



Priest Rapids Coordinating Committee Meeting AGENDA

Tuesday, April 26, 2022

1:00 pm

To Join Zoom Meeting:

PRCC Representatives

Scott Carlon, Justin Yeager (Alt), NMFS - Absent	Jim Craig, USFWS
Keely Murdoch, Brandon Rogers (Alt), YN	Kirk Truscott, Casey Baldwin (alt), CCT
Chad Jackson, P. Verhey (Alt) WDFW	Tom Skiles, CTUIR
Curt Dotson, Tom Dresser (Alt), GPUD	

Decisions and Approvals Made During March 22, 2022, Meeting

1. **Decision:** Tom Skiles, Curt Dotson and Scott Carlon will comprise the spill committee for 2022 fish passage operations.
2. **Approved:** The PRCC will have a joint meeting with the HCP CC's on May 24 to hear a presentation regarding the Phase II Report for Reintroduction above Grand Coulee. Details to follow.
3. **Decision:** A one time exception was requested and approved for WDFW to retain ownership of all components of the Wenatchee PIT tag barge, which was partially funded with NNI Funds. A member not able to attend the March PRCC meeting was later queried, and unanimous approval was obtained.
4. **Approved:** January and February PRCC meeting minutes.
5. **Approved:** Further discussion on developing PRCC meeting protocols.

Agenda

- I. Welcome, Announcements and Introductions
- II. Agenda Review

III. Meeting Minutes Approval

- A. March 22, 2022, PRCC meeting minutes – March meeting minutes were distributed by Bryan Nordlund by email on March 26. Comments were due by April 26, 2022, but all PRCC members have approved, and March minutes are considered final.

IV. Status of Actions Items from March 22, 2022, Meeting

- A. Nordlund has followed up with John Ferguson to develop agendas for the joint CC meetings in May regarding Phase II Upper Columbia Re-introduction plans.
- B. A search of files for an earlier draft of PRCC meeting protocols was conducted. (Nordlund-nothing found, Dresser?)
- C. Follow-up on Corp/BOR Avian Predation Management (Skiles, Carlon and Dotson – work in progress).
- D. YN letter sent to NOAA request clarifying survival performance standards - Keely Murdoch will check with her managers to determine whether this can be distributed to the PRCC. (completed)

V. 2021 Fish Passage Operations Report

A. ***Update on investigations for fish count discrepancy:***

Any updates from Curt and PRCC discussion.

B. ***Fish ladder inspections:***

Tom Skiles performs monthly ladder inspections at the GPUD dams for the fisheries agencies and tribes. Inspections should start up again in April of 2022. Tom Skiles inquired if Grant PUD's covid restrictions have been lifted. Tom Dresser shared Grant PUD's covid restrictions have been lifted and reminded Tom Skiles to coordinate with both Chris Mott and Plant Operators to schedule his inspections. Curt Dotson added a reminder on the work being performed at PR Right Bank Embankment.

C. ***Fish spill updates:***

Spill season will commence for juvenile outmigration in April 2022. 4/18/2022 Wanapum Turbines are in fish mode, Tuesday morning 4/19 at PR turbines are in fish mode, one turbine is down for rehab/commissioning P-4 at Priest Rapids in the Month of June, Curt Dotson will put together a formal memo to share with the PRCC.

D. ***Fish counts for 2022 (April 15 – April 16)***

Project/Life Stage	Spring Chinook	Summer Chinook	Sockeye	Fall Chinook	Steelhead	Coho
Priest Rapids adults	29				1	
Rock Island adults	1				4	
Priest Rapids jacks	0					
Rock Island-jacks	0					

- VI. Discussion - Develop PRCC operations protocols (e.g., SOA development, timing, agenda items, presentations etc.) **Action Item: Bryan Nordlund to develop a strawman document with bullet list to share at the May meeting.**

UPDATES

VII. Review of Outstanding NNI Funded Projects

- A. Lower Wenatchee Instream Flow Enhancement Project Phase II – (no updates)
- B. Avian Predation on ESA-listed Juvenile Salmonids on the Mid-Columbia River, 2021 Curt Dotson shared a RTR update, Turns are showing up at North Islands only loafing no nesting taking place. RTR will be flying some aerial surveys.
- C. Barkley Irrigation Company Permanent Point of Diversion - Completing Implementation of the Permanent Solution (no updates)
- D. Northern Pike Removal (2022-2024) Curt Dotson shared this new contract is in place and they are moving forward.
- E. Quincy Pikeminnow Derby – Curt Dotson shared this will take place May 13-15, 2022.
- F. Wenatchee PIT tag barge – exception to SOA 2013-04 granted – Curt Dotson shared this contract is moving forward.

VIII. Committee Updates

Bryan Nordlund has forwarded the latest subcommittee distributions he has received to date via email.

- A. Priest Rapids Fish Forum – The April 2022 meeting has been canceled. Next is May 4th, 2022.

- B. Habitat Subcommittee – HSC met on April 14, 2022.
- C. Fall Chinook Work Group – The FCWG met on April 5, 2022,
- D. Hatchery Subcommittee – The next meeting was April 20, 2022.

IX. SOA’s discussed in 2022

SOA number	Key words	Last Discussed	Status
2021-06	Facilitator selection	January 25, 2022	open

X. Next Meetings

The next PRCC meetings are scheduled for May 24 and June 28, 2022.

XIII. Today’s Action Item Summary: