

SOA 2007-15

**Priest Rapids Coordinating Committee
Statement of Agreement (SOA) on the Acceptance of the
2007 Fish Source Evaluation Study Plan
for Juvenile Steelhead**

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Statement of Agreement (SOA)

The Priest Rapids Coordinating Committee (PRCC) accepts the study plan that Grant PUD has presented for conducting a fish source and methodology evaluation in 2007.

Background

The Priest Rapids Coordinating Committee (PRCC) agreed that the source of test fish (i.e. gatewell dipped) may be one of the major causes for the lower-than-expected Project steelhead survival estimates seen in 2006. The PRCC also agreed that a “Fish Source Evaluation” comparing fish collected via gatewell dipping at Wanapum Dam verses fish collected from the Rocky Reach Bypass facility is a valid study to determine if gatewell dipping is an acceptable source of test fish for future Grant PUD survival studies (see SOA 2007-12). The acceptance of SOA 2007-12 (conducting a comparison study in 2007) was based on the PRCC’s review and acceptance of the study plan for conducting the 2007 study. The PRCC has received a draft copy of that study plan and reviewed it.