

Cooperative Monitoring, Evaluation and Research Committee

Tuesday, July 25, 2023 // 9:00AM – 1:55PM

Virtual: Zoom

Motions	
Motion	Move/Second (Vote)
<p>June 2023 Meeting Minutes</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> Chris Mendoza moved to approve the June 2023 minutes.</p> <p>The motion passed</p>	<p>Seconded: Aimee McIntyre</p> <p>Up: Harry Bell, Hans Berge, Welles Bretherton, Joe Murray (Proxy for Julie Dieu), Debbie Kay, Jenny Knoth, A.J. Kroll, Doug Martin, Aimee McIntyre, Mark Meleason, Chris Mendoza, and Mark Mobbs.</p>
<p>Potential Habitat Breaks (PHB) Charter</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> Jenny Knoth moved to approve the PHB Project Charter presented today by ISAG.</p> <p>The motion passed</p>	<p>Seconded: Aimee McIntyre</p> <p>Up: Harry Bell, Welles Bretherton, Julie Dieu, Jenny Knoth, A.J. Kroll, Doug Martin, Aimee McIntyre, Mark Meleason, and Mark Mobbs.</p> <p>Abstain: Chris Mendoza, Debbie Kay, Hans Berge.</p>
<p>Default Physical Criteria Assessment (DPC) Charter</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> Jenny Knoth moved to approve the Default Physical Criteria Assessment (DPC) Charter.</p> <p>The motion passed</p>	<p>Seconded: Welles Bretherton</p> <p>Up: Harry Bell, Welles Bretherton, Julie Dieu, Jenny Knoth, A.J. Kroll, Doug Martin, Aimee McIntyre, Mark Meleason</p> <p>Abstain: Chris Mendoza, Debbie Kay, Mark Mobbs, and Hans Berge.</p>
<p>Protocols and Standards Manual (PSM) Sections 1-3</p> <p><u>Motion:</u></p> <p>The motion passed/failed</p> <p>MOVED TO NEXT MONTH</p>	<p>Seconded:</p> <p>Up:</p> <p>Down:</p> <p>Abstain:</p> <p>Absent:</p>
<p>Schedule L-1 Review and Revision Process Recommendation Memo</p> <p><u>Motion:</u></p>	<p>Seconded:</p> <p>Up:</p> <p>Down:</p>

<p>The motion passed/failed</p> <p>MOVED TO NEXT MONTH</p>	<p>Abstain:</p> <p>Absent:</p>
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Action Items	
Action Items	Responsibility
Send out LiDAR PowerPoint presentation	Natalie Church
Send out SharePoint presentation	Natalie Church
Discussion on Problem Statement section in charters.	Lori Clark/Co-chairs
Send out clean version of PSM on August 1st	Lori Clark
Comments/edits on Schedule L-1 Review and Revision Process Recommendation Memo due by August 8 th : Document 9.Schedule L-1 Process memo 06 23 2023.docx	Voting CMER Members
Schedule L-1 Review and Revision Process Recommendation Memo - Review and decision	August Agenda
Send out summary of WetSAG and RSAG field trips.	Natalie Church

Welcome, Introductions, & Old Business

A.J. Kroll, CMER co-chair

Natalie Church took roll call

Ground Rules:

- Volunteer your time, talent and expertise to get things done. - Jenny Knoth
- Be realistic in your availability and ability to carry out action items – A.J. Kroll

Staff Updates:

- The AMP team has completed almost all the 23-25 biennium contracts.
- Rachel Rubin will return full time on August 1st.
- Lori will be working with the CMER co-chairs on providing guidance to SAG co-chairs on the prioritization task at the August CMER meeting. This task will be added to the SAG Project Summary Sheet task which SAGs should be prepared to begin starting in September to be completed in time for the December CMER meeting.

- Lori will be working with the CMER co-chairs on CMER science staff prioritization for time when needed. This includes the CMER science technician.
- Jenelle Black introduced Rob Pavlik as the new CMER Natural Resources Technician.

Public Comments:

No public comments.

TFW Policy Updates:

Brandon Austin gave an update on what was discussed at the July Timber Fish and Wildlife (TFW) Policy Committee meeting.

Lidar Presentation:

Abby Gleason gave a presentation on LiDAR. The AMP did fund LiDAR to be completed as a part of the 2022 –2023 LiDAR flights. This LiDAR collection meets the goal of state-wide LiDAR coverage. They are on a 10-year recollection cycle but trying to convert to an 8 or 6-year recollection plan. USGS also continues to collect elevation data to continuously update LiDAR data. Some version of a federal program refresh is likely coming from federal government (4-5 years). Bathymetric LiDAR can be used in rivers for flood planning, flow modeling, channel morphology, and restoration activities. Looking at how to do Bathymetric LiDAR in WA. USGS has a pilot project looking at the cost of a larger wide-scale project. The [Washington Lidar Portal](#) is a dashboard for the public to access WGS maps and applications.

