

Priest Rapids Coordinating Committee

Conference Call

AGENDA (Rev)

Tuesday, October 22, 2024 1:00 PM to NLT 4:00 PM

Microsoft Teams Meeting

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PRCC Representatives and Alternates, and Facilitation

Larissa Rohrbach, Facilitator, Anchor QEA
Kristi Geris, Technical Support, Anchor QEA
Kirk Truscott, Casey Baldwin (Alt), CTCR
Tom Lorz, CTUIR

Tom Dresser, Rod O'Connor (Alt), Tim Taylor (Alt) GPUD

Scott Carlon, Justin Yeager (Alt), NMFS Bill Gale, Jason Romine (Alt), USFWS

Chad Jackson, Andrew Murdoch (Alt) WDFW

Clayton Buck, Wanapum

Keely Murdoch, Brandon Rogers (Alt), YN

Action Items

- R. O'Connor will inform the PRCC of any updates to the 2025–2027 Smolt Survival Study data plan, should they arise. (*This item is ongoing.*)
- L. Rohrbach will work with T. Dresser to identify a date for a 2024 PRCC Policy Committee meeting. (This item is ongoing.)
- K. Truscott will verify the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation (CTCR) PRCC Policy Committee representation.
- T. Lorz will provide an updated Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission (CRITFC) PRCC Representation Designation Letter.

- K. Truscott will coordinate with H. McLellan (CTCR) regarding an update on the Northern Pike Removal (2022 to 2024) effort in the November or December 2024 meetings.
- L. Rohrbach will connect with A. Murdoch and J. Ferguson (Habitat Conservation Plan Coordinating Committee [HCP-CC] Chair) about a joint session with the HCP-CC Subyearling Chinook Salmon Workshop topics.

Review Items

- White River Hatchery Program Expert Panel Review "framework and structure" documents, to be distributed following the October 17 PRCC Hatchery Subcommittee meeting.
- PRCC NNI Fund Specifications Sheet and Guidance document distributed on October 15, 2024.

Agenda

I. Welcome, Announcements, Agenda Review, and Meeting Minutes Approval

Larissa Rohrbach has now been transitioned into the role of PRCC Facilitator.

Tom Dresser is now the primary PRCC Representative for Grant PUD. Rod O'Connor and Tim Taylor will serve as alternates for Grant PUD.

Pete McHugh (CRITFC) and Dennis Moore (CTCR Policy Analyst) will be added to PRCC email lists.

The draft September 24 PRCC meeting minutes were distributed by L. Rohrbach on October 7, 2024.

- II. Actions Items Review
- III. PRCC Hatchery Subcommittee Update White River Hatchery Program
- IV. NNI Funded Project Specifications and Guidance Document
- V. 2024 Fish Passage Operations
 - A. Fish ladder inspections
 - B. Fish spill updates
 - C. Adult Fish counts for 2024 (April 15 November 15)

The following are final adult fish counts from April 15 through October 12, 2024:

Project	Spring Chinook Salmon (Adult + Jack) ^a	Summer Chinook Salmon (Adult + Jack) ^b	Fall Chinook Salmon ^c	Sockeye Salmon	Coho Salmon	Steelhead
Priest Rapids	15,720	40,766	23,845	699,755	35,861	9,539
Wanapum	16,810	37,622	12,454	697,903	20,865	8,631
Rock Island	15,679	44,621	8,483	728,862	22,249	8,602

Notes:

- a: Chinook counted from April 15 to June 13 are considered spring Chinook Salmon.
- b: Chinook counted from June 14 to August 13 are considered summer Chinook Salmon.
- c: Chinook counted after August 14 are considered fall Chinook Salmon.

<u>UPDATES</u>

VI. NNI-Funded Projects

A. Lower Wenatchee Instream Flow Enhancement Project Phase II (No update anticipated)

B. Northern Pike Removal (2022-2024)

(No update anticipated)

C. WDFW PIT Tag Barge

(No update anticipated)

D. 2024 Quincy Northern Pikeminnow Derby

(Held October 4 - 6)

E. 2024 RTR Avian Predation Study

(Most recent updates emailed on June 28)

VII. Sub-Committees

L. Rohrbach has forwarded the latest subcommittee distributions she has received to date to PRCC members and alternates.

- Priest Rapids Fish Forum met October 2, next meeting November 6.
- Habitat Subcommittee met October 10, next meeting November 14.
- Fall Chinook Work Group met October 8, next meeting May 6.
- Hatchery Subcommittee met September 19, next meetings October 16 and 17.

VIII. SOAs discussed in 2024

SOA number	Key Words	Last Discussed	Status
SOA-2024-1	Fish Mode Exceptions	July 23, 2024	Approved

IX. Next PRCC Meeting

The next PRCC meeting will be Monday, November 18, 2024, to be held virtually.								