



## Priest Rapids Coordinating Committee Meeting AGENDA

Tuesday, February 22, 2022

1:00 pm

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### **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 Made During January 2022 PRCC Meeting**

1. **2022 Northern Pikeminnow Derby** – The PRCC voted to approve the revised (January 20, 2022) proposal for the Quincy Valley fishing derby
2. **Statement of Agreements (SOA)** - Curt Dotson will send Bryan Nordlund SOA's 2021-01, 2021-02 and 2021-03. Keely Murdoch will send Bryan Nordlund SOA 2021-06, and it will be discussed and finalized as appropriate in a future PRCC meeting. Committee members **agree that all SOA's discussed in a calendar year will be summarized on agendas and meeting minutes to indicate status.**

# Agenda

## I. Welcome, Announcements and Introductions

Remembering Rex Buck

## II. Agenda Review

## III. Meeting Minutes Approval

A. January 25, 2022, PRCC meeting minutes – January meeting minutes were distributed by Bryan Nordlund by email on February 3. Comments will be due by March 3, 2022 but can be voted on as final at the February PRCC meeting if all members are ready.

## IV. Status of Actions Items from January 25, 2022, Meeting

- **2021 Fish Count Discrepancies** - Curt Dotson will bring the concerns on discrepancies in fish counts between Priest Rapids and Rock Island to Grant PUD staff who operate the fish ladders and do fish counting to share ideas for solutions at the January meeting (continuing).
- **SOA 2021-06** – New facilitator performance evaluation was discussed, and specific performance metrics are in development(?). Future PRCC meeting may include discussion of these metrics. In the interim, **Bryan Nordlund intends to call individual members** to receive feedback on how his performance might be improved or if adequate facilitation is being provided.
- **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” (continuing).
- **In progress** - Follow-up on Corp/BOR Avian Predation Management (Carlton and Dotson).
- **Complete and On-Going** - Email distribution of PRFF, Habitat and Hatchery sub-committee materials (Nordlund).

## V. 2021 Fish Passage Operations Report

***Update on investigations for fish count discrepancy:***  
Updates from Curt and 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. Inspections should start up again in April of 2022.

***Fish spill updates:***

Spill season is over for 2021.

***Final fish counts for 2021 (April 15 – November 15)***

<b>Project/Life Stage</b>	<b>Spring Chinook</b>	<b>Summer Chinook</b>	<b>Sockeye</b>	<b>Fall Chinook</b>	<b>Steelhead</b>	<b>Coho</b>
<b>Priest Rapids adults</b>	13105	49315	76855	51625	2808	47990
<b>Rock Island adults</b>	12332	52076	109367	16013	4558	64296
<b>Priest Rapids jacks</b>	1447	2298	–	2289	–	1640
<b>Rock Island-jacks</b>	1469	2339	–	1157	–	1878

- VI. **Continued discussion and vote on RTR tern predation NNI proposal (see Jan 22 email distribution).**
- VII. **Geoff McMichael presentation (1:30) – Non-Native Predator Recruitment (NNI funded – see report Bryan Nordlund forwarded on October 4, 2021)**
- VIII. **SOA 2021-06 – any additional PRCC discussion?**
- IX. **2022 PRCC field trip**
- X. **Fish Ladder Water Temperature report – DOE 401 Compliance (Tom/Curt)**
- XI. **GPUD letter to NOAA – request clarifying survival performance standards (Tom D.).**
- XII. **2022 NNI Fund contribution (Tom D.)**

**UPDATES**

**XIII. 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. Lower Wenatchee Instream Flow Enhancement Project, Phase II Project – Kate Terrell indicated the sponsor (Trout Unlimited) continued coordination

and communication with the Jones Shotwell Ditch Company (JSDC) director regarding the Conservation Commission Irrigation Efficiency Grant Program Application review process. The sponsor is waiting for an update on the review process from JSDC. The sponsor was informed by the director that JSDC is in the process of hiring a new attorney to advise them on the proposed water rights changes and believes this will help the project move forward.

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

See 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)*

**XIII. Committee Reports–**

Priest Rapids Fish Forum – The PRFF will hold a conference call/web-share on Wednesday, February 2, 2022, from 9:00-11:30 am PST.

Habitat Subcommittee – The next meeting of the PRCC Habitat Subcommittee will be on February 10, 2022.

Fall Chinook Work Group –The next meeting is scheduled for April 5, 2022.

Bryan Nordlund has provided the latest sub-committee reports etc. he has received to date via email on February 10.

**XIV. SOA’s discussed in 2022**

SOA number	Key words	Date Discussed	Status
2021-06	Facilitator selection	January 25, 2022	open

**XV. Next Meetings**

The next PRCC meetings are scheduled for March 22,2022 and April 26, 2022.

**XVI. Today’s Action Item summary**