

**Cooperative Monitoring Evaluation and Research Committee  
August 26, 2008  
Kalispel Northern Quest Casino, Spokane  
Final Notes**

<b>Attendees</b>	<b>Representing</b>
*Almond, Lyle (ph)	Makah Tribe, RSAG Co-Chair
*Baldwin, Todd	Kalispel Tribe, SAGE Co-Chair
Black, Jenelle	NWIFC
chesney, charles (ph)	DNR
Cramer, Darin	DNR, Adaptive Management Administrator
*Dieu, Julie	Rayonier
Furman, Kira	Simon Fraser University
Gilrein, Bob	Spokane Tribe
Heckel, Linda	DNR, CMER Coordinator
*Hicks, Mark	DOE
*MacCracken, Jim	Longview Timberlands
Marconi, Douglas	Kalispel Tribe
*Martin, Doug	WFPA Contractor
*McConnell, Steve	UCUT
McCrea, Chad	Spokane Tribe
*Mendoza, Chris	Conservation Caucus Contractor, CMER Co-Chair
*Miller, Dick	WFFA
*Mobbs, Mark	Quinault Indian Nation
Moon, Teresa	DNR, CMER Project Manager
O'Sullivan, Alison (ph)	Suquamish Tribe
*Sturhan, Nancy (ph)	NWIFC
Vogel, Bill (ph)	USFWS

\* indicates official CMER members and alternates

v indicates attended via video-conferencing; ph indicates attended via phone

**Agenda Review - Mendoza**

Chris asked if there were any items that needed to be added or amended for this month's agenda. It was asked to provide an update on geomorphologist position at NWIFC and the statistician and technical editor positions. The information mgmt group request was asked and approved to be moved to earlier in the agenda.

**Science Session - Mendoza**

Chris gave a brief history of the Type N Softrock study and why it needs to get back on track. He reminded the group that Policy gave approval to the Type N Hardrock study 3 years ago

contingent upon conducting a parallel Type N Softrock study for water quality purposes. He is willing to schedule and facilitate a sub-group of interested CMER/SAG members to further scope this study. He will provide the historic documents to review, schedule the first meeting, and schedule the facility for this group to start this work. He is not going to be lead on this project but will work to get it started. People willing to work on the subgroup: Mark Hicks, Doug Martin, Julie Dieu, Curt Veldhuisen, Bill Ehinger, Nancy Sturhan, and tentatively Dick Miller. Chris will work this week to set a date and location for this group to meet.

Darin gave an update of the geomorphologist position currently vacant at NWIFC. One round of interviews has been done without a hire. The recruitment was posted again in July stating “until filled” at least until September. It is a hard market to be hiring geologists right now because we can’t pay as much as the private sector.

### **Information Management Group Request**

Chris presented the NWIFC SSHIAP group’s request to continue the development of the CMER information management system pilot by adding additional projects. There was discussion as to what this pilot system is going to do and what projects go into the database. Nancy will send Linda the spreadsheet to see what projects are on their list and if they have information on those projects and shade in what they will work on. Linda will send to the entire CMER list.

The seven additional projects include: Extensive riparian Type F (RSAG), Eastside Type F current conditions (SAGE), Type N PIP Pilot (UPSAG), Annual seasonal fish distribution variability (ISAG), last fish habitat model field validation (ISAG), Bull Trout overlay (RSAG), and Westside Type N BCIF effectiveness (RSAG). NWIFC will need any documents they currently don’t have based on these new projects to scan and enter.

Chris proposed CMER approve the list of seven above to have the information management group move ahead, contingent on review and approval of the revised budget for SSHIAP with the new project list. All were in agreement with this decision and the request was approved. SSHIAP will present at the CMER science session in November.

### **Individual caucus requests**

#### **WDFW – Wolf Management Plan**

Chris presented the WDFW request to use CMER ISPR process for the DFW wolf management plan. This won’t conflict with any CMER projects going to ISPR. WDFW will pay all expenses incurred over and above the standard review process for this project so there will not be any budget expenses for CMER.

CMER approved this so long as it will not conflict with any potential CMER projects that might go to ISPR, that CMER will not incur any additional costs, and that CMER has the right to approve requests, such as this, on a case by case basis and that this approval will not set precedence. Darin mentioned he still needs to hear from the UW about their timelines, billing processes, etc. He will keep CMER up to date on this.

#### **UCUT – Request for ISPR review of reports**

Steve presented their request to have additional CMER reports sent to ISPR. UCUT wants these reports reviewed, there is information in them that is important to everyone and they believe that the ISPR review process rules are not being followed. UCUT stated that CMER needs to follow

the rules and guidance provided by the Adaptive Management Board Manual (WAC 222-12-045) and CMER Protocols and Standards Manual (PSM). The group was reminded that two years ago CMER drafted criteria for different types of projects/reports to be reviewed and created a document classification system. The document lists what should or should not be sent to the ISPR. But this guidance may be in conflict with the rules governing the ISPR process. About the request by UCUT to direct the AMPA to send certain reports to ISPR as per the rule, CMER voted on the three project separately: #1 Modeling the Effects of Riparian Buffer Width on Effective Shad and Stream Temperature – not approved, no consensus, #2 The Suitability of Aerial Photography for Riparian Buffer Monitoring – not approved, no consensus, #3 DFC Package of reports – not approved, no consensus.

