



Priest Rapids Coordinating Committee Meeting
FINAL AGENDA
Friday December 16, 2022
11:00 AM

PRCC Representatives

Scott Carlon, Justin Yeager (Alt), NMFS	Jim Craig, USFWS
Keely Murdoch, Brandon Rogers (Alt), YN	Kirk Truscott, Casey Baldwin (alt), CCT
Chad Jackson, A. Murdoch(Alt) WDFW	Tom Skiles, CTUIR
Curt Dotson, Tom Dresser (Alt), GPUD	

Decisions, Actions and Approvals Made During November 16, 2022, Meeting

- A. **ACTION:** T. Dresser will send out the WDFW letter regarding Priest Rapids and Wanapum Dams Adult Fish Count Discrepancies dated November 7, 2022, to committee members.
- B. **ACTION:** B. Nordlund to share committee documents with committee member alternates. (started and ongoing)
- C. **ACTION:** C. Dotson to provide a timeline document for the 2025 Fish Survival Study. PRCC members are to provide comments to Curt Dotson on the draft 2025 survival study plan he sent out to the PRCC by December 6, 2022.
- D. **ACTION:** B. Nordlund to add in language to the draft SOA (2022-04) that will clarify the current survival study performance standards achieved results, then send it to Tom Dresser for his review. It will be sent to committee members for an email vote. If not enough time for an email vote, committee members will vote at the December 16 meeting. (complete)
- E. **ACTION:** Grant PUD will do an analysis on turbine stops/starts at 9.5 to 10.5 KCFS and then provide that data to committee members to review.
- F. **ACTION:** B. Nordlund and J. Ferguson will coordinate a December 16 Coordinating Committee meeting overlap to accommodate a presentation from A. Murdoch (WDFW) regarding steelhead fallback. A revised meeting schedule will be distributed to the PRCC. (complete)

Agenda

I. Welcome, Announcements and Introductions

II. Agenda Review

III. Meeting Minutes Status

- A. November 16, 2022, PRCC meeting minutes were distributed by Bryan Nordlund by email on November 29, with comments due by December 28, 2002. October 25 PRCC meeting minutes comments were due November 10 and are in the process of being finalized.

IV. Updated Status of Actions Items from November 16, 2022, Meeting

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- B. **ACTION:** C. Dotson to provide a timeline document for the 2025 Fish Survival Study. PRCC members are to provide comments to Curt Dotson on the draft 2025 survival study plan he sent out to the PRCC by December 6, 2022.
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V. 2021 Fish Passage Operations Report

- D. ***Update on investigations for fish count discrepancy:***
(T. Dresser / C. Dotson)
- E. ***Fish ladder inspections:***
Completed for 2022 – possible dewatered ladder observation later in 2022.
- F. ***Fish spill updates:*** None until 2023

G. Fish counts for 2022 (April 15 – November 15 – Final)

Project	Spring Chinook (final)	Summer Chinook (final)	Sockeye	Fall Chinook	Steelhead	Coho
Priest Rapids	21091	61932	654407	33384	4887	25796
Wanapum	21165	59778	724522	25957	4203	8978
Rock Island	22487	64497	659933	11941	7496	25424

Priest Rapids and Wanapum counts may be incomplete.

- VI. Discussion/Vote on revised Fish Mode at Wanapum Dam.**
- VII. New topic- proposal (GPUD) for NNI Funding**
2023 RTR Avian Predation work in the Columbia Basin.
- VIII. 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.
- IX. Continued discussion – Path forward from check-in survival study results**
- X. Revived discussion – PRCC definition of survival study objectives**

UPDATES

- XI. Review of Outstanding NNI Funded Projects**
 - A. Lower Wenatchee Instream Flow Enhancement Project Phase II.**
Kate Terrell stated that Trout Unlimited had several calls with the Director of the Jones Shotwell Ditch Company (JSDC) to discuss next steps. JSDC’s attorney is still reviewing the documents provided by the sponsor and the sponsor is waiting to meet with JSDC and their attorney. In addition, the sponsor has been working on additional grant applications (worth \$700,000) for the project. They are also reviewing project permitting and engineering plans to see what needs to be updated before moving forward on this project.
 - B. Avian Predation on ESA-listed Juvenile Salmonids on the Mid-Columbia River, 2022.** (presentation forthcoming)
 - C. Northern Pike Removal (2022-2024).** (presentation forthcoming?)
- XII. Sub-Committee Updates**
Bryan Nordlund has forwarded the latest subcommittee distributions he has received to date via email.

- A. Priest Rapids Fish Forum – no December meeting (lack of topics).
- B. Habitat Subcommittee – met on Dec 8.
- C. Fall Chinook Work Group – last met October 4 (?).
- D. Hatchery Subcommittee – next meetings December 21, 2022; January 18, 2023; and February 15, 2023

XIII. SOA’s discussed in 2022

SOA number	Key words	Last Discussed	Status
2021-06	Facilitator selection	January 25, 2022	Closed
2022-03	Fish Mode revision	November 16, 2023	To be voted on?
2022-04	Status of standards achieved	November 16, 2023	To be voted on?

XIV. Next Meetings

The next PRCC meetings are scheduled for Jan 24, 2023 at 9 AM and February 28 at 9 AM (both virtual).

XV. Today’s Action Item Summary: