



Priest Rapids Coordinating Committee Meeting

AGENDA

Tuesday, February 27, 2024
9:00 AM to NLT 12:00 PM

Microsoft Teams

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PRCC Representatives and Alternates, and Facilitation

Bryan Nordlund, Facilitator	Scott Carlon, Justin Yeager (Alt), NMFS
Larissa Rohrbach, Facilitation Support, Anchor QEA	Bill Gale, USFWS
Kirk Truscott, Casey Baldwin (Alt), CCT	Chad Jackson, A. Murdoch (Alt) WDFW
Tom Lorz, CTUIR	Keely Murdoch, Brandon Rogers (Alt), YN
Curt Dotson, Tom Dresser (Alt), GPUD	

Action Items

- C. Dotson will inform the PRCC of the 2025-2027 Smolt Survival Study data plan.
- K. Murdoch will send information on PIT-tagging of upper Columbia Basin hatchery groups to Real Time Research for use in their avian predation evaluation.
- A. Murdoch and C. Jackson will discuss with the PRCC in an upcoming meeting a specific request to Grant PUD from WDFW for acoustic tag data, including how those data may be used in new analyses.

Review Items

- The updated draft 2024 Chinook Salmon Subyearling Workshop Agenda was forwarded to the PRCC on February 20.
- The request for NNI fund support of the 2024 Chinook Salmon Subyearling Workshop was distributed on January 22.

Decisions and Approvals

- The PRCC approved the NNI funding (H601) request of \$313,929 from Real Time Research (RTR) on *Avian Predation on ESA-listed Juvenile Salmonids on the Middle Columbia River, 2024*. An evaluation of the various PIT-tagged hatchery groups will be included, with a focus on steelhead.
- The PRCC approved the NNI funding (H601) request of \$25,000 for the *Northern Pikeminnow Fishing Derby 2024* from the Quincy Valley Chamber of Commerce/Tourism Association.

Agenda

I. Welcome, Announcements and Introductions

II. Agenda Review

III. Meeting Minutes Approval

The January 8 and January 23, PRCC meeting minutes were distributed by Larissa Rohrbach the week of February 19, 2024.

IV. Actions Items Review

V. Subyearling Chinook Salmon Workshop Planning

VI. Wild Smolt Survival

VII. Survival Study Analysts

VIII. 2024 Fish Passage Operations

A. *Fish ladder inspections*

B. *Fish spill updates*

C. *Fish counts for 2023 (April 15 – November 15)*

The following are final fish counts for 2023:

Project	Spring Chinook Salmon (Adult + Jack)	Summer Chinook Salmon (Adult + Jack)	Fall Chinook Salmon	Sockeye Salmon	Coho Salmon	Steelhead
Priest Rapids*	18,888	51,102	44,970	235,270	16,651	7,617
Wanapum	19,152	57,251	27,884	228,172	11,461	7,522
Rock Island	17,619	51,574	17,628	247,772	17,690	8,326

UPDATES

IX. Review of Outstanding NNI Funded Projects

- A. **Lower Wenatchee Instream Flow Enhancement Project Phase II**
(No update anticipated)
- B. **Northern Pike Removal (2022-2024)**
(No update anticipated)
- C. **WDFW PIT tag barge**
(No update anticipated)
- D. **2024 Quincy Northern Pikeminnow Derby**
(No update anticipated)
- E. **2024 RTR Avian Predation study**
(No update anticipated)

X. Sub-Committee Updates

Nordlund has forwarded the latest subcommittee distributions he has received to date to PRCC members and alternates.

- Priest Rapids Fish Forum – did not meet in February, next meeting March 6.
- Habitat Subcommittee – met February 8, next meeting March 14.
- Fall Chinook Work Group – met October 3, next meeting May 7.
- Hatchery Subcommittee – met January 17, next meeting February 21.

XI. SOAs discussed in 2024

SOA number	Key Words	Last Discussed	Status
2023-02	Survival Study	November 28, 2023	Approved November 28; final revisions and SOA distributed on December 11, 2023.

XII. Next Meetings

The next PRCC meeting is scheduled for March 26 at 9 a.m., in-person at Chelan PUD and with virtual links provided.

XIII. Future PRCC Facilitation (PRCC members only)

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