

Priest Rapids Coordinating Committee Meeting

AGENDA

Tuesday August 22, 2023

1:00 PM to NLT 4:00 PM

Wanapum Dam Hydro Office Building (HOB) 107 and Teams

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Meeting ID: 277 634 438 048 Passcode: GsDXym Or call in (audio only)

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PRCC Representatives and Alternates, and Facilitation

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

Action Items

- B. Nordlund will contact J. Ferguson (HCP-CC Chair) to propose that steelhead overshoot and fallbacks at the upper Columbia River projects be presented as a joint topic in the next HCP-CC and PRCC meeting.
- B. Nordlund will discuss with J. Ferguson a proposal to convene an annual HCP and PRCC Policy overview meeting on the same day each year.

Review Items

• None.

Decisions and Approvals

• None.

Agenda

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

III. Meeting Minutes Status

The July 25 PRCC meeting minutes were distributed by Larissa Rohrbach by email on August 15, with revisions due by the August 22 meeting.

- IV. Actions Items Review
- V. Survival Study Plan Brief Update
- VI. Steelhead Fallback Ongoing Coordination and Discussion
- VII. Wild Smolt Survival
- VIII. 2023 Fish Passage Operations Report
 - A. Fish ladder inspections
 - B. Fish spill updates
 - C. Fish counts for 2023 (April 15 November 15)

The following are fish counts as of August 6, 2023:

Project	Spring Chinook Salmon (Adult + Jack)	Summer Chinook Salmon (Adult + Jack)	Fall Chinook Salmon	Sockeye Salmon	Coho Salmon	Steelhead
Priest	16,956	48,200	0	230,518	15	1,403
Rapids						
Wanapum	17,235	55,596	0	227,383	25	1,335
Rock Island	17,619	49,570	0	246,531	2	1,237

UPDATES

- IX. Review of Outstanding NNI Funded Projects
 - A. Lower Wenatchee Instream Flow Enhancement Project Phase II. (No update)
 - B. Northern Pike Removal (2022-2024) (No update)

C. WDFW PIT tag barge

(Update presentation following summer outmigration season)

- D. Quincy Northern Pikeminnow Derby (No update)
- E. 2023 RTR Avian Predation study (No update)

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 met August 2, next meeting September 6.
- Habitat Subcommittee met August 10, next meeting September 14.
- Fall Chinook Work Group next meeting October 3.
- Hatchery Subcommittee next meeting August 16.

XI. SOAs discussed in 2023

SOA number	Key words	Last Discussed	Status
2022-03	Fish Mode revision	January 24, 2023	Closed
2023-01	Sockeye Salmon Program	January 24, 2023	Closed
2022-02	Hatchery Production Objectives, 2024-2033	February 28, 2023	Closed

XII. Next Meetings

The next PRCC meeting is scheduled for September 26 at 1 p.m., at the Wanapum HOB-107 Executive Conference Room. Virtual attendance will be provided on Teams.