SharePoint Online Refresher:

Anna Toledo and Alexander Prescott gave a presentation on editing and reviewing documents on SharePoint Online.

Potential Habitat Breaks (PHB) Charter:

Anna Toledo explained that Emma Greenwood was added to the PHB project team for the implementation phase, and that update was reflected in the charter. Debbie Kay explained that Ash Roorbach asked for her to express his concern that there is not a problem statement under the problem statement section only an extensive history. Jenelle explained that she would agree but, it is listed more as the “why we are addressing the problem”. It was decided to vote on the charter as is and have a discussion on the problem statement issue at a later time. Aimee McIntyre posted in the chat. “I agree that is a good point Debbie that we should pay more attention to moving forward and agree in advance whether the instruction is a complete checklist or an optional list of things that may be included. Glad folks are paying attention to the details, consistency, and clarity around how we fill out similar documents.”

Default Physical Criteria Assessment (DPC) Charter:

Anna Toledo gave a brief introduction to the charter and that the request is to approve the charter. There was a vote made and the charter was approved.

Protocols and Standards Manual (PSM) Sections 1-3:

Lori Clark explained that there have been more edits added and suggested that the vote will be done at the August CMER meeting. Lori will send out the clean version on August 1st to give more time for people to review for the decision at the August CMER meeting.

Schedule L-1 Review and Revision Process Recommendation Memo:

Lori presented the Schedule L-1 workgroup process memo. This memo will go to Policy in August. The goal is to have this process memo finalized in time for the November Forest Practices Board meeting. Some CMER members were not prepared to provide feedback at the CMER meeting. CMER will review the process document and provide comments via track changes by 4pm on August 8th [Document](#)

[9.Schedule L-1 Process memo 06 23 2023.docx](#). CMER will need to develop consensus comments on the memo, which will be returned to the Schedule L-1 workgroup for consideration.

Below is information from Doug Martin:

“I mentioned this paper yesterday at CMER [Environmental Regulation in Temporally Dynamic and Spatially Variable Watershed Environments: Implications for Forest Management](#) about different ways to address targets, etc. I think this is a very important paper to help people understand why fixed threshold/targets are not an effective method for managing forest practices. The idea of focusing on ecological processes is not new and several papers (referenced) have addressed this issue over past decade. Since we are about to revise L-1, I think we need to have a serious discussion about using a new approach; at least when it comes to CMER/Policy decisions on study findings.

The paper I mentioned is one chapter of a new AFS book that cost \$79. [Reflections on Forest Management: Can Fish and Fiber Coexist? | American Fisheries Society](#). The book is available as hardcopy or PDF.

I highly recommend the book as it offers one-stop shopping for an overall summary of Forest and Fish research including effectiveness studies, BMPs, wetlands and more from past 20 yrs.

Doug.”

CMER SAG Updates:

Each SAG reviewed the CMER SAG document, which was updated live as needed.

List of Attendees

Attendees	Representing
§Bell, Harry	Washington Farm Forestry Association – Small Forest Landowners
§Berge, Hans	UCUT – Eastern Washington Tribes
§Bretherton, Welles	Department of Ecology
§Dieu, Julie	Rayonier
§Kay, Debbie	Suquamish Tribe
§Knoth, Jenny	Washington Farm Forestry Association
§Kroll, A.J.	CMER Co-Chair
§Martin, Doug	Washington Forest Protection Association
§McIntyre, Aimee	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife/CMER Co-Chair
§Meleason, Mark	Counties Caucus
§Mendoza, Chris	Conservation Caucus
§Mobbs, Mark	Quinault Indian Nation
Austin, Brandon	Department of Ecology - TFW Policy Co-chair
Black, Jenelle	CMER Scientist
Church, Natalie	DNR – CMER Coordinator
Clark, Lori	Adaptive Management Program Administrator
Freeman, Elise	CMER Scientist
Gleason, Abby	DNR
Hawkins, Tracy	DNR
Henkel, Theryn	DNR Supervisory Project Manager
Holy, Shae	Skokomish Tribe
Hooks, Doug	WFPA

Mitchell, Robert	Member of the Public
Murray, Joe	Washington Forest Protection Association (Proxy for Julie Dieu from 9-10)
Pavlik, Rob	Natural Resources Technician
Peters, Jim	Westside Tribes – TFW Policy
Prescott, Alexander	DNR Project Manager
Roorbach, Ash	NWIFC
Schofield, Jenny	DNR Project Manager
Toledo, Anna	DNR Project Manager
Venneman, Nikki	Suquamish Tribe
Walter, Jason	Weyerhaeuser/ISAG co-chair
Nikki	Port Gamble S’Klallam Tribe

§CMER Voting Member