



Priest Rapids Coordinating Committee Meeting

AGENDA

Tuesday, March 25, 2025

9:00 AM to NLT 11:00 AM

11:00 AM to 12:30 PM (joint session with HCP-CC)

In Person at the Confluence Technology Center

285 Technology Center Way, Wenatchee WA

and

Microsoft Teams

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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

Action Items

- T. Lorz will provide an updated Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission (CRITFC) PRCC Representation Designation Letter. *(Note: a letter designating T. Lorz as the CRITFC PRCC Representative and P. McHugh as the PRCC Alternate was distributed on March 17.)*
- 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.)*

- Grant PUD will revise Quincy Valley Chamber of Commerce/Tourism Association's (Quincy's) 2025 Northern Pikeminnow Derby proposal, as discussed in the meeting. (*This item is ongoing.*)
- Grant PUD will share with Real Time Research (RTR) the PRCC-reviewed draft language for a new objective to develop a statistically and scientifically sound approach for better understanding population- and origin-specific avian predation rates and will invite RTR for a discussion at the PRCC March 25 meeting.
- K. Truscott will reach out to H. McLellan (Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation [CTCR]) about providing a draft PRCC No Net Impact (NNI) Funds Project Specification Sheet (NNI Funds Spec Sheet) for post-2025 Northern Pike Removal efforts, and any supporting materials, no later than March 15, for a decision at the PRCC March 25 meeting. (*Note: a draft NNI Funds Spec Sheet was distributed on March 17.*)

Agenda

- I. **Welcome, Announcements, Agenda Review, and Meeting Minutes Approval**
The draft February 25 PRCC conference call minutes were distributed by K. Geris on March 11. The revised minutes for approval will be distributed on March 18.
- II. **Actions Items Review**
- III. **PRESENTATION/DECISION: Northern Pike Removal (post-2025)**
PRCC NNI Funds Project Specification Sheet with H. McLellan.
- IV. **RTR 2025 Avian Predation Work**
Subobjective 4 with RTR scheduled for PRCC meeting on April 22.
- V. **2025-2027 Smolt Survival Study Updates**
Implementation in 2026-2028.
- VI. **PRCC Hatchery Subcommittee Update – White River Hatchery Program**
- VII. **2025 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 (2022-2025)

(Covered above)

C. WDFW PIT Tag Barge

Preliminary update in spring 2025 (TBD).

D. 2025 Quincy Northern Pikeminnow Derby

Preliminary update after June 2025 (TBD).

E. 2025 RTR Avian Predation Study

(Covered above)

IX. 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 March 5, next meeting April 2.
- Habitat Subcommittee – met March 13, next meeting April 10.
- Fall Chinook Work Group – met October 8, next meeting May 6.
- Hatchery Subcommittee – met March 19 to 20, next meeting April 16 to 17.

X. SOAs discussed in 2025

SOA number	Key Words	Last Discussed	Status
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XI. Next PRCC Meeting

The next PRCC meeting will be on Tuesday, April 22, 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 5) will be held from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. (TBD).

XII. Subyearling Workshop Recap (11:00 a.m. Joint Session 4 with HCP-CC)