



Meeting Minutes

Priest Rapids Fish Forum

Wednesday, October 07, 2009

2:00 – 3:00

Conference Call

PRFF Technical Members

Stephen Lewis, USFWS*
 Bob Rose, YN*
 Bob Heinith, CRITFC*
 Tom Dresser, GCPUD
 Ben Lenz, GCPUD

Patrick Verhey, WDFW
 Keith Hatch, BIA
 Marcie Mangold, WDOE
 Mike Clement, GCPUD

Attendees: (*Denotes PRFF Technical Member):

Steve Lewis, USFWS* (on phone)
 Bob Rose, YN* (on phone)
 Bob Heinith, CRITFC* (on phone)
 Mike Clement, GCPUD*
 Ross Hendrick, GCPUD
 Kevin Malone, Facilitator

Patrick Verhey, WDFW*
 Keith Hatch, BIA* (on phone)
 Brian Nass, LGL
 Ben Lenz, GCPUD*
 Debbie Williams, GCPUD

Action Items:

1. **Malone will contact Heinith for his protocol vote.**
2. **A final draft Pacific Lamprey Study Plan will be sent to members by Nass and Clement.**

Decisions:

1. **PRFF members in attendance approved PRFF protocols.**

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- I. **Welcome and Introductions** – Attendees introduced themselves around the table and on the conference line.

- II. Agenda Review** – No additions were made to the agenda.
- III. PRFF Protocol Discussion**
- A Discussion and proposed Vote on Protocols – Members reviewed and edited protocols via Web Ex. The intent of the meeting attendance verbiage is to ensure that a vote will not be taken during special meetings. (Keith, you had feedback on this topic, please feel free to provide further clarification). **PRFF members in attendance approved PRFF protocols. Malone will contact Heinith for his protocol vote.**
- IV. White Sturgeon Update** - Lenz updated members on the White Sturgeon Management Plan (WSMP). FERC approval has not been received to date. Grant PUD is moving forward with facility designs; Lenz hopes to have them out for review by the end of November. Appendix C of the WSMP details what will take place during the spring 2010 field work. The afternoon of the November 4th PRFF meeting will be dedicated to White Sturgeon discussions. Prioritization of sturgeon sources will be discussed at that time.
- V. Aquatic Invasive Species (AISP) and Shallow Water Monitoring Plan (SWMP)**
- AISP** - Washington Department of Ecology (WDOE) and Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) has reviewed the AISP and will meet with Hendrick on 10/20/09 to discuss comments they provided. After the meeting a second draft will be distributed for 30 day review. The goal is to finalize the AISP by March 31, 2010.
- SWMP** – Hendrick didn't receive additional monitoring locations from members as requested, so the same collection sites as used in previous SWMP studies will be used. He will proceed with development of the study plan, and hopes to have it out for review by the first of November.
- VI. Pacific Lamprey Study Plan (PLSP)** - Based on feedback from the Yakama Nation (YN), United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), and WDFW, additional hydrophones will be located, and positioned to evaluate fishway entrance approaches and monitor for fallback. Concerns of potential fall back, turbine entrainment, and downstream passage have been addressed and incorporated into the study plan. If enough fish aren't trapped, double tagging with an acoustic and half duplex pit-tag will be considered.
- A skeleton Table of Contents for the annual Lamprey Report will be distributed at the next meeting. It will review activities relative to the PLSP, status, activities through out the Columbia Basin and how they relate or not to the Priest Rapids Project (Project). The report is a living document regarding regional lamprey studies that are applicable to the Project. It is due to FERC by March 2010.

Today is the end of the comment period for the PLSP. Comments were provided by the USFWS, WDFW and YN. Comments and Grant PUD responses will be added as appendices to the PLSP. Nass would like to have the PLSP finalized at the next meeting. **A final draft Pacific Lamprey Study Plan will be sent to members by Nass and Clement.**

Nass, Nicholls, and Clement will give a lamprey presentation to the Priest Rapids Coordinating Committee on October 28, 2009. They will discuss closing of an orifice via remote pneumatic control in the fishway to increase trapping efficiency with the PRCC.

Prior to tag battery expiration, Grant PUD intends to track lamprey as they travel through the Project.

- VII. **Next Meeting:** November 04, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. at the Grant PUD Natural Resources Office, Ephrata, WA.