



FINAL MEETING MINUTES

Priest Rapids Coordinating Committee

Wednesday, May 23, 2007

8:30 am – late afternoon

Meeting and Tour of Wanapum and Priest Rapids Dams

PRCC Committee Members

Scott Carlon/Bryan Nordlund, NMFS
Jerry Marco, CCT
Steve Parker/Bob Rose, YN
Carmen Andonaegui, WDFW

Brian Cates, USFWS
Tom Dresser, GCPUD
Carl Merkle, CTUIR
Denny Rohr, Facilitator

ATTENDEES (*denotes PRCC member or alternate):

*Bryan Nordlund, NMFS

*Tom Dresser, Grant PUD

*Scott Carlon, NMFS

Denny Rohr, Facilitator

*Jerry Marco, CCT

Shannon Lowry, Grant PUD

*Brian Cates, USFWS

Russell Langshaw, Grant PUD

*Carmen Andonaegui, WDFW

Chris Parsons, WDFW,

*Curt Dotson, Grant PUD

*Bob Rose, YN

Action items:

- Andonaegui will provide additional information regarding the Project Specification Sheet Proposal titled “An Evaluation of the Effects of Predator Fish Species on Juvenile Sockeye Salmon and Subyearling Chinook Survival in the Priest Rapids Project” and discuss with committee members at the next meeting.
- Rohr will continue to work on an NNI Funding Account planning document and review with the committee members at the next meeting.

I. **Welcome and Introductions** – Rohr welcomed participants.

II. **Agenda Review** – Rohr reviewed the plan for the day which was to hold a shortened PRCC meeting followed by a tour of the Priest Rapids and Wanapum Dam facilities.

III. **Approval/Finalize Meeting Minutes**

A. April 25, 2007 – approved

IV. **Spring Spill 2007 Update** –

Dotson provided a review and update of spring spill activities and operations.

- V. **Fish Mode Turbine Operations, Spring 2007** – Dotson discussed and explained the “Exceptions Mode” of the turbine operations policy for spring migration.
- VI. **NNI Fund Discussion**
- A. Document Update – Rohr reviewed concepts with the committee regarding the NNI funding account and management process. After much discussion, committee members requested Rohr continue working on a management strategy, including the concepts of possibly developing a list of projects along with the funding criteria related to the projects. Committee members felt it was the responsibility of the PRCC to coordinate the NNI funding process. Rohr will report back at the next meeting.
 - B. Carmen Andonaegui Project Proposal – Andonaegui explained the project proposal she had previously emailed to committee members. The proposal is dated May 2007 and titled “An evaluation of the effects of predator fish species on juvenile sockeye salmon and subyearling chinook survival in the Priest Rapids Project”. Andonaegui answered questions of committee members to clarify the proposal. She will continue to provide additional information regarding the proposal, and she will continue to discuss the proposal further at the next meeting. At the next meeting she also plans to request NNI funding for the proposal and to discuss development of an RFP to be used to move the proposal forward. This will be an agenda item for the June PRCC meeting.
- VII. **OTHER** – This is to be Brian Cates last meeting as a member of the PRCC as he will be retiring at the end of the month from the USFWS. Bryan talked about his many years of working in the Mid-Columbia region and the many changes that he had seen. Committee members thanked Brian for his many years of hard work, and particularly for his calming approach to addressing and solving the many problems and issues that confronted them all. A gift was presented to Brian along with the wish from everyone that he enjoy a long and happy retirement.
- VII. **Next Meeting** – The next meeting will be on Wednesday, June 27, 2007 at the Grant PUD SeaTac offic