

# Cooperative Monitoring, Evaluation and Research Committee

Tuesday, June 22, 2021 using GoToMeeting

Meeting 9:00 am – 12:30pm

Motions for June 22, 2021	
Motion	Second (Vote)
<b>Meeting Minutes</b>  <u>Motion:</u> Julie Dieu ( <i>Rayonier, Washington Forest Protection Association</i> ) moved to approve the May Meeting Minutes with amendments.  <u>Motion Passed</u>	Seconded: Aimee McIntyre, ( <i>Washington Dept. of Fish and Wildlife</i> ) Up: Harry Bell, Julie Dieu, Doug Martin, Aimee McIntyre, Chris Mendoza, Debbie Kay, Jenny Knoth, Todd Baldwin Down: none Absent: Patrick Lizon, A.J. Kroll

Action Items for June 22, 2021	
Action Items	Responsibility
1. CPEACE Form a workgroup to compile notes from the CPEACE training to send to the group	Chris Mendoza, Jenelle Black, Aimee McIntyre, Joe Murray, Jenny Knoth, CMER Members to send comments and notes to co-chairs for compiling. After compiling, the document will be emailed to CMER members.
2. Hard Rock Phase II Six Questions	Comments are due back on June 25th
3. WFPA Smart Buffer Study Design with LiDAR addition	Comments due July 9th

## MINUTES

### Welcome, Introductions, and Old Business

Jenny Knoth / Chris Mendoza, (*CMER co-chairs*)

Chris Mendoza opened the meeting. Two of the ground rules were read.

### Updates:

Jenny Knoth, (*CMER co-chair*) noted that Mark Doumit Director of the Washington Forest Protection Association and member of the Adaptive Management Program passed away. Chris Mendoza and Joe Murray spoke to his long time service and his inspiration to our work. The group held a moment of silence in respect.

### May 25, 2021 Meeting Minutes:

Julie Dieu (*Rayonier, Washington Forest Protection Association*) made the motion to have the CMER May Meeting Minutes as amended approved. Aimee McIntyre (*Washington Dept. of Fish and Wildlife*) seconded the motion.

**The motion passed.**

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## Minutes

### SCIENCE SESSION – CPEACE

Chris Mendoza (*CMER co-chair*) asked the group for the highlights that they took away from the CPEACE training and what are we able to move forward with and what action items can be created.

#### Comments:

Chris noted that he walked away with an assignment from Francine and his group to work on our process to improve our program. He mentioned the workshop's "triangle" corners representing substance, process, and relationships for improving CMER's part of the AMP. Joe Murray (*Washington Forest Protection Association*) noted a key element he took away from CPEACE was that you can accomplish a lot by building relationships and trust with the people you work. Julie Dieu (*Rayonier, Washington Forest Protection Association*) noted that even in making small steps in what I can personally accomplish today is moving in the right direction to plan and make things happen. Aimee McIntyre (*Washington Dept. of Fish and Wildlife*) noted that her group came up with actionable items that could be followed up with in CMER and she would like these items identified with a timeline. Jenelle Black (*CMER*) suggested we compile all the group's concrete actionable items. Ash Roorbach (*Northwest Indian Fish Commission*) noted that he thought the transparency in what the agendas are and what is motivating us is something we need to talk about. He added one of our goals is to make a viable timber industry but we are not sure how we can accomplish this and noted that it is challenging to have productive negotiations when the financial matters are dividing people around the rule making. AJ Kroll (*Weyerhaeuser, Washington Forest Protection Association*) noted from the chat box "before making major rule changes with substantive economic impacts to landowners, the evidence for an overwhelming benefit to biological resources should be present". He added this is the spirit and letter of the Forest and Fish Agreement. He suggested the group focus on the technical work and reducing uncertainties for the studies we are working on. Jenny Knoth (*CMER co-chair*) noted that the key points that came out of the training for her was that transparency is important along with understanding the motivations of the people we work with and commitment to the program is vital. She also acknowledged that this group is very qualified and comes with a different area of expertise. Joe Murray (*Washington Forest Protection Association*) noted that though he is disappointed that there won't be a refresher course, we were given the tools to move forward with. Harry Bell (*Washington Farm Forestry Association*) mentioned that in the past there was a major conflict between the Audubon Society and the Washington Environmental Council in the early 90's where they didn't agree on protection issues until they developed incentives that had something for everybody. He added later that the reason TFW was a success and the way in which CMER can do a much better job is to recognize that in order to reach consensus "you got to give to get" and "if you snooze you lose" (*D. Wallace Dept. of Ecology 1987*).

