



## Priest Rapids Coordinating Committee Meeting AGENDA

Tuesday January 24, 2023  
9:00 AM

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Join by phone: 1-877-309-3457; 2459 255 8144

### **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, Actions and Approvals Made at December 16, 2022 Meeting**

- A. **ACTION:** Modify SOA 2022-03 (modified Fish Mode) per today's discussion and B. Nordlund will distribute for PRCC review and vote in January's meeting. (completed with Nordlund email to PRCC on December 26, 2022).
- B. **ACTION:** SOA 2022-04 (NNI survival testing status) was approved, with addition of K. Murdoch's suggestions included as discussed. B. Nordlund will distribute the final SOA to the PRCC. (completed December 22, 2022 with Nordlund email to the PRCC).
- C. **ACTION:** NNI Funding proposal for 2023 RTR Avian Predation work was distributed and will be voted on January 24, 2023 at the PRCC meeting.
- D. **ACTION:** Coordinate presentations on 2022 NNI funded projects:
- a. CCT - 2022 Northern Pike removal project
  - b. WDFW - PIT tag barge
  - c. GPUD - 2022 RTR Avian predation work
- E. **ACTION:** B. Nordlund will distribute timeline developed by C. Dotson for survival study implementation. (completed by Nordlund email on December 23, 2022).

# Agenda

**I. Welcome, Announcements and Introductions**

**II. Agenda Review**

**III. Meeting Minutes Status**

- A. December 16, 2022, PRCC meeting minutes were distributed by Bryan Nordlund by email on December 26 2022, with comments due by January 26, 2023. November PRCC meeting minute comment period is closed, and these minutes are in the process of being finalized.

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

- A. **ACTION:** Coordinate presentations on 2022 NNI funded projects:
  - a. CCT - 2022 Northern Pike removal project
  - b. WDFW - PIT tag barge
  - c. GPUD - 2022 RTR Avian predation work

**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)**

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

**VI. Proposal (GPUD) for NNI Funding – 2023 RTR Avian Predation work**

Discussion and vote.

**VII. Request for NNI Funding – Pikeminnow Derby**

Discussion and vote.

**VIII. Revised Fish Mode at Wanapum Dam – SOA 2022-03**

Discussion and vote.

**IX. 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**

**X. 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 forthcoming)

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

(Kirk – can you coordinate presentation?)

**D. WDFW PIT tag barge.**

(Chad – can you coordinate presentation?)

**XI. 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 – January 4 conference call.

B. Habitat Subcommittee – January 12 meeting.

C. Fall Chinook Work Group – no meeting.

D. Hatchery Subcommittee – next meetings January 18, 2023 and February 15, 2023

**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	Closed
2022-03	Fish Mode revision	December 16, 2022	January PRCC vote
2022-04	Status of standards achieved	December 16, 2022	Approved at December 2022 PRCC meeting

**XIII. Next Meetings**

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

**XIV. Today's Action Item Summary:**