



Priest Rapids Coordinating Committee Meeting

MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, August 24, 2021

1:00 pm

ZOOM Webinar

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, Peter Graf (Alt), GPUD	Erin Harris, Admin Ass't, GPUD
Denny Rohr, D. Rohr & Assoc, Facilitator	Bryan Nordlund, PRCC Facilitator

PRCC Meeting Attendees

Curt Dotson, GPUD	Keely Murdoch, YN
Scott Carlon, NMFS - Absent	Denny Rohr, D. Rohr & Assoc, Facilitator
Chad Jackson, WDFW - Absent	Erin Harris, GPUD
Tom Skiles, CTUIR - Absent	Jim Craig, USFWS
Kirk Truscott, CCT	Peter Graf, GPUD - Absent
Bryan Nordlund, PRCC Facilitator	

Decisions Made During Tuesday, August 24, 2021 Meeting

1. No decisions were made during the August 24, 2021 meeting.

Meeting Minutes

- I. **Welcome and Introductions** – D. Rohr welcomed everyone and introduced Bryan Nordlund as the new facilitator for the PRCC.
- II. **Agenda Review** – Committee members reviewed the agenda. K. Truscott requested to add a discussion of CCT Northern Pike NNI funding request.
- III. **Approval of Meeting Minutes**
 - A. July 27, 2021 - S. Carlon and K. Truscott were absent from the 7/27/2021 meeting, and D. Rohr will follow up with T. Skiles who was absent from

today's meeting. Approved subject to Rohr contacting T. Skiles. **COMMENT: Rohr contacted Skiles immediately after the meeting and received his approval. Accordingly, the July 27, 2021, draft meeting minutes are approved as final.**

IV. Review of Actions Items from July 27, 2001, Meeting –

1. Rohr will contact Carlon and Truscott who were absent from today's meeting and inform them of path forward regarding draft SOA 2021-06. – **COMPLETED**
2. Rohr was tasked with providing a final copy of draft SOA 2021-06 with clarification of the agreement reached through the July 27th meeting discussion, plus he will conduct an email vote of the final draft. – **COMPLETED**

V. Affirmation of Email Vote to Approve “SOA 2021-06, Review and Evaluation of PRCC Facilitation” – Rohr reported an email vote was conducted and final approval was received on August 2, 2021, for approval of SOA 2021-06.

VI. 2021 Spill Report – C. Dotson shared the juvenile fish spill ended at Wanapum Dam 8/20 and Priest Rapids Dam 8/21. Adult fallback spill started immediately following the end of juvenile spill and will continue through November 15th. 2021.

VII. (Agenda addition from Kirk Truscott) Northern Pike Suppression / Monitoring in Lake Roosevelt and Rufus Woods – K. Truscott shared that CCT will be submitting an NNI funding proposal to continue the Northern Pike Removal Program in Lake Roosevelt. K. Truscott requested to add an agenda item for the September meeting where Holly McLellan (CCT) will provide a presentation for this request. The NNI Funding Request Specification Sheet will be distributed to PRCC members for review prior to the September meeting.

VIII. Potpourri – Nothing new was reported.

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IX. Avian Predation Activities - C. Dotson reported that RTR asked the BOR for permission to search for PIT tags on Goose Island. He also shared that he hasn't heard anything (i.e., updates/reports) along the lines of BOR tern dissuasion efforts on Goose/Pothole's area for a few months and is not sure how reporting is taking place with the new BOR staff.

X. FCRPS BiOp – Corps/BOR Avian Predation Management in Columbia Plateau Region – Nothing new was reported.

XI. Review of Outstanding NNI Funded Projects

A. Lower Wenatchee Instream Flow Enhancement Project Phase II (C. Jackson, D. Rohr) – Nothing new was reported.

B. “Non-Native Predator Recruitment Reduction – Phase I” (K. Murdoch)
Nothing new was reported.

- C. **“Northern Pike Removal in Lake Roosevelt”** – K. Truscott updated the committee on current work done in 2021. Truscott shared that CCT set 524 gill nets with 287 northern pike removed. Also, he reported there have been 156 pike heads turned in on the 2021 Reward Program. Since the Reward Program began in 2017, they have received 3,349 Northern Pike. From the inception of the removal program in 2017, overall, a total 9,000 Northern Pike have been removed by CCT. The total combined removal by all parties since 2017 is 17,120 Northern Pike out of Lake Roosevelt.
- D. **Avian Predation on ESA-listed Juvenile Salmonids on the Mid-Columbia River, 2021, Real Time Research** – Nothing was report in addition to Agenda Item IX above reported.
- E. **Barkley Irrigation Co Permanent Point of Diversion, Completing Implementation of the Permanent Solution** – Nothing new was reported.

XI. Committee Reports – D. Rohr shared the committee reports were emailed to committee members prior to this meeting.

XII NNI and Habitat Funds Report 2021 Q1 / Q2 – D. Rohr shared for the first half of the year we are at \$11.8 Million for all three of the funds combined, including Fund 601 at \$4,699,058, Fund 602 at \$5,813,977, and Fund 603 at \$1,315,104.

XIII. Next Meeting – Tuesday, September 28, 2021, 1:00, ZOOM Webinar Meeting

Action Items from August 24, 2021 meeting

- ACTION: Kirk Truscott will send NNI Specification Sheet Northern Pike funding request prior to September meeting.

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