



## Priest Rapids Coordinating Committee Meeting FINAL AGENDA

Tuesday, Sept 27, 2022

1:00 pm

Location: Wanapum Room HOB-107

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88984957218?pwd=SVQxSVRhREQwTIN1eUdqB3hjanpzUT09>

Meeting ID: 889 8495 7218 Passcode: EnPAp6

### **PRCC Representatives**

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Scott Carlon, Justin Yeager (Alt), NMFS

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 August 16, 2022, Meeting**

1. **DECISION:** Per SOA 2021-06, the PRCC approved Bryan Nordlund to continue as PRCC Facilitator based on satisfactory performance in his first years tenure. Committee members absent from the August PRCC members were contacted to confirm PRCC consensus.

## **Agenda**

### **I. Welcome, Announcements and Introductions**

### **II. Agenda Review**

### **III. Meeting Minutes Approval**

- A. August 16, 2022, PRCC meeting minutes – meeting minutes were distributed by Bryan Nordlund by email on August 25, with comments due by the next PRCC meeting on September 27 (today). July 26, 2022, meeting minutes have been approved by the PRCC and are ready for posting.

**IV. Status of Actions Items from August 16, 2022, Meeting**

1. Action: Curt Dotson will continue updates to his Survival Study discussion document built from the bullet list above and distribute for continuing this discussion at future PRCC meetings. He will also reach out to Chelan PUD to discuss feasibility of using their facilities as a source for study fish. (*Curt?*)
  
2. ACTION: Fish ladder inspections: Bryan Nordlund will reach out to Tom Skiles for a current report on fishway operations. (*Completed – Per Tom, he did not inspect the ladders in July.*)
  
3. ACTION: Bryan Nordlund will provide an updated Operations Protocols document for distribution at the next PRCC meeting. Bryan Nordlund will make updates to his excel spreadsheet for the PRCC operations protocols to match the committee’s recommendations and change the format from excel to word. (*Distributed on Sept 12 by email from Nordlund*)

**V. 2021 Fish Passage Operations Report**

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

Any updates from Curt plus PRCC discussion.

**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 – August 4)**

Project	Spring Chinook (final)	Summer Chinook (final)	Sockeye	Fall Chinook	Steelhead	Coho
Priest Rapids	21091	61927	654323	6668	2304	382
Wanapum	21165	59778	724509	2711	2285	57
Rock Island	22487	64497	659871	1862	3803	7

**VI. Continuing discussion - Develop PRCC operations protocols (e.g., SOA development, timing, agenda items, presentations etc.)**

See draft from Bryan Nordlund sent by email on September 12, 2022. Also, this document is attached to this agenda

**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?

**VIII. New 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. (completed for 2022)
- C. Northern Pike Removal (2022-2024). (program is in place)

**XI. Sub-Committee Updates**

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

- A. Priest Rapids Fish Forum – PRFF conference call occurred on September 7.
- B. Habitat Subcommittee –HabSC meeting held September 8.
- C. Fall Chinook Work Group – no update.
- D. Hatchery Subcommittee – Next meetings are scheduled for September 21, October 19, and November 16.

**XII. SOA's discussed in 2022**

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

**XIII. Next Meetings**

The next PRCC meetings are scheduled for October 25 at the Douglas PUD Auditorium (9 AM), and a virtual meeting on November 22 (1 PM).