

**Cooperative Monitoring Evaluation and Research Committee
(CMER)
April 22, 2014
DNR Compound, Tumwater**

| Attendees | Representing |
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| §Baldwin, Todd | Kalispel Tribe of Indians, CMER Co-Chair |
| Bell, Harry | Green Crow |
| §Dieu, Julie | Rayonier |
| §Ehinger, Bill | Department of Ecology |
| Haemmerle, Howard | Department of Natural Resources |
| §Hicks, Mark | Department of Ecology, CMER Co-Chair |
| Hotvedt, Jim | Department of Natural Resources, AMPA |
| §Kroll, A.J. | Weyerhaeuser |
| Kurtenbach, Amy | Department of Natural Resources |
| Lingley, Leslie | Department of Natural Resources |
| §Martin, Doug | Washington Forest Protections Association |
| McIntyre, Aimee | Department of Fish & Wildlife |
| §Mendoza, Chris | Conservation Caucus |
| §Mobbs, Mark | Quinault Indian Nation |
| Roorbach, Ash | Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission - CMER Staff |
| Schuett-Hames, Dave | Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission - CMER Staff |
| Shramek, Patti | Department of Natural Resources – CMER Coordinator |
| Stewart, Greg | Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission, CMER Staff |
| Terwilliger, Karen | Washington Forest Protection Association |
| Walter, Jason | Weyerhaeuser |

§Indicates official CMER members and alternates; ph indicates attended via phone.

*Indicates decisions

Additions to the agenda:

- CMER Information Management System (IMS) – Patti Shramek reported that the CMER IMS Technical Advisory Group met April 17, 2014 to review the status of the CMER IMS. She shared a report from Nancy Sturhan documenting the outcomes of the meeting.
- *Unstable Slope Criteria TWIG Update – Jim Hotvedt reported that Greg Stewart has told him that he has time to work on putting together the initial writing team. Jim said he can work on getting it started and asked for CMER approval to move forward. -
Approved
- Leslie Lingley report that Charles Chesney has resigned and his last day is May 1, 2014. He will be on annual leave until then. Dave Schuett-Hames asked when he was going to be replaced. Leslie replied that the job announcement will go out sometime the last week of April or the first week of May.

Science Session:

Discuss potential recommendations for revising the CMER Master Schedule

Mark Hicks reported that Policy has given CMER direction to develop a long term master schedule. He said that Policy would like the majority of the budget to be front loaded and then taper down to maintenance. He noted that the master schedule needs to be revised to reflect this and needs to be completed in time for the August Forest Practices Board meeting. Jim Hotvedt explained that the August deadline is required in order for DNR to submit their budget request to the Governor's office in September. DNR is in the process of developing the 15-17 biennium budget.

The master schedule and budget was reviewed and revised. Mark Hicks will incorporate the revisions and send the preliminary results to Policy. The revised document will be reviewed at the next CMER meeting and additional revisions can be made at that time.

Business Session:

Coordinators Corner

- *Approval of March 2014 Meeting Minutes - **Approved**
- CMER Science Conference Update – Patti Shramek reported that she was able to reserve the auditorium in Office Building Two on the Capitol campus for February 11-12, 2015 for the science conference.

LWAG

- *Westside Type N Experimental Buffer Treatment in Hard Rock Lithologies Study (Hard Rock) - SAG Request for Review of Chapters 7, 10 and 11

Aimee McIntyre requested review of chapters 7, 10 and 11 of the Hard Rock report. She reported that chapters 10 and 11 were sent out with the CMER meeting mailing and she has already received some comments. Chapter authors gave summaries of their chapters and answered questions. Bill Ehinger reported that he should have chapter 7 completed and ready for review within a week.

Due dates for comments were set for May 13th for chapters 10 and 11 and May 20th for chapter 7. Amy Kurtenbach stressed that since all three chapters are moving together as a package to ISPR all comments are due no later than May 20th.

RSAG

- *Use of Remote Sensing to Conduct Extensive Riparian Monitoring document – request for approval to submit to Policy - **Approved**

SAGE

- Eastside Forest Hydrology Study – Amy Kurtenbach reported that comment matrix has been completed and contractor related comments were sent to the Contractor. The remaining comments went back to SAGE. The Contractor has been working on revisions to the report based on the comments he received.

CMER/SAG Recap of Assignments/Decisions

- Mark Hicks will incorporate the revisions made to CMER master schedule and budget send the preliminary results to Policy.
- CMER will review the revised master schedule and budget at the May meeting and make additional revisions, if needed.
- Jim will work on setting up the Unstable Slopes TWIG.
- April 2014 CMER meeting minutes were approved.
- Due dates for comments on chapters 10 and 11 of the Hard Rock report is May 13, 2014 and chapter 7 is May 21, 2014.
- Remote Sensing to Conduct Extensive Riparian Monitoring document was approved for submittal to Policy.