



## Priest Rapids Coordinating Committee Meeting

### AGENDA

Tuesday February 28, 2023

9:00 AM

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Join by phone: 1-877-309-3457; 2458 920 2636

#### **PRCC Representatives**

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

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

#### **Decisions and Approvals Made at January 24, 2023 Meeting**

- A. The PRCC approved the NNI funding (H601) request for of \$297,669 from Real Time Research (RTR) on *Avian Predation on ESA-listed Juvenile Salmonids on the Middle Columbia River, 2023*. All representatives that were present in the meeting approved on January 24; K. Truscott approved for the CTCR following the meeting on January 26, 2023
- B. The PRCC approved the NNI funding (H601) request of \$25,000 for the Northern Pikeminnow Fishing Derby 2023 from the Quincy Valley Chamber of Commerce/Tourism Association. All representatives that were present in the meeting approved on January 24; K. Truscott approved for the CTCR following the meeting on January 26, 2023.
- C. The PRCC approved SOA 2023-01 for the PRCC and PRCC Hatchery Sub-committee regarding Grant PUD's Sockeye Salmon Program. All representatives that were present in the meeting approved on January 24; K. Truscott approved for the CTCR following the meeting on January 26, 2023

- D. The PRCC finalized per agreed edits and approved SOA 2022-03 regarding Expansion of Fish Mode at Wanapum Dam by email on January 30, 2023.

**Actions Items from January 24, 2023 Meeting**

- A. **ACTION:** B. Nordlund will distribute timeline developed by C. Dotson for survival study implementation. (completed by Nordlund, via email, on December 23, 2022).
- B. **ACTION:** Coordinate presentations on 2022 NNI funded projects:
  - a. CCT - 2022 Northern Pike removal project – any update from Kirk?
  - b. WDFW - PIT tag barge - WDFW to present operational summary later this year.

**Agenda**

- I. **Welcome, Announcements and Introductions**
- II. **Agenda Review**
- III. **Meeting Minutes Status**
  - A. December 16, 2022, PRCC meeting minutes final edits have been made and will be distributed on February 21, for approval at the February 28, 2023 PRCC meeting.
  - B. January 24, 2023, PRCC meeting minutes were distributed by Larissa Rohrbach by email on February 3, 2023, with comments due by February 17, 2023.
- IV. **Actions Items Review**
- V. **2021 Fish Passage Operations Report**
  - A. **Update on investigations for fish count discrepancy:**  
(T. Dresser / C. Dotson)
  - B. **Fish ladder inspections:**  
Completed for 2022 – possible dewatered ladder observation later
  - C. **Fish spill updates:**  
No updates until fish spill commences in 2023
  - D. **Final Fish counts for 2022 (April 15 – November 15)**



<b>Priest Rapids</b>	21091	61932	654407	33384	4887	25796
<b>Wanapum</b>	21165	59778	724522	25957	4203	8978
<b>Rock Island</b>	22487	64497	659933	11941	7496	25424

**VI. 2022 RTR Avian Predation work – presentation**

**VII. Approval/discussion for Hatchery Sub-Committee SOA 2022-02 (Re-Calc)**  
Discussion and vote.

**VIII. Policy meeting planning – timing, format, discussion.**

**IX. Steelhead Fallback – coordination and discussion.**

**X. New GPUD requirement for insurance for funded projects.**

**XI. Spill representatives for 2023.**

**XII. Update on fund contributions.**

**XIII. 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.

Path forward from check-in survival study results – brainstorm ideas.

PRCC definition of survival study objectives – clarify what will be measured and how the result is to be used.

**UPDATES**

**XIV. 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. 2022 RTR Avian Predation study**

(RTR presentation today)

**C. Northern Pike Removal (2022-2024)**

(Kirk will coordinate future presentation)

- D. **WDFW PIT tag barge.**  
(Chad will coordinate future presentation)
- E. **Quincy Northern Pikeminnow Derby**  
(no update)
- F. **2023 RTR Avian Predation study**  
(no update)

**XV. Sub-Committee Updates**

Nordlund has forwarded the latest subcommittee distributions he has received to date via email to PRCC members and alternates.

- A. Priest Rapids Fish Forum –
- B. Habitat Subcommittee – February 9, 2023 meeting.
- C. Fall Chinook Work Group – no meeting.
- D. Hatchery Subcommittee – next meetings (2023) February 15, March 15, April 19

**XVI. SOA’s discussed in 2023**

<b>SOA number</b>	<b>Key words</b>	<b>Last Discussed</b>	<b>Status</b>
2021-06	Facilitator selection	January 25, 2022	Closed
2022-03	Fish Mode revision	January 24, 2023	Approved at Jan 2023 PRCC meeting (plus follow-up with absent member)
2022-04	Status of standards achieved	December 16, 2022	Approved at December 2022 PRCC meeting

**XVII. Next Meetings**

The next PRCC meetings are scheduled for March 28 at 9 AM (DPUD facilities) and April 25 at 9 AM (DPUD facilities).

**XVIII. Today’s Action Item Summary:**