



Priest Rapids Coordinating Committee

Monday, Nov. 6, 2006 1:30 p.m.
Conference Call

PRCC Committee Members

Scott Carlon/Bryan Nordlund, NMFS	Brian Cates, USFWS
Jerry Marco, CCT	Tom Dresser, GCPUD
Steve Parker/Bob Rose, YN	Carl Merkle, CTUIR
Carmen Andonaegui, WDFW	Denny Rohr, Facilitator

Meeting Agenda

- I. Welcome and Introductions
- II. Discussion of Independent Scientific Review of the White River spring Chinook supplementation program

FINAL CONFERENCE CALL MINUTES

ATTENDEES: Scott Carlon, NMFS; Brian Cates, USFWS; Tom Scribner, Yakama Nation; Tom Dresser, Grant PUD; Curt Dotson, Grant PUD; Shannon Lowry, Grant PUD; Denny Rohr, facilitator.

- I. Welcome and Introductions
- II. Discussion of Independent Scientific Review of the White River spring Chinook supplementation program – Carlon updated PRCC members on the status of independent scientific review of the White River spring Chinook supplementation/captive brood program. Carlon noted that NOAA assistant regional administrator Rob Walton has scheduled a meeting with Jon Soest and Gordon Congdon to discuss what White River stakeholders are looking for in terms of an independent scientific review. Carlon stated that Walton had not yet received a reply from Soest or Congdon on a date for that discussion. Carlon also noted that a letter from Brett Swift of American Rivers questioned the uniqueness of the White River spring Chinook and questioned the true utility of a supplementation/captive brood program. PRCC Hatchery Subcommittee member Tom Scribner asked Carlon what the next step is. Carlon stated that NMFS has offered some possible dates for the discussion but had not yet heard from Soest or Congdon. Rohr asked if questions outlined in the letter from American Rivers and from WDFW PRCC member Carmen Andonaegui at the October 25 PRCC meeting concerning new genetic information about the program had been discussed internally by NMFS. Rohr also noted that Andonaegui had stated at the October 25 PRCC meeting that she would discuss the issue of independent scientific review and new genetic information with internal staff. Dresser noted that both Swift and Andonaegui might be referring to WDFW's reproductive study. Dresser also noted that a recent genetics study by WDFW involved taking 2,000 BY05 eggs to AquaSeed to determine origin. A report of the study is now available in draft form. Grant PUD comments on the report should be available prior to the Nov. 17 PRCC Hatchery Subcommittee meeting. The report was sent to PRCC

Hatchery Subcommittee on Friday, Nov. 3. Lowry will send the report to the PRCC. The report is the subject of a conference call among PRCC Hatchery Subcommittee members being scheduled for this week. Rohr also noted he has not been able to locate a copy of the Chelan County letter to Independent Scientific Review Board. Rohr stated that the next PRCC meeting is scheduled for Nov. 29, but that a conference call can be scheduled in the interim to provide further information on the issue of independent scientific review.

- III. Dresser noted that the Washington Department of Ecology has released a draft 401 for the Priest Rapids Project on Friday, Nov. 3. Release of the 401 begins a 30-day comment period. Lowry will send a copy of both the 401 and the genetics study to PRCC members.