#### Next Steps:

- A subgroup was formed to compile charts and notes taken at the CPEACE training. The group includes Chris Mendoza, Jenny Knoth, Aimee McIntyre, Joe Murray and Jenelle Black.

#### Additional Suggestions:

- A time be scheduled at future meetings for each of the group to share their backgrounds and have this included in the Science session.
- An emphasis to call out bad behavior in our own caucuses.

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- An emphasis to engage in the spirit of listening more to understand the issues.
- Create a refresher retreat for the AM Program with both CMER and Policy participating.
- Work on the issues to improve the process.
- Keep this as a topic for the ongoing CMER meetings.
- Ensure that all members weigh in on the priorities.

A.J. Kroll (*Weyerhaeuser, Washington Forest Protection Association*) noted that because the recommendations were made by a person that didn't understand the scope of our work we really need to rely on our own self-diagnosis if we want to strengthen our process. Jenelle Black (*CMER*) responded that CPEACE training did give us a framework to think about our processes. Mark Hicks (*AMPA*) noted that this is a complicated program to understand and CMER should focus internally to fix the process.

## SFL Template Workgroup

*Eszter Munes (DNR)/Jenny Knoth (co-chair)*

Jenny Knoth, (*CMER co-chair*) noted they were putting together documents that are looking at the uncertainties and the deadline was today. She added we are under a time constraint so we will keep the process moving. She added our target is to have this to CMER in July or August. Eszter Munes (*DNR*) noted that they have received materials from the members and she will be sending out a meeting invite later today.

## WFPA Smart Buffer Study Design with LiDAR

*Eszter Munes (DNR)*

Eszter noted that Doug Martin (*WFPA*) gave a presentation of the LiDAR methodologies in May and has updated the Smart Buffer Design to include the LiDAR methodologies which was mailed out on June 9<sup>th</sup>. She added that the revised study design will be sent to CMER for review for the new content only, and would like the comments to be submitted back to her by July 9<sup>th</sup>. She noted that when the comments have been reviewed and responded to by the author it will be brought back to CMER for approval at the July meeting. Doug Martin added that he gave a second presentation at RSAG.

## Extensive Monitoring Workshop

*Chris Mendoza (CMER co-chair)*

Chris Mendoza noted that he was hopeful that Policy will get some traction on providing CMER feedback on the extensive monitoring project and where they want to go with the program. He added that hopefully when it goes to the full Policy committee there will be something to forward, but at this time there is no action required by CMER.

## Forested Wetlands Effectiveness Project Charter (FWEP)

*Eszter Munes (DNR)/Debbie Kay (Suquamish Tribe)*

Eszter noted that WetSAG has purchased about \$10,000 of equipment for FWEP from the allotted end of year funds but did not spend \$26,000 of the allotted funds. She added she wanted to make sure that the Charter being presented to policy is aligned with the MPS.

