



Priest Rapids Coordinating Committee Meeting

AGENDA

Tuesday, August 27, 2024
1:00 PM to NLT 4:00 PM

Microsoft Teams Meeting

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Meeting ID: 217 859 437 456

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PRCC Representatives and Alternates, and Facilitation

Larissa Rohrbach, Interim Facilitator, Anchor QEA
Kristi Geris, Technical Support, Anchor QEA
Kirk Truscott, Casey Baldwin (Alt), CTCR
Tom Lorz, CTUIR

Curt Dotson, Tom Dresser (Alt), GPUD
Scott Carlon, Justin Yeager (Alt), NMFS
Bill Gale, Jason Romine (Alt), USFWS
Chad Jackson, Andrew Murdoch (Alt) WDFW
Keely Murdoch, Brandon Rogers (Alt), YN

Action Items

- C. Dotson will inform the Priest Rapids Coordinating Committee (PRCC) of any updates to the 2025–2027 Smolt Survival Study data plan, should they arise. *(This item is ongoing.)*
- L. Rohrbach will work with T. Dresser to identify a date for a 2024 PRCC Policy Committee meeting. *(This item is ongoing.)*
- L. Rohrbach will reach out to K. Truscott to obtain his approval of the June 25 minutes. *(K. Truscott's approval was obtained and the final minutes were distributed on August 8.)*
- C. Dotson will accept tracked changes and update the date in the revised Fish Mode Exceptions Statement of Agreement (SOA), as approved during today's meeting, and will provide the final SOA to L. Rohrbach for distribution. *(The final SOA was distributed on August 5.)*

- C. Dotson will redistribute instructions for accessing the internal and external PRCC SharePoint sites.
- A. Murdoch will develop a draft agenda for further discussing the Sub-Yearling Chinook Salmon Workshop.
- L. Rohrbach will coordinate with J. Ferguson (Habitat Conservation Plan Coordinating Committees [HCP-CC] Chair) about possibly convening a joint session to further discuss the Sub-Yearling Chinook Salmon Workshop during the PRCC and HCP-CC meetings on October 22.
- C. Dotson will inquire about installing gage placards at Priest Rapids Dam, similar to what was installed at Wanapum Dam, to assist with fish ladder inspections.

Review Items

- None.

Agenda

I. Welcome, Announcements, Agenda Review, and Meeting Minutes Approval

The draft July 23 PRCC meeting minutes were distributed by L. Rohrbach on August 20, 2024.

II. Actions Items Review

III. PRCC Hatchery Subcommittee Update – White River Hatchery Program

IV. Sub-yearling Workshop Follow-Up

V. 2024 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 August 17, 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	486	698,968	9	3,654
Wanapum	16,810	37,622	382	696,905	1	3,120
Rock Island	15,676	44,621	476	727,688	2	2,695

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 from August 14 to August 17 are considered fall Chinook salmon.

UPDATES

VI. 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**
(Most recent updates emailed on June 28)

VII. Sub-Committees

L. Rohrbach has forwarded the latest subcommittee distributions she has received to date to PRCC members and alternates.

- Priest Rapids Fish Forum – met August 7, next meeting September 4.
- Habitat Subcommittee – did not meet in August, next meeting September 12.
- Fall Chinook Work Group – met May 7, next meeting Oct 1.
- Hatchery Subcommittee – met July 17, next meeting August 21.

VIII. SOAs discussed in 2024

SOA number	Key Words	Last Discussed	Status
SOA-2024-1	Fish Mode Exceptions	July 23, 2024	Approved

IX. Next PRCC Meeting

The next PRCC meeting will be September 24, 2024.