



Priest Rapids Coordinating Committee

Wednesday, December 15, 2010

9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Grant PUD SeaTac Office

PRCC Members

Scott Carlon, Bryan Nordlund, NMFS
Jerry Marco, CCT
Steve Parker, Bob Rose, YN
Bill Tweit, Teresa Scott, WDFW

Jim Craig, USFWS
Tom Dresser, Curt Dotson, GCPUD
Carl Merkle, CTUIR
Denny Rohr, Facilitator

AGENDA

- I. Welcome and Introductions
- II. Agenda Review (D. Rohr)
- III. Action Items Review (D. Rohr)
- IV. 2010 Steelhead and Sockeye Survival Studies (C. Dotson)
 - A. Review and Discussion of Comments due by November 17th on the report titled "Survival of Acoustic Tagged Steelhead and Sockeye Salmon Smolts through the Wanapum and Priest Rapids Projects in 2010."
 - B. Discussion of Table 2 Calculation Methodology
- V. Steelhead Performance Standards (C. Dotson)
 - A. List of Hypotheses Relative to Low Steelhead Survival
- VI. PR Bypass Operations and Adult Fall Back (C. Dotson)
- VII. PR Fish Bypass Operations During Construction Period of PR Bypass (2012 Outmigration Season) (C. Dotson)
- VIII. **Action Item:** Priest Rapids and Wanapum Dams Exclusion Screen Study and Gatewell Retention Study (C. Dotson)
- IX. Sub-Yearling Chinook White Paper (C. Dotson)
- X. NNI Predator Index Study (C. Dotson)
 - A. Discussion of Year 3 Expectations and Statement of Work

- XI. Review 2010 FERC Report (T. Dresser)
- XII. Discussion of White River Activities (T. Dresser)
 - A. Draft Comments of White river Policy Group Memorandum
- XIII. UPDATES: (D. Rohr)
 - A. PRCC Studies and Reports
 - B. Committee Reports
 - C. Potential Northern Pikeminnow Fishing Derby
 - D. PRCC Hatchery Subcommittee SOAs
 - E. PNNL Laboratory Tour
- XIV. Meeting Minutes
 - A. Approval of October 27, 2010 Meeting Minutes
 - B. Approval of November 17, 2010 Meeting Minutes
- XV. Next Meeting: January 26, 2010, Grant PUD SeaTac Office

Action Items:

1. Gas Abatement Plan (GAP) comments are due by 12/31/10.
2. Dotson will look at gateway lamprey counts using Wanapum gateway smolt index counts from 1990 – 2000.
3. Grant PUD will develop the first draft in creating a list of hypotheses that might explain the low steelhead survival seen in the PR Project.
4. Dresser will draft an outline to answer policy questions asked by the White River Policy Group by the next meeting.
5. “Survival of Acoustic Tagged Steelhead and Sockeye Salmon Smolts through the Wanapum and Priest Rapids Projects (PR) in 2010” comments due by November 17th
6. Dresser will find out if Mark Timko, Blue Leaf Environmental will present the final steelhead and sockeye survival document in the same format as used last year.
7. Dotson will create similar acoustic array charts for the Priest Rapids and Wanapum forebays as those created for the Mattawa array.
8. Dresser didn’t know if x, y, z, coordinates were gathered from mid-river arrays, or just presence, absence, he will check with Dotson.
9. Dresser will ask Dotson how decreased steelhead survival estimates were calculated in Table 2 at Priest Rapids. Agenda item for December meeting.
10. Dresser will discuss moving bulkhead and tainter gate spill during the PR Bypass construction period with Dotson/Jeske. What % tainter gate spill would be required to get the same survival results as top spill?
11. Rohr will send a reminder that the Gateway Screen decision will be voted upon at the next meeting.
12. Send any information you might have on High Flow PIT-tag Detector suppliers to Dotson.
13. Rohr will discuss the need to purchase tags for the NNI Predator Index Study with Dotson and Rose. Agenda Item: This topic should be moved to steelhead survival.