

Priest Rapids Coordinating Committee Conference Call

AGENDA

Monday, December 16, 2024
1:00 PM to NLT 4:00 PM

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PRCC Representatives, Alternates, and Facilitation

Tom Dresser, Rod O'Connor (Alt), Tim Taylor (Alt) GPUD
 Scott Carlon, Justin Yeager (Alt), NMFS
 Bill Gale, Jason Romine (Alt), USFWS
 Chad Jackson, Andrew Murdoch (Alt), WDFW
 Kirk Truscott, Casey Baldwin (Alt), CTCR

Keely Murdoch, Brandon Rogers (Alt), YN
 Tom Lorz, CTUIR
 Clayton Buck, Wanapum
 Larissa Rohrbach, Anchor QEA, Facilitator
 Kristi Geris, Anchor QEA, Technical Support

Action Items

- R. O'Connor will inform the PRCC of any updates to the 2025–2027 Smolt Survival Study, should they arise. *(This item is ongoing.)*
- K. Truscott will verify the CTCR PRCC Policy Committee representation. *(This item is ongoing.)*
- T. Lorz will provide an updated CRITFC PRCC Representation Designation Letter. *(This item is ongoing.)*
- The PRCC will review the proposed PRCC Policy Committee meeting agenda distributed on November 19, and send comments to L. Rohrbach by November 26, 2024.

- L. Rohrbach will work with T. Dresser to identify proposed dates for a PRCC Policy Committee meeting including timeline for materials preparation, pending PRCC feedback on proposed agenda topics.
- PRCC representatives will provide questions for Real Time Research (RTR) to address during a presentation of their No Net Impact (NNI) avian predation 2024 work and 2025 proposal (scheduled for January 9, 2025, at 10:00 a.m.) to T. Dresser no later than the PRCC December 16, 2024, conference call.
- Anchor QEA will distribute Outlook calendar placeholders for the 2025 PRCC meeting dates. *(Placeholders were distributed on November 20.)*

Agenda

- I. **Welcome, Announcements, Agenda Review, and Meeting Minutes Approval**
The draft November 18 PRCC conference call minutes will be distributed by K. Geris the week of December 10, 2024.
- II. **Actions Items Review**
- III. **Northern Pike Removal (2022-2024) (~1:15 p.m.)**
H. McLellan (CTCR) will share a 30-minute presentation during the December 2024 meeting.
- IV. **PRCC Hatchery Subcommittee Update – White River Hatchery Program**
- V. **PRCC Policy Committee Meeting Agenda Topics**
Comments were due November 26.
- VI. **2025-2027 Smolt Survival Study Updates**
- VII. **2024 Fish Passage Operations**
 - A. ***Fish ladder inspections***
 - B. ***Fish spill updates***
 - C. ***Adult Fish counts for 2024 (April 15 – November 15)***

The following are final adult fish counts from April 15 through November 15, 2024:

Project	Spring Chinook Salmon (Adult + Jack) ^a	Summer Chinook Salmon (Adult + Jack) ^b	Fall Chinook Salmon ^c	Sockeye Salmon	Coho Salmon	Steelhead
Priest Rapids	15,720	40,766	31,252	699,785	38,799	9,766
Wanapum	16,810	37,622	16,365	697,922	28,514	9,218
Rock Island	15,676	44,621	11,163	728,872	26,701	8,869

Notes:

- a: Chinook counted from April 15 to June 13 are considered spring Chinook Salmon.
- b: Chinook counted from June 14 to August 13 are considered summer Chinook Salmon.
- c: Chinook counted after August 14 are considered fall Chinook Salmon.

UPDATES

VIII. NNI-Funded Projects

- A. **Lower Wenatchee Instream Flow Enhancement Project Phase II**
(No update anticipated)
- B. **Northern Pike Removal (2022-2024)**
(Covered above)
- C. **WDFW PIT Tag Barge**
(No update anticipated)
- D. **2024 Quincy Northern Pikeminnow Derby**
(No update anticipated)
- E. **2024 RTR Avian Predation Study**
Allen Evans (RTR) to present data and information from the 2024 NNI avian predation work and a 2025 NNI avian predation proposal on January 9, 2025, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Questions for RTR due during December 2024 meeting.

IX. Sub-Committees

L. Rohrbach has forwarded the latest subcommittee distributions she has received to date to PRCC members and alternates.

- Priest Rapids Fish Forum – met November 6, next meeting February 7.
- Habitat Subcommittee – met October 10, next meeting December 12.
- Fall Chinook Work Group – met October 8, next meeting May 6.
- Hatchery Subcommittee – met November 20, next meeting December 18.

X. SOAs discussed in 2024

SOA number	Key Words	Last Discussed	Status
SOA-2024-1	Fish Mode Exceptions	July 23, 2024	Approved

XI. Next PRCC Meeting

Allen Evans (RTR) will present data and information from the 2024 NNI avian predation work and a 2025 NNI avian predation proposal on Thursday, January 9, 2025, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., to be held virtually.

The next PRCC meeting will be on Tuesday, January 28, 2025, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 a.m., to be held virtually. A joint session with the HCP-CC for a Subyearling

Chinook Salmon Workshop Recap (Joint Session 2) will be held after the PRCC meeting (time TBD).