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## Priest Rapids Coordinating Committee

Wednesday, July 26, 2017

9:00 am – 3:00 pm

Wanapum Dam HOB

### PRCC Meeting Representatives

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Scott Carlon, Justin Yeager (Alt), NMFS  
Keely Murdoch, Bob Rose (alt), YN  
Tom Skiles, CTUIR  
Erin McIntyre, GPUD  
Denny Rohr, D. Rohr & Assoc, Facilitator

Jim Craig, USFWS  
Kirk Truscott, Casey Baldwin (alt) CCT  
Jeff Korth, C. Andonaegui (Alt), P. Verhey (Alt) WDFW  
Curt Dotson, Tom Dresser (Alt), GPUD

### PRCC Meeting Attendees

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Jim Craig, USFWS  
Curt Dotson, GPUD  
Denny Rohr, D. Rohr & Assoc., Facilitator  
Bob Rose, YN,  
Aaron Penvose, Trout Unlimited  
Scott Carlon (via phone)

Tom Skiles, CTUIR (via phone)  
Tom Dresser, GPUD  
Erin McIntyre, GPUD  
Kirk Truscott, CCT  
Keely Murdock, YN

## Final Approved Meeting Minutes

- I. **Agenda Review (D. Rohr) – No additions**
- II. **UPDATES -- Aaron Penvose, Trout Unlimited (D. Rohr)**
  - A. **Lower Wenatchee Instream Flow Enhancement Project Phase II (Jones-Shotwell)**
  - B. **Methow Valley Irrigation District (MVID) Instream Flow Improvement Project**

The primary role of Trout Unlimited (TU) is the modernization of large irrigation systems to improve/increase instream flows. However other work conducted by TU includes a limited amount of habitat restoration and leasing/purchasing of water rights. To accomplish this goal, TU works to develop innovative partnerships to achieve balance between the various water use groups. TU is currently working on 4 major projects in the Upper Columbia Basin; (1) Jones –Shotwell, (2) Methow Valley Irrigation District, (3) Barkley Irrigation Company, and (4) Pioneer Water Users Association. A general summary of these projects was provided with a PowerPoint presentation by Penvose.

**Action Item(s):** D.Rohr to provide Trout Unlimited PowerPoint presentation to PRCC members.

- III. **Meeting Minutes: (D. Rohr)**

December 13-14, 2016: Approved, CCT, WDFW Abstains  
January 25, 2017: Approved, CCT, WDFW Abstains  
January 31, 2017: Approved, CCT, WDFW Abstains

February 27, 2017: Approved, CCT, WDFW Abstains  
March 13,15,17, 2017: Approved, WDFW Abstains  
March 29, 2017: Approved, WDFW Abstains  
April 26, 2017: Approved, WDFW Abstains  
May 24, 2017: Approved, WDFW Abstains  
June 28, 2017: Minutes still under review

IV. **Action Items Review from June 28, 2017 meeting (D. Rohr)** – Completed or discussed today.

V. **DECISION ITEM -- 2014 Yearling Chinook Survival Estimate Draft SOA 2017-05 (C. Dotson)**  
Consensus was not reached on SOA 2017-05. NOAA, USFWS, CCT, YN, CRITFC, & WDFW voted no. GPUD was the only supporting vote.

VI. **Grant PUD Coho Mitigation (D. Rohr)** Rohr communicated that GPUD provided information on its Coho mitigation program dating back to the October 26, 2016 meeting of the PRCC. Additional information was provided by GPUD on the December 7, 2016 PRCC conference call and also in the April 26, 2017 PRCC meeting. Rohr also communicated that SOA 2007-16, Item 8, specifically calls out the need to conduct an evaluation of the Coho program. Rohr further stated that SOA 2007-16 expires at the end of 2017 and therefore the PRCC is on a tight timeline to complete the included action items.

A question was asked if GPUD had any new information to present at today's meeting. GPUD reported that no new additional information would be provided. YN indicated their desire to meet separately with GPUD to work out details that others may not be interested in. GPUD asked for specifics and questioned the appropriateness of this as it was agreed to by YN and GPUD that the rest of the PRCC need to be included in the Coho discussion. GPUD also asked for an explanation of what has changed that would require the need for YN and GPUD to have discussions separate from rest of PRCC. YN requested that Coho discuss be covered at the PRCC meeting.

GPUD asked a question regarding why the SOA presented to the PRCC Hatchery Subcommittee (HSC) was not approved at the last HSC meeting. YN communicated that they requested more information in the background section of that SOA, and that GPUD staff on the HSC had proposed changes to the methodology and therefore more information was needed. GPUD stated that the methodology proposed in the SOA was the same methodology that had been proposed and approved for other Covered Species. GPUD additionally stated that it had provided a PowerPoint presentation that laid out the methodology, data needs, etc. to the PRCC. YN indicated that Coho are not treated any different.

