

CMER
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Ecology Building, Training Room 2S-23
Draft minutes

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McConnell, Steve	NWIFC
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McFadden, George	NWIFC
McNaughton, Geoffrey	DNR, AMPA
Mendoza, Chris	ARC Consultants
Palmquist, Bob	NWIFC
Pavel, Joseph	NWIFC
Peterson, Pete	UCUT
Pleus, Allen	NWIFC
Quinn, Tim	WDFW, CMER co-chair
Ray, Kris	Colville Confederated Tribes
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Schuett-Hames, Dave	NWIFC
Sturhan, Nancy	DNR
Thompson, Bonnie	DNR

Minutes, Decisions/Tasks Review, General Updates: May CMER minutes will be approved at the July CMER meeting.

Budget: McNaughton reported that the budget spreadsheet is updated as of today. The new SAG requests made during today's meeting are not in the current budget. McNaughton and Schuett-Hames will make sure the project/program references are consistent between the budget and the proposed 2005 CMER Workplan.

A discussion of contractual concerns was tabled to the July CMER meeting.

SAG Requests:

LWAG - Small Mammal Dissection for Reproductive Condition-RMZ Resample Study (carried forward from last month). This SAG request is for \$40,000. LWAG provided the literature citations requested at the May CMER meeting. There are still concerns regarding the relationship of reproduction rates to habitat quality. There are also concerns regarding how this funding request will impact existing projects.

CMER Recommendation: McNaughton was asked to initiate a dispute resolution process to address the scientific disagreement. If there are policy issues they will be defined and presented to Policy. This SAG request was deferred to a future meeting.

BTSAG - Eastside Riparian Prescription Effectiveness Monitoring for Shade/Solar and Stream Temperature (carried forward from last month). This request is for \$227,050 over a four year period to coordinate with landowners and ensure that sites are laid out consistently over the landscape. A concern was raised regarding the cost per hour proposed by the consultant. For the record, Chris Mendoza, is opposed to the request. Any delay in making a decision will force a delay in the work to next year.

CMER Recommendation: Butts and McNaughton were asked to schedule a meeting to resolve the issues and report back at the July CMER meeting. Those who opposed need to come to the meeting for discussion.

SAGE - Eastside Type F program a Review and Synthesis of Available Information on Riparian Disturbance Regimes in Washington. This SAG request is to have CMER review the report and then send the report to SRC for further review.

CMER Recommendation: Three CMER volunteers were selected for the review: Steve McConnell, Mark Hunter and Doug Martin. Review comments need to be submitted to Lynda Hofmann by August 5th. SAGE will request CMER to consider SRC review of the report in August.

RSAG – DFC Recommendations. RSAG requested to move ahead and develop a study plan and budget to collect additional data on DFC pursuant to recommendations and concerns raised by the SRC. This study plan will come back to CMER for review and approval. Concerns were raised regarding whether collecting additional data will add value to the study. RSAG responded that it will add statistical support, increase confidence in the existing results, improve the field index and add more information on age structure.

CMER Consensus: CMER approved this SAG request.

UPSAG – Hydrologic Effects of Roads Literature Review. UPSAG requested that CMER consider this literature review for publication as a CMER document. Concerns were raised about the completeness of the documents.

CMER Recommendation: Three CMER volunteers were selected to review the document: Doug Martin will have someone review the document, Jeannette Barreca, and Tim Quinn will ask if there is a WDFW person that could review the document. Comments are due by August 27th.

ISAG: - Water Typing – Screening tool (Map) for delineating “areas of uncertainty” produced by the Fish Habitat Water Type Model. The Water Typing Stakeholder Group, through ISAG is requesting \$16,080 for a sole source contract to EarthRes.i to analyze the fish habitat model data to identify areas most likely to be associated with model error.

CMER Consensus: this request was approved and funding will be through the project development fund.

Adopt CMER work plan: Schuett-Hames has received no comments on the latest draft of the CMER workplan. The workplan will be presented to the Policy Committee on July 1st. CMER members are welcome to provide additional comments pursuant to the instructions in Schuett-Hames e-mail message.

CMER Review Procedures: This proposal was tabled to the July CMER meeting as discussions are still ongoing at the small group level.

PIP Report: The PIP reports are in SRC review. CMER committee members were asked to offer suggestions regarding the proposed answers to the framework questions.

CMER monthly report: Martin and Quinn made their first report to Policy and used a three part format to receive policy input.

- Current guidance – any guidance that CMER needs immediately or in the near future is requested and discussed.
- Next up in the pipe line – helps policy prepare for upcoming discussions
- FYI – information that is useful but for which no current guidance is sought

Martin asked CMER members what they would like the co-chairs to present at the next Policy meeting and suggestions were as follows: Fish Passage decision, Budget Mammals and bull trout – if not resolved then brief policy, and DFC study.

Adopt CMER co-chair procedures: At the July 1st Policy Committee meeting, Policy adopted an election process that will consist of a seven person panel including: Policy co-chairs, CMER co-chairs, Adaptive Management Program Administrator, one additional representative from Policy, and one additional representative from CMER. Joseph Pavel was chosen as the additional Policy representative. Pleus will work with the Tribes to nominate an additional CMER representative.

Nancy Sturhan has been nominated for the co-chair position. At this time she cannot commit, and must check with her supervisor regarding time commitments. Pavel stated if no other nominees are submitted, he will seek a Tribal nominee.

It was announced that George McFadden was resigning from his position with the NWIFC. McFadden was thanked for all his good work.