



Grant County  
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**Priest Rapids Coordinating Committee Meeting  
AGENDA**

**Tuesday, December 14, 2021**

**1:00 pm**

**PRCC Representatives**

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Scott Carlon, Justin Yeager (Alt), NMFS  
Keely Murdoch, Brandon Rogers (Alt), YN  
Chad Jackson, P. Verhey (Alt) WDFW  
Curt Dotson, Peter Graf (Alt), GPUD

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

**Decisions Made During Tuesday, November 16, 2021 Meeting**

1. NNI Fund proposal – Northern Pike Removal 2022 to 2025 (CCT) – **Approved** for \$100,000 per year
2. NNI proposal – PIT Tag Barge (WDFW) – **Approved** 1/3 of a cost share, no more than \$81,934.00.
3. Non-Native Predator Recruitment Reduction NNI report – **Approved** Geoff McMichael to post report to ResearchGate website.
4. September 28, 2021, PRCC meeting minutes were **approved**.
5. The PRCC meeting dates for November and December **were revised** to November 16 and December 14.

**Agenda**

**I. Welcome and Introductions**

**II. Agenda Review**

**III. Meeting Minutes Approval**

- A. October 26, 2021, PRCC meeting minutes – October PRCC minutes were distributed via Bryan Nordlund email on November 12, 2021, and revised and re-distributed on November 24. Final pending (today's PRCC approval)
- B. November 16, 2021, PRCC meeting minutes – November minutes were distributed by Bryan Nordlund by email on Dec 3. Comments will be due by January 3, 2022, and will be voted on as final at the January PRCC meeting

#### IV. Review of Actions Items from October 26, 2021, Meeting

- Approved Geoff McMichael to post “Non-Native Predator Recruitment Reduction” report to ResearchGate website. Bryan Nordlund will send Geoff McMichael an email notice of the committee’s approval and ask for a future PRCC presentation.
- Keeley Murdoch will email SOA 2018-01 and SOA 2019-01 to Erin Harris.
- Erin Harris will investigate if there is a GPUD required retention for audio recording of meetings for the purpose of note taking. E. Harris will investigate how GPUD handles recorded meeting records and when those are considered administrative record.
- Curt Dotson will check with Dave Duvall on status of “Barkley Irrigation Co Permanent Point of Diversion, Completing Implementation of the Permanent Solution Habitat Project”.
- **In progress** - Follow-up on Corp/BOR Avian Predation Management (Carlton)
- **Complete and On-Going** - Email distribution of PRFF, Habitat and Hatchery SC reports (Nordlund)
- **On-going** - Keeley Murdoch to update committee at November meeting on YN status of audio recording the meetings.
- **On-going** - Erin Harris to accumulate and post all PRCC SOA’s on the Grant PUD website by end of 2021, at the latest.

#### V. 2021 Fish Passage Operations Report

##### ***Fish counts for Priest Rapids Dam through November 15, 2021 (final annual counts):***

Spring Chinook – 13,105 adults, 1,447 jacks  
Summer Chinook – 49,315 adults, 2,298 jacks  
Sockeye – 76,855 adults  
Fall Chinook – 51,625 adults, 2,289 jacks  
Steelhead – 2,808 adults  
Coho – 47,990 adults, 1,640 jacks

##### ***Fish counts for Rock Island Dam (YTD):***

Spring Chinook – 12,332 adults, 1,469 jacks  
Summer Chinook – 52,076 adults, 2,339 jacks  
Sockeye – 109,367 adults  
Fall Chinook – 16,013 adults, 1,157 jacks

Steelhead – 4,558 adults  
Coho - 64,296 adults, 1,878 jacks

***Update on investigations for fish count discrepancy:***

PRCC discussion.

***Fish ladder inspections:***

Tom Skiles performs monthly ladder inspections at the GPUD dams for the fisheries agencies and tribes. Tom reported that this year's inspections are now complete and inspection data compiled.

***Fish spill updates:***

Spill season is over for 2021.

- VI. **Continued discussion of using Zoom recording to help with note taking.**
- VII. **SOA's – website update**
- VIII. **NNI funding discussion – 2022 Northern Pike Minnow Derby (see info from Bryan Nordlund emailed on November 24)**
- IX. **Update on Lower Wenatchee PIT Tag Barge (Chad).**

**UPDATES**

**X. Review of Outstanding NNI Funded Projects**

*A. Lower Wenatchee Instream Flow Enhancement Project Phase II –*

Bryan will continue to pursue TU for a discussion regarding projects status.

*B. Avian Predation on ESA-listed Juvenile Salmonids on the Mid-Columbia River, 2021*

Curt provided an update on November 30. See this report forwarded by Bryan Nordlund on November 30.

*C. Barkley Irrigation Co Permanent Point of Diversion, Completing Implementation of the Permanent Solution*

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

#### **XIV. Committee Reports–**

Priest Rapids Fish Forum – A video meeting is planned for Dec 1.

Habitat Subcommittee – The HabSC met September 9 and October 10. A meeting was held November 18.

Fall Chinook Work Group – A video meeting was held October 5. The next meeting is scheduled for April 5, 2021.

Bryan Nordlund has provided all the committee reports he has received to date via email on November 24.

#### **XV. Next Meetings**

The next PRCC meetings are scheduled for January 25, 2022, and February 22, 2022.