YN then further communicated that they had issues with the background section of the SOA presented to the HSC, as it did not include the Coho language that was contained on the YN signature page of the Priest Rapids Salmon and Steelhead Settlement Agreement (SSSA). YN further indicated that this information was not ready available to them and therefore they felt a procedural error had occurred. YN then questioned the validity of SOA 2017-01 and further communicated that they felt this was a major revision that only their Tribal Council could do per Section 2.4 (General Revisions) of the SSSA and that the PRCC were only implementers of the programs. YN also indicated they were considering submitting an SOA for consideration that would recall SOA 2017-01.

GPUD responded that it strongly disagreed with the assertion that information related to the Coho language contained on the YN signature page of the SSSA had not been provided and/or was not readily available to the PRCC. GPUD then walked through a timeline that illustrated that the specific language that YN were referring to had been provided on multiple occasions within the PRCC via hard copies, PowerPoint presentations, and meeting discussions. GPUD also communicated that the PRCC has all along been making decisions since inception of the committee that were not specifically covered under the SSSA, for example the White River Captive Brood program and Coho program as well (Wenatchee, Entiat and Methow Basin implementation). GPUD also communicated that via past SOA's the PRCC has moved forward on items not specifically covered and/or diverged from the SSSA without the need for GPUD Board of Commission or tribal Council approval.

D. Rohr refocused the PRCC back to what should be done regarding the requirement to conduct an evaluation/review of the Coho program per SOA 2007-16. After further discussion, the PRCC agreed to have the YN present their coho data to the PRCC to provide assistance in making a determination on whether or not the Coho program is viable. The PRCC also discussed the need to ensure other data sources and information be included in the overall evaluation, including the NWPCC's ISRP Coho Program Review document as mentioned by Grant. The PRCC also agreed that it would be of value to invite the HSC to attend the next PRCC meeting to participate in the review and discussion that is to occur. Murdoch will send Rohr an outline of the YN presentation data to distribute to PRCC members for their review and comment prior to the next meeting, plus Dotson will send Rohr a copy of the NWPCC's ISRP Coho Program for PRCC review prior to the next meeting.

**Action Item(s):**

1. YN to provide presentation outline to Rohr for distribution to PRCC for their review and comment.
2. GPUD will provide ISRP Coho Program Review to Rohr for distribution to PRCC;
3. GPUD to provide other Coho documents as needed to Rohr for distribution to PRCC;
4. YN to provide PowerPoint presentation at the August meeting;
5. D. Rohr to coordinate with E. McManus, HSC facilitator, to invite HSC to attend PRCC meeting on August 23rd.

CCT asked a clarifying question as it relates to the term "Permit Species" used within SOA 2007-16. GPUD communicated that a Permit Species is species covered under the NOAA Biological Opinion (e.g. Upper Columbia River Spring Chinook and Steelhead).

- VII. DECISION ITEM – NNI Funding Proposal: "Priest Rapids Project NNI Funding Request – "Support to Continue the Upper Columbia Fish Screen Monitoring Program" (B. Rose)** All members of the PRCC present voiced continued support of the screening program implemented using NNI Funding and praised Danny Didricksen and Jenni Novak's efforts on this program. However, the PRCC voted to table the proposal as currently drafted. The PRCC requested that GPUD talk to WDFW to repackage/rework the proposal. PRCC members present were supportive of considering a shorter-term change order with annual check-ins. The PRCC also discussed the need for WDFW to illustrate a plan forward if NNI Funds were not to be renewed in future years.

Some of the reasons identified that needed further PRCC discussion included the following; (1) concern over the high indirect rate, (2) indirect rate applied across all budgetary items (e.g. O&M

materials), (3) NNI Fund covering 100% of a WDFW position (what is WDFW providing), (4) appearance of lack of long-term plan when NNI funding would cease.

- VIII. **DISCUSSION ITEM - White River SOA – Useful or Nullify? -- (D. Rohr)** – Rohr posed a question to the PRCC on where activities were on this topic. USFWS reported that they were meeting with WDFW to further refine the Lake Wenatchee proposal. GPUD interjected that it needed clarification of what specifically the PRCC was discussing - nullification of the White River Policy as today's agenda identified, or the Lake Wenatchee proposal originally presented to the PRCC. Rohr confirmed that it was the Lake Wenatchee proposal.

GPUD communicated that after further thought on the parallel approaches discussed by the PRCC, they appeared in conflict and further clarification was necessary. The 2 approaches included; (1) WDFW further refining their proposal and presenting it to PRCC for consideration, and (2) the development of a sub-committee, which would develop a scope of work and then send it out for a formal request for qualifications/proposals.

