



Grant County
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**Priest Rapids Coordinating Committee Meeting
FINAL AGENDA**

Tuesday, Oct 25, 2022

9:00 AM

Douglas PUD Auditorium

<https://grantpud-799.my.webex.com/grantpud-799.my/j.php?MTID=md57e000f79b097ca08ea9df090b47fca>

PRCC Representatives

Scott Carlon, Justin Yeager (Alt), NMFS
Keely Murdoch, Brandon Rogers (Alt), YN
Chad Jackson, P. Verhey (Alt) WDFW
Curt Dotson, Tom Dresser (Alt), GPUD

Jim Craig, USFWS
Kirk Truscott, Casey Baldwin (alt), CCT
Tom Skiles, CTUIR

Decisions and Approvals Made During Sept 27, 2022, Meeting

1. None

Agenda

- I. Welcome, Announcements and Introductions**
- II. Agenda Review**
- III. Meeting Minutes Status**
 - A. September 27, 2022, PRCC meeting minutes were distributed by Bryan Nordlund by email on October 10, with comments due November 10.
- IV. Status of Actions Items and Approvals from August 16, 2022, Meeting**
 - A. **APPROVALS:** July and August 2022 Meeting Minutes were approved as final.
 - B. **ACTION:** Survival Study Talking Points: Curt Dotson will continue to update the survival study talking points for PRCC review and comment. PRCC members should pass any comments, questions, or suggestions to Curt.

- C. **ACTION:** Fish Counts 2022: Curt Dotson will ask Dave Duvall, Grant PUD Lead Biologist for steelhead count discrepancy to report to the committee during the October 2022 meeting. (status?)
- D. **ACTION:** PRCC Operations Protocol (working document): Bryan Nordlund will add the Excel spreadsheet as an attachment to the PRCC Operations Protocols Word document (completed).
- E. **ACTION:** Fish Survival Studies: Curt Dotson will draft an example document (i.e. draft study proposal) describing how Grant PUD could conduct a fish survival study. (status?)

V. 2021 Fish Passage Operations Report

- A. **Update on investigations for fish count discrepancy:**
Dave Duvall?
- B. **Fish ladder inspections:**
Tom Skiles performs monthly ladder inspections at the GPUD dams for the fisheries agencies and tribes. Any updates from Tom?
- C. **Fish spill updates:**
Spill season is complete for juvenile passage. Any miscellaneous updates from the Spill Committee?
- D. **Fish counts for 2022 (April 15 – October 14)**

Project	Spring Chinook (final)	Summer Chinook (final)	Sockeye	Fall Chinook	Steelhead	Coho
Priest Rapids	21091	61927	654390	25182	4401	14639
Wanapum	21165	59778	724533	13469	3777	5366
Rock Island	22487	64497	659924	8057	6945	12264

Priest Rapids and Wanapum counts may be incomplete.

VI. Discussion on revised Fish Mode at Wanapum Dam.

VII. Continuing preliminary discussion - Survival study talking points.

Curt will distribute his updates to the working document based on previous survival study experience and the PRCC will discuss:

- timing, species, life stage(s)
- future workshops needed?
- tag type
- standard to measure (combine projects? combine adult + juvenile?)
- accuracy/precision of data analysis
- fish source

- release points
- assessing tag and tagger effects detection points
- dealing with adverse river flow conditions
- plant operations
- achieving standard or not – path forward
- factoring in avian predation
- others, per PRCC discussion?
- New - Preliminary Draft Survival study plan – status?

VIII. Continued discussion – Path forward from check-in survival study results

IX. Revived discussion – PRCC definition of survival standards

UPDATES

X. 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, 2022. (presentation forthcoming?)
- C. Northern Pike Removal (2022-2024). (presentation forthcoming?)

XI. Sub-Committee Updates

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

- A. Priest Rapids Fish Forum – no meeting this month
- B. Habitat Subcommittee – Canadian project tour.
- C. Fall Chinook Work Group – no update.
- D. Hatchery Subcommittee – Next meetings are scheduled for October 19 with a conference call on 10-17, and November 16.

XII. SOA’s discussed in 2022

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

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XIII. Next Meetings

The next PRCC meetings are scheduled for November 15 at 1 PM (virtual) and December 16 at 1 PM (virtual).

XIV. Today's Action Item Summary: