



## Priest Rapids Coordinating Committee Meeting

### FINAL APPROVED MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, May 25, 2021

1:00 pm

ZOOM Webinar

#### **PRCC Representatives**

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Scott Carlon, Justin Yeager (Alt), NMFS  
Keely Murdoch, Brandon Rogers (Alt), YN  
Chad Jackson, P. Verhey (Alt) WDFW  
Curt Dotson, Peter Graf (Alt), GCPUD  
Denny Rohr, D. Rohr & Assoc, Facilitator

Jim Craig, USFWS  
Kirk Truscott, Casey Baldwin (alt), CCT  
Tom Skiles, CTUIR  
Erin Harris, Admin Ass't, GCPUD

#### **PRCC Meeting Attendees**

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Curt Dotson, GCPUD  
Scott Carlon, NMFS - Absent  
Chad Jackson, WDFW  
Tom Skiles, CTUIR  
Kirk Truscott, CCT

Keely Murdoch, YN  
Denny Rohr, D. Rohr & Assoc, Facilitator  
Erin Harris, GCPUD  
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#### **Decisions Made During Tuesday, May 25, 2021 Meeting**

1. No votes or decisions made during the May 25, 2021 meeting.

### **Meeting Minutes**

- I. Welcome and Introductions** – D. Rohr welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending the meeting.
- II. Agenda Review** – No additions were made.
- III. Meeting Minutes**
  - A. Affirmed Kirk Truscott approval of March 23, 2021.
  - B. April 23, 2021 draft minutes - Approved pending Tom Skiles request for additional review time wherein he will notify Rohr of his decision.

**IV. Review of Actions Items from March 23, 2001 Meeting –**

1. Rohr will include the **Draft SOA 2021-03 – Methodology used to Calculate the Combined (juvenile/adult) Survival Estimates for the Priest Rapids Project** on agenda for approval consideration at the next meeting.

**V. DECISION ITEM – SOA 2021-03, Methodology used to Calculate the Combined (juvenile/adult) Survival Estimates for the Priest Rapids Project –**

Rohr shared that the original proposal received edits from Murdoch and Truscott. He also shared that the amendments to the SOA have been sent out to members by email. Truscott asked to consider an email vote in ten days. Dotson shared he is on board with a ten-day review period followed by an email vote. Truscott suggested adding the survival language from the settlement agreement. Dotson noted the survival language has been a topic for this committee since September 2020. Truscott wants the survival language to be from the settlement agreement rather than the survival calculation. Murdoch shared her edits added the background section to add context to the statement, what it is and what it is not. She said we should include the survival standard language from the Settlement Agreement and added that this same language exists in the 2004 and 2008 BiOps and Grant's FERC license. Jackson shared that the State still feels the same as the tribes. Jackson shared he would like to have a special meeting rather than reconstruction by Grant's staff. Jackson suggested the PRCC hold special meetings or a new subcommittee to tackle all these components. Rohr shared this always comes down to the survival calculation and there have been several discussions with explanations and he's not sure where to take it. Truscott gives credit on the rewrites and edits that have been positive, and he agrees including 93% juvenile survival is a hang up. He also shared there is a NOAA meeting the next day with Richie Graves, NOAA, for additional discussion. Dotson shared this is a good discussion, and Grant will review internally and take the suggestions into consideration. Truscott and Dotson will also talk offline to provide clarity. Grant will discuss internally, and Dotson will get back to committee members. Rohr will conduct an email vote accordingly.

**VI. Avian Predation Reports**

**A. Additional Review and Comments of ISAB Avian Predation Report**

(introduced April 27<sup>th</sup> PRCC meeting) – Rohr shared this review was requested by CRITFC and asked if anyone has additional comments? No comments were made.

**B. Review and Discussion of May BOR Avian Predation Report –**

Rohr shared he sent out the report and received comments and questions from Blaine Parker, CRITFC. Rohr followed up with Parker, Dotson, and Skiles on a ZOOM call to talk about this. After committee members discussion, the takeaway from Parker's recommendations regarding expansion of BOR's monthly reports to PRCC was to share them with BOR. Skiles and Dotson had no additional comments and agreed with Parker's suggestions. Accordingly, committee members approved Rohr moving forward to contact and discuss with BOR.

- VII. **2021 Spill Report** – Dotson reported that spill is taking place. No additional comments or questions from committee members.
- VIII. **Discussion of July Meeting Date (HCPCC changing meeting date)** – Rohr stated that he had been alerted by the HCPCC chair that they were changing their July meeting date due to a scheduling problem, and he wanted to discuss the PRCC schedule with the committee members. Murdoch informed the members that the HCPCC July meeting date was to be discussed further at the June meeting and it might be best to wait until after that discussion for PRCC to address the question. Accordingly, all agreed to discuss at the next meeting in June.
- IX. **Potpourri** – no update information

### UPDATES

- X. **Avian Predation Activities** – Nothing additional from agenda item VI above.
- XI. **FCRPS BiOp – Corps/BOR Avian Predation Management in Columbia Plateau Region** – no update.
- XII. **Review of Outstanding NNI Funded Projects**
  - A. Lower Wenatchee Instream Flow Enhancement Project Phase II – no update information.
  - B. “Non-Native Predator Recruitment Reduction – Phase I” – Murdoch reported that Geoff McMichael has completed some of the larvae sampling, and she will have more information to report at the June meeting.
  - C. “Northern Pike Removal in Lake Roosevelt” – Multi-agency work is occurring and they are working on funding contract year 3 of 3. Accordingly, a new funding request is forthcoming. Colville’s are also discussing funding with BPA.
  - D. **(Placeholder)** 2020 Quincy Valley Tourism Association Northern Pikeminnow Fishing Derby (moved to 2021 due to Covid-19) – Dotson reported the Derby took place the previous weekend, but he has not yet received any results of the numbers. He commented he would provide an update at the next meeting in June.
  - E. Avian Predation on ESA-listed Juvenile Salmonids on the Mid-Columbia River, 2021, Real Time Research – No additional comments.
  - F. **(Placeholder)** Barkley Irrigation Co Permanent Point of Diversion, Completing Implementation of the Permanent Solution – Rohr commented that the Habitat SC continues to work with Trout Unlimited and the Methow Salmon Recovery Board as to a path forward regarding disposition of the Wilson Property that was acquired during the implementation of this project. Rohr will keep committee members advised moving forward.

**A. Committee Reports** – email distribution

**B. NNI and Habitat Funds Report 2021 Q1** - pending

**C. Next Meeting** – June 22, 2021, 1:00, ZOOM Webinar Meeting

**Action Items from May 25, 2021 meeting**

1. SOA 2021-03, Methodology used to Calculate the Combined (juvenile/adult) Survival Estimates for the Priest Rapids Project - Truscott and Dotson will talk offline to provide clarity. Grant will discuss internally and Dotson will get back to committee members with a summary of that discussion. Rohr will conduct an email vote accordingly.
2. Rohr will move forward to contact and discuss monthly reporting suggestions with BOR.
3. Rohr will place July meeting date on agenda for additional discussion at June meeting.
4. Dotson will provide an update of the results of the Quincy Valley Tourism Association Northern Pikeminnow Fishing Derby at the next meeting in June.