The PRCC members (present) restated that approach 2 was to be followed with the formation of a sub-committee which would develop a scope of work and then send it out for a formal request for qualifications/proposals. A question was asked on what determines when a formal request for qualifications/proposal would be sent out. The response provided by YN - "when there is controversy surrounding a proposal".

Truscott was out of the room participating in a telephone conference and not present when this subject was discussed.

**Action Item(s):**

- GPUD to setup subcommittee and get process started.

- IX. **DECISION ITEM – NNI Funding Proposal for “Satellite Telemetry of Caspian Terns – An Evaluation of Management to Reduce Predation on ESA-Listed Salmonids in the Columbia Plateau Region – 2017 Proposal” (C. Dotson)** GPUD as the project liaison resubmitted a proposal from OSU that would take the existing information/reports and consolidated it into a single document defined by chapters that would be publication-ready. YN asked the question of what would the PRCC expect to get out of a single compiled report. GPUD communicated that information would be in a single document for the purpose of making management decisions related to bird management. Consensus was not reached on this proposal, as WDFW voted no.

- X. **POTPOURRI (D. Rohr)**

DISCUSSION ITEM – “NNI Funding Guidance Document”, dated December 28, 2013 – D. Rohr summarized the document and suggested that the PRCC take time to review it. YN asked why it was important to review the document at this time, and GPUD responded that there are new members on the PRCC and it is important to review the information we have developed in an attempt to avoid misunderstanding on existing language. The PRCC discussed the need to have NNI Funded projects as a standing agenda item for future discussion, and that the committee needed to develop a list of potential projects plus consider how to prioritize them when the day comes that NNI funds are no longer available.

**Action Item(s):**

- PRCC members to send potential project items to D. Rohr

## XI. UPDATES

- A. Avian Predation Activities (C. Dotson) (Weekly Reports being distributed to PRCC members) – No updates. Weekly reports are produced and Rohr distributes to the PRCC.
- B. Spill Report (C. Dotson) No updates
- C. Hatchery Activities (T. Dresser) No Updates
  - 1. Carlton Acclimation Facility
  - 2. Nason Creek Acclimation Facility
  - 3. Priest Rapids Hatchery Modifications
  - 4. Penticton Hatchery
- D. Hatchery Permits: Sec 10 Consultation/Summer Chinook, Sec 7 Consultation/Bull Trout. (T. Dresser) No updates.
- E. Review of Outstanding NNI Funded Projects
  - 1. Upper Columbia Fish Screen Monitoring Program Phase I - II Contract Extension – (J. Korth) No updates.
  - 2. Mid-Columbia River Intake Screen and Diversion Assessment (2016-17) – (T. Dresser) No updates.
  - 3. Lower Wenatchee Instream Flow Enhancement Project Phase II – (J. Korth) Aaron Penvose presented today; see item II above.
  - 4. Methow Valley Irrigation District (MVID) Instream Flow Improvement Project (T. Dresser) No updates.
  - 5. Predator Fish Recruitment Reduction (B. Rose) – C. Dotson – Moving forward, value in it and they are going to approve it. Bob will send meeting minutes to Rohr for distribution
  - 6. Quincy Valley Chamber of Commerce / Tourism Association – 2017 Northern Pikeminnow Fishing Derby (T. Dresser) –No updates
  - 7. Northern Pike Removal in Lake Roosevelt (K. Truscott) No updates
  - 8. Satellite Telemetry of Caspian Terns (C. Dotson)- update reports are being distributed.

XII. **Committee Reports** (D. Rohr) – No updates

XIII. **Qtrly NNI and Habitat Funds Report** (D. Rohr) Q1 Update – Fund 601 is \$5,102,032; Fund 602 is \$4,859,123; Fund 603 is \$1,304,933

XIV. **Next Meeting** – Wed, August 23, 2017, Wanapum HOB, Conf Rm 107 (D. Rohr)

### ACTION ITEMS from July 26, 2017 Meeting:

- 1. Rohr to provide Trout Unlimited PPT presentation to PRCC.
- 2. YN to provide August 23<sup>rd</sup> presentation outline to Rohr for distribution to PRCC for their review and comment prior to August 23<sup>rd</sup>; GPUD will provide ISRP Coho Program Review document to Rohr for distribution to PRCC prior to August 23<sup>rd</sup>; GPUD to provide other Coho documents as needed to Rohr for distribution to PRCC; YN to provide PPT presentation at the August 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting; Rohr to coordinate with McManus, HSC facilitator, to invite HSC to attend PRCC meeting on August 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- 3. YN and Grant will communicate with WDFW regarding UC Fish Screening Proposal.
- 4. Dresser will follow up with Lake Wenatchee Subcommittee meeting schedule, and Rose and Rohr will communicate process with WDFW.
- 5. PRCC members will send potential future NNI Funding projects to Rohr for PRCC consideration.