

**Priest Rapids Coordinating Committee
Statement of Agreement on the acceptance of the
2007 Northern Pikeminnow Program Study Plan**

Submitted to PR Coordinating Committee: March 6, 2007

Approved by PR Coordinating Committee: February 28, 2007, affirmed March 9, 2007

Statement

On February 28, 2007, the Priest Rapids Coordinating Committee (PRCC) accepted the final study plan for the 2007 Northern Pikeminnow Program.

Background

The 2007 Northern Pikeminnow Program study plan was presented to the PRCC on December 01, 2006 for review and comment. On January 23, 2007, at the request of the committee, a final decision was deferred to provide more time for committee member review and comment. The PRCC agreed that a final decision would be deferred until the February 28, 2007 meeting.

On February 28, 2007, the PRCC held additional discussion on the objectives of the study plan. The PRCC agreed that a pikeminnow population estimation program (i.e. repeating of the 2006 mark and recapture study) was not needed due to the difficulties of achieving a population estimate with the necessary precision (due to low number of recaptures experienced in 2006).

Grant PUD confirmed that the 2007 Northern Pikeminnow Program was designed as a "removal program." Grant PUD will focus efforts on removing as many Northern Pikeminnow from the Project as possible, with the goal of removing $\geq 12\%$ of the population.