## Eastside Forest Health Strategy

*Teresa Miskovic (DNR)/Todd Baldwin (Kalispel Tribe of Indians)*

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Teresa noted that at the May Policy meeting they created a subgroup around developing a forest health strategy. She added that at the meeting on June 8<sup>th</sup> they reviewed SAGE's past work around fires, salvage review, eastside riparian documents, and specific tasks documents that could be worked on. She added that the workgroup thought it would be helpful to have a crosswalk compared to the specific tasks that SAGE has worked on and Todd is putting this together to see how to move forward with a strategy. She added that they are hoping to meet in July. Todd Baldwin noted that Chris Mendoza and another person were pulling together the location of the SAGE eastside documents. Chris Mendoza (*CMER co-chair*) noted that this is an ad hoc group with both Policy and CMER members and that all documents generated by this group will need to be approved by full CMER and Policy. Jenelle Black (*CMER Staff*) asked where the documents were located and Chris responded that some but not all the documents are on the DNR and IMS website and they are still in the information gathering mode and will work with Jenelle for documents that they can't locate. Harry Bell (*Washington Forest Protection Association*) noted from the chat box "*re our earlier CPEACE discussion, we could have done this ourselves maybe via a science session focused on the issue.*"

## CMER SAG Updates

### WetSAG

*Debbie Kay (co-chair)/ Harry Bell (co-chair)*

#### Forested Wetlands Effectiveness Project:

Debbie noted that the main topic last month concerned changes to the project charter and the project subgroup hasn't been able to meet lately because of field constraints.

#### Wetlands Intrinsic Potential Tool – WIP

Debbie noted that Meghan Halabisky (*University of Washington*) provided an update to Policy this month. She added that she is getting training on the WIP tool from Meghan and added that Meghan is developing a training data set and a presentation that lists out the steps and how to get through it. Eszter Munes (*DNR*) requested that the CMER/SAG report be updated to show that the WIP tool was presented to Policy in June 2021. The report was updated.

### UPSAG

*Lori Clark (AMP Project Manager)*

#### Deep-Seated Landslide Research Strategy

Lori noted that UPSAG is going through the DSL strategy and working on different projects. She added that the Study Design should be ready in late summer/early fall. She added that there is no update on the funding. The funding was approved in the MPS but they don't think they will be able to spend it all in fiscal 2022.

### SAGE

*Todd Baldwin (chair)*

#### Eastside Timber Habitat Evaluation Project (ETHEP)

Todd noted that the report is up to date.

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## **RSAG**

Joe Murray (*chair*)

### Riparian Characteristics and Shade Response Study

Joe noted the study design was sent to ISPR and the comments are due back June 24<sup>th</sup>. He added that RSAG has been discussing additional treatments to RCS and they are summarizing that and also creating a qualifying statement as to why this would be important.

### Westside Type F Riparian Prescription Monitoring Project

Joe noted that when they get the Exploratory Report back in August they are considering other treatments besides the ones detailed in the exploratory report.

### Type N Soft Rock Final Report

Eszter Munes (*DNR*) noted that Chapter 3 had additional revisions and went back to ISPR yesterday. She added in regards to Chapter 5 that was supposed to be dropped, a memo was sent to ISPR outlining the reasons for this and they were waiting on ISPR to respond. Chris Mendoza (*CMER co-chair*) asked if this included the memo from Bill Ehinger and Greg Stewart and Eszter responded that the memo will be included in the final report with some revisions. Doug Martin (*WFPA*) asked when they would receive the ISPR Review and the ISPR matrix. Mark Hicks (*AMPA*) responded that we have some of the reviews completed but not all of them. He added that they are still in the active review mode at the moment and it maybe a couple of months before CMER receives anything. Eszter noted that authors are still putting the Executive Summary together which will need to go to ISPR and our goal is September. Chris Mendoza asked if the chapters are all coming back together in a package and Mark responded that the chapters can be sent individually.

## **ISAG**

Jason Walter/ Cody Thomas (*co-chairs*)

### Water Typing Strategy

Cody noted that a subgroup is currently working on the PHB Study Design. He added that the project is currently not funded and they are asking the Board for provisional funding.

### eDNA Pilot Study

Cody noted that the eDNA report will be presented to Policy in July. He added they are planning on sending the updated study to CMER in November.

## **LWAG**

Aimee McIntyre/AJ Kroll (*co-chairs*)

### Hard Rock Phase II

Aimee noted that the Executive Summary is currently in ISPR for review and the Six Questions document was delivered to CMER in May and the comments are due back on June 25<sup>th</sup>.

