long term plan, a one year agreement has been reached by the US v Oregon parties for implementation on the 2011 Grant PUD Priest Rapids fall Chinook. This SOA is intended to facilitate implementation of the one year agreement pending development of a long term plan.