

SOA 2015–01

PRCC Hatchery Sub-Committee

Statement of Agreement

Goat Wall Acclimation Plan

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Statement

The Priest Rapids Coordinating Committee Hatchery Sub Committee (HSC) agrees to acclimate 25,000 Methow spring Chinook at the Goat Wall Acclimation Site as part of YN's Upper Columbia Spring Chinook and Steelhead Acclimation Project (BPA Project# 2009-00-001) beginning with the 2016 release (BY2014) at Goat Wall. The smolts would be short-term acclimated annually between March and May. Releases will continue through 2020, contingent upon HSC annual review and concurrence of acceptable juvenile survival and/or concurrence of acceptable remediation actions to address unacceptable juvenile survival. Annual reports and monthly updates will be provided to the HSC.

Background

YN's Upper Columbia Spring Chinook and Steelhead Acclimation Project is based on the premise that acclimating and releasing salmon and steelhead smolts in select locations can increase the effectiveness of integrated (conservation) programs. Additional details can be found in Attachment 1 (Upper Methow Spring Chinook Acclimation Proposal). This SOA is also contingent upon approval of a similar SOA from the HCP-HC.