### Discontinuous Np Surface Flows

Aimee mentioned that Curt Veldhuisen has left the project team as he was concerned his continued participation at Policy could be perceived as crossing over the CMER / Policy “firewall”. She added that

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the scoping document will not be done by this fiscal year and a “no pay” task will be integrated into Ecology’s contract.

## CMER

### ROAD PRESCRIPTION-Scale Effectiveness Monitoring Project Team

*Julie Dieu (project team)*

Julie noted that the tub-cleaning was completed and the trough covers have been fabricated. She added that the first Ditch-Line hydraulics was completed and the analysis is ongoing. She added that they would be doing some extensive monitoring in July and the flumes are being installed this week.

## UPSAG

### Unstable Slope Criteria Project Team

*Greg Stewart (project team)*

Greg Stewart noted that there were no changes to the report.

### Small Forest Landowner PI

*Eszter Munes (AMP support)*

Eszter noted that there were no changes to the report.

### TFW Policy Update

*Mark Hicks (AMPA)*

Mark noted the following:

- Policy approved alternative 2 of the ETHEP Scoping Document and this project will move to the study design phase.
- Policy has taken the lead on the issue of extensive status and trends monitoring and is moving forward to add an extensive monitoring project to the MPS.
- Policy accepted the Np Buffer Workgroup Report and has set up additional meetings to discuss alternatives and define the policy vetting process on how they include the HR and SF studies.
- Policy has gone into a Stage I Dispute on the Type Np PI involving a desktop study on the harvest patterns of Np basins.
- Policy had an update on the Eastside Forest Health Strategy group.
- Chris Conklin announced his replacement in Policy is Tom O’Brien.
- Policy was briefed on the SFLO Buffer Dispute but didn’t come into agreement.
- Policy was briefed on the HR and SF studies and a workgroup was formed to study the eastside tribal issues with the HR Phase III resampling study.
- Policy will decide to take action on the WIP tool at their July meeting.
- CPEACE was discussed.

Mark Hicks suggested that we should consider having a CMER Science Conference next spring.

### Mark Hicks Retirement

Marc Engel presented a plaque from Policy and CMER to celebrate Mark Hicks retirement in recognition of his distinguished service to the Washington State Adaptive Management Program as the Adaptive Management Program Administrator and for the dedicated contributions to the Timber, Fish and Wildlife Policy Committee, Cooperative Monitoring Research and Evaluation Committee and numerous Scientific

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Advisory Groups. He added that Mark’s commitment to the program was impressive. The members and co-chairs from both Policy and CMER offered their appreciation for his integrity, his commitment to the work, and the knowledge and experience that he brought to the process.

## Public Comment

There was not public comment

## Conclusions

The motion and action items were reviewed, after which the meeting was adjourned.

## List of Attendees

<b>Attendees</b>	<b>Representing</b>
§Baldwin, Todd	Kalispel Tribe of Indians
§Bell, Harry	Washington Farm Forestry Association
Black, Jenelle	CMER staff
Clark, Lori	DNR
Colton, Mary	DNR
§Dieu, Julie	Rayonier, Washington Forest Protection Association
Hicks, Mark	Department of Natural Resources – AMPA
Hooks, Doug	Washington Forest Protection Association
§Debbie Kay	Suquamish Tribe
§Knoth, Jenny	Washington Farm Forestry Association/ WSAC, CMER Co-Chair
§Kroll, A.J.	Weyerhaeuser
§Lizon, Patrick	Department of Ecology
§Martin, Doug	Washington Forest Protection Association
§McIntyre, Aimee	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife
§Mendoza, Chris	Conservation Caucus – CMER Co-Chair
Miskovic, Teresa	DNR
Munes, Eszter	DNR
Murray, Joe	Washington Forest Protection Association
Roorbach, Ash	Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission
Stewart, Greg	CMER staff
Cody Thomas	ISAG co-chair, UCUT
Walter, Jason	ISAG co-chair, Weyerhaeuser
Volke, Malia	CMER staff