



## Priest Rapids Coordinating Committee Meeting AGENDA

Tuesday, May 24, 2022

1:00 pm

Chelan Fire District #3 Meeting Room, 228 Chumstick Hwy, Leavenworth, WA 98826

To Join Zoom Meeting: Not available

### **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, P. Verhey (Alt) WDFW

Tom Skiles, CTUIR

Curt Dotson, Tom Dresser (Alt), GPUD

### **Decisions and Approvals Made During April 26, 2022, Meeting**

- 1. Spill season will commence for juvenile outmigration in April 2022.** P-4 Turbine at Priest Rapids is down for overhaul and generator work and is needing to have certified commissioning take place in the month of June 2022. **Action:** Curt Dotson will put together a formal memo on P-4 turbine to share with the PRCC.
- 2. PRCC Operation Protocols.** Committee members would like timelines for all documents, meeting protocols and voting. Action Item: Bryan Nordlund to develop a straw-man document with a bullet list to share at the May meeting.
- 3. March 22, 2022, Meeting Minutes. PRCC meeting minutes** – March meeting minutes were distributed by Bryan Nordlund by email on March 26. Comments were due by April 26, 2022, all PRCC members have approved, and March minutes are final.
- 4. Joint PRCC & HCP Meeting** - Bryan Nordlund is working with John Ferguson to determine joint meeting details for the May 24, 2022 meeting. This will allow the CCT Tribe to provide a status update related to the Phase II Report for Salmonid Reintroduction above Grand Coulee.

# Agenda

**I. Welcome, Announcements and Introductions**

**II. Agenda Review**

**III. Meeting Minutes Approval**

A. April 26, 2022, PRCC meeting minutes – April meeting minutes were distributed by Bryan Nordlund by email on May 10. Comments are due by June 10, 2022.

**IV. Status of Actions Items from April 26, 2022, PRCC Meeting**

- A. Phase II Upper Columbia Re-introduction plans.
- B. Operations protocols – Bryan Nordlund drafting straw man document to be discussed.
- C. Curt Dotson drafting memo on P-4 turbine outage plans to share with PRCC
- D. March and April PRCC meeting minutes are final.

**V. 2021 Fish Passage Operations Report**

- A. **Update on investigations for fish count discrepancy:**  
Updates from Curt and PRCC discussion.
- B. **Fish ladder inspections:**  
Tom Skiles performs monthly ladder inspections at the GPUD dams for the fisheries agencies and tribes. Any updates?
- C. **Fish spill updates:**  
Spill season in progress.
- D. **Fish counts for 2022 (April 15 – May 7)**

Project/Life Stage	Spring Chinook	Summer Chinook	Sockeye	Fall Chinook	Steelhead	Coho
Priest Rapids adults	4102				1	
Rock Island adults	1584				4	
Priest Rapids jacks	20					
Rock Island-jacks	4					

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

Bryan Nordlund distributed a spreadsheet by email on 5-13-22 of the type of items to be included in a strawman document. To be discussed.

**VII. Future discussion topics – early planning for survival studies (2025)**

Default study per SSSA – repeat study. Potential discussion points include:

- 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?

**UPDATES**

**VIII. 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, 2021 (no updates)
- C. Barkley Irrigation Company Permanent Point of Diversion - Completing Implementation of the Permanent Solution (no updates)
- D. Northern Pike Removal (2022-2024) – ready to go
- E. Quincy Pikeminnow Derby – ready to go
- F. Wenatchee PIT tag barge – needing signatures from WDFW and GPUD

**IX. Committee Updates**

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

- A. Priest Rapids Fish Forum – PRFF met on May 4, 2022.
- B. Habitat Subcommittee – HSC met on May 12, 2022.
- C. Fall Chinook Work Group – The FCWG will next meet on October 4, 2022,
- D. Hatchery Subcommittee – The next meetings are May 18 and July 20, 2022.

**X. 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

**XI. Next Meetings**

The next PRCC meetings are scheduled for May 24 and June 28, 2022.

**XIII. Today’s Action Item Summary:** (each member)