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**Priest Rapids Coordinating Committee
Conference Call**

Tuesday, July 21, 2015
9:00 am

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PRCC Representatives

Scott Carlon, Justin Yeager (Alt), NMFS
Bob Rose, YN
Jeff Korth, C. Andonaegui (Alt), P. Verhey (Alt), WDFW
Curt Dotson, Tom Dresser (Alt), GCPUD
Denny Rohr, D. Rohr & Assoc., Facilitator

Jim Craig, USFWS
Kirk Truscott, CCT
Tom Skiles, CTUIR
Orlene Hahn, GCPUD, Executive Assistant

Meeting Attendees

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Curt Dotson, Tom Dresser (Alt), GCPUD
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Action Items from May 27, 2015 PRCC meeting

1. March 25, 2015 Meeting Minutes - Rohr will send out a final draft of the Meeting Minutes to be reviewed by the Committee for approval. Completed
2. April 22, 2015 Meeting Minutes - Rohr will send out a final draft of the Meeting Minutes for review by the Committee for approval. Completed
3. Rohr addressed the April 22nd meeting action items and commented that item 1 was completed, and items 2 and 3 were ongoing and being addressed offline by those involved.
4. Rohr will check on meeting schedule for July. Completed

MEETING MINUTES

- I. Welcome and Introductions
- II. Meeting Minutes (D. Rohr)
 - A. Approval for March 25, 2015 – Approved subject to Korth
 - B. Approval for April 22, 2015 – Approved subject to Korth
 - C. Approval for May 27, 2015 – Skiles and Dotson approved. Orlene to resend minutes out again. Rohr will attempt to get email approval prior to August 26th PRCC meeting.
- III. Agenda Review (D. Rohr)

- A. Dresser mentioned Grant PUD is going to SharePoint for sharing of documents. Once the site has been setup training for all committee members will be provided.
- IV. Action Items Review from May 27, 2015 Meeting (D. Rohr) – All action items were reviewed.
- V. Potpourri (D. Rohr)
 - A. FPAC Activities – Discussion was held regarding a memo that was potentially coming out from FPAC regarding PRCC activities. From the May 27th meeting Rohr’s suggestion was to wait and see if anything was received from FPAC before having further discussion. Rohr stated he has not received anything, and to his knowledge PRCC members have received nothing as well. Comment was made that if FPAC has questions regarding PRCC activities, they should work with their respective PRCC committee member to address them. Everyone feels that FPAC’s questions may have been answered. Carlon felt that PRCC committee members have responded to FPAC, and there is nothing more to do at this time.
 - B. List of NNI Funded Projects for 2015 – 2016 – Rohr talked with the Habitat Subcommittee. It was decided that no meeting was necessary to be held with the PRCC but that a list be put together of NNI projects and share this list amongst the two committees. Rohr will send the previous list out to folks for their review. Everyone is to get back to Rohr with any NNI projects they have in mind.
- VI. Updates
 - A. Inland Avian Predation Activities (C. Dotson) – Updates were sent out July 21 by email. The work at Goose Island has wrapped up. We will be looking for shed tags starting in August, 2015. If there are any additional questions feel free to call Dotson.
 - B. Hatchery Activities (T. Dresser)
 - 1. Carlton Acclimation Facility – ongoing modifications and tweaks continuing.
 - 2. Nason Creek Acclimation Facility – ongoing modifications and tweaks continuing. The spring chinook facility will be meeting the full production.
 - 3. Priest Rapids Hatchery Modifications – ongoing.
 - 4. Penticton Hatchery – 1.5 million sockeye fry released this year.
 - C. Hatchery Permits (Section 10 for Summer Chinook and Section 7 Consultation for Bull Trout. (T. Dresser) – No Updates.
 - D. 2015 Smolt Survival Study (C. Dotson) – Nothing to report at this time. Data loggers were pulled last week. They are in the process of downloading data.
 - 1. Fish Mode Evaluation
 - 2. WFB FPE Evaluation
- VII. NNI Funded Projects
 - 1. 2014 Real Time Research Avian Study - Including “Comprehensive Assessment of Total Smolt Mortality in Relation to Avian Predation on the Mid- and Lower Columbia River: Spatial and Temporal Analysis of Reservoir-Specific Smolt Losses” (C. Dotson) – Finalized reports should be coming out shortly.

2. Supplementary Tags and Tagging for Assessment of Predation Losses of Subyearling Chinook Salmon in the lower Hanford Reach and Upper McNary Reservoir (C. Dotson) – Finalized reports should be coming out shortly.
 3. 2015 Real Time Research / Oregon State University – “Evaluation of Foraging Behavior, Dispersal, and Predation on ESA-listed Salmonids from the Upper Columbia River by Caspian Terns Displaced from Managed Colonies in the Columbia Plateau Region” (C. Dotson) – Finalized reports should be coming out shortly.
 4. Upper Columbia Fish Screen Monitoring Program Phase I Contract Extension (J. Korth) – Korth not in attendance.
 5. Upper Columbia Fish Screen Monitoring Program Phase II (J. Korth) – Korth not in attendance.
 6. Lower Wenatchee Instream Flow Enhancement Project Phase II (J. Korth) – Korth not in attendance.
 7. Mid-Columbia River Intake Screen and Diversion Assessment (T. Dresser) – No Updates.
 8. Methow Valley Irrigation District (MVID) Instream Flow Improvement Project (T. Dresser) – No Updates.
- VIII. Committee Reports (D. Rohr) – Rohr sent by email to committee members.
- IX. NNI and Habitat Funds Report (D. Rohr) – NNI Fund 601 \$3.2 million, Fund 602 \$3.4 million and Fund 603 \$691,000. Due to process improvement initiatives at Grant PUD the question has been asked can we go to a quarterly generation of these reports. PRCC folks approved to go to quarterly. Rohr is to talk to the Habitat committee to see what their needs are.
- X. Next Meeting – Wednesday, August 26, 2015, SeaTac Radisson at 9:00 a.m.

Action Items from July 21, 2015 PRCC meeting

1. Orlene to resend May 27th Meeting Minutes to everyone – these were sent out again via email during the July 21st meeting.
2. Orlene to make sure all meeting minutes have been uploaded for all to have access.
3. A list is to be put together of NNI projects and shared amongst the committees. Rohr found the previous list and will send this out. Everyone is to get back to Rohr with any NNI projects they have in mind.
4. Dotson to send out a link on agenda item VII - NNI Funded Projects reports (1, 2 and 3).
5. Rohr is to talk to the Habitat committee to see what their needs are and if they are okay with the NNI and Habitat Funds Report going to quarterly.