



## Priest Rapids Coordinating Committee Conference Call

### AGENDA

**Tuesday, February 25, 2025**  
**9:00 AM to NLT 11:30 AM**  
**11:30 AM to 12:30 PM (joint session with HCP-CC)**

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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, 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
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#### Action Items

- K. Truscott will verify the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation (CTCR) PRCC Policy Committee representation. *(A CTCR PRCC Policy Representation Designation Letter was distributed on February 7.)*
- T. Lorz will provide an updated Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission (CRITFC) PRCC Representation Designation Letter. *(This item is ongoing.)*
- L. Rohrbach will work with T. Dresser to identify proposed dates for a PRCC Policy Committee meeting, including a timeline for materials preparation, tentatively in the July to August 2025 time frame. *(This item is ongoing.)*
- K. Murdoch will draft language for a new objective to develop a statistically and scientifically sound approach for better understanding population- and origin-specific

avian predation rates, for PRCC review, and discussion with Real Time Research (RTR) at the PRCC February 25 meeting. (*Note: this draft language was distributed to the PRCC on February 18.*)

- Anchor QEA will inform S. Carlon of PRCC's approval of RTR's 2025 Avian Predation Study proposal. (*Note: this follow-up was completed on January 30.*)
- Grant PUD will revise Quincy Valley Chamber of Commerce/Tourism Association's 2025 Northern Pikeminnow Derby proposal, as discussed in the meeting.
- Anchor QEA will circle back with B. Gale and S. Carlon regarding interest in remaining the agency spill representatives for the 2025 spill season.

## **Agenda**

### **I. Welcome, Announcements, Agenda Review, and Meeting Minutes Approval**

The draft January 13 PRCC conference call minutes were distributed by K. Geris on January 24.

The draft January 28 PRCC conference call minutes were distributed by K. Geris on February 11. NMFS abstained via email on February 18.

### **II. Actions Items Review**

### **III. RTR 2025 Avian Predation Work**

Subobjective 4.

### **IV. 2025-2027 Smolt Survival Study Updates**

### **V. PRCC Hatchery Subcommittee Update – White River Hatchery Program**

### **VI. 2025 Fish Passage Operations**

#### **A. *Fish ladder inspections***

#### **B. *Fish spill updates***

Select two agency spill reps for 2025 spill season.

#### **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) <sup>a</sup>	Summer Chinook Salmon (Adult + Jack) <sup>b</sup>	Fall Chinook Salmon <sup>c</sup>	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

### VII. NNI-Funded Projects

#### A. Lower Wenatchee Instream Flow Enhancement Project Phase II

An update was distributed on February 18.

#### B. Northern Pike Removal (2022-2025)

H. McLellan is working with Grant PUD on a change order to add eDNA monitoring to the 2025 contract. A proposal for post-2025 work is forthcoming (Feb-Mar, TBD).

#### C. WDFW PIT Tag Barge

Preliminary update in spring 2025 (TBD).

#### D. 2025 Quincy Northern Pikeminnow Derby

(No update anticipated)

#### E. 2025 RTR Avian Predation Study

(Covered above)

### VIII. Subcommittee Updates

K. Geris has forwarded the latest subcommittee distributions she has received to date to PRCC members and alternates.

- Priest Rapids Fish Forum – met February 5, next meeting March 5.
- Habitat Subcommittee – met February 13, next meeting March 13.
- Fall Chinook Work Group – met October 8, next meeting May 6.
- Hatchery Subcommittee – met February 19 to 20, next meeting March 19 to 20.

### IX. SOAs discussed in 2025

SOA number	Key Words	Last Discussed	Status
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### X. Next PRCC Meeting

The next PRCC meeting will be on Tuesday, March 25, 2025, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., to be held in-person at the Confluence Technology Center in Wenatchee, WA. A joint session with the HCP-CC for a Subyearling Chinook Salmon Workshop Recap (Joint Session 4) will be held from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. (TBD).

**XI. Subyearling Workshop Recap (11:30 a.m. Joint Session 3 with HCP-CC)**