

**Priest Rapids Coordinating Committee Hatchery Subcommittee
Statement of Agreement (SOA) on Priest Rapids Hatchery
Fall Chinook HGMP's M&E Plan Development
Time Extension**

Submitted to PRCC Hatchery Subcommittee: February 13, 2007
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The Hatchery Subcommittee of the Priest Rapids Coordinating Committee (PRCC) agrees to the following time-line for the development of the Hatchery Genetic Management Plan's (HGMP) Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) Plan for the Fall Chinook Artificial Propagation Program included in Priest Rapids Salmon and Steelhead Settlement Agreement (Agreement).

<u>Task</u>	<u>Due Date</u>
Draft overall M&E objectives to PRCC HSC	July 1, 2007
PRCC HSC comments	August 1, 2007
Revised overall objectives plus null hypothesis	October 1, 2007
PRCC HSC comments	November 1, 2007
Final plan to PRCC HSC meeting	December 20, 2007

A meeting of the PRCC Hatchery Subcommittee members and the Hanford Reach Working Group will meet to discuss and develop appropriate M&E objectives for the fall Chinook program.

The PRCC Hatchery Subcommittee has also determined that no modification in the Priest Rapids Hatchery modification construction timeline is necessary at this time.

Background

The Agreement requires that Grant PUD continue to annually produce 5,000,000 fall Chinook sub-yearling smolts at the Priest Rapids Hatchery as mitigation for inundating spawning areas by the Priest Rapids Project. The Agreement also requires that Grant PUD to: (1) produce an additional 1,000,000 sub-yearling fall Chinook smolts (plus an additional 10% capacity allowance for flexibility) at the Priest Rapids Hatchery as compensation for passage mortality, and (2) annually produce up to 1,000,000 fall Chinook fry for release into the Wanapum and Priest Rapids reservoirs as compensation for flow fluctuation impacts within the Hanford Reach. The Agreement requires that Grant PUD shall in consultation with the PRCC Hatchery Subcommittee, update the existing HGMP for approval by the signature Parties. No HGMP completion date was specified. Also required is Grant PUD shall, in consultation with the PRCC Hatchery Subcommittee and within one year of the signed Agreement (effective Feb. 9, 2006), develop a monitoring and evaluation plan to assess the effectiveness of the fall Chinook propagation program at meeting the objectives developed by the Parties and consistent with the monitoring and evaluation plan described in Section 13.1.4 of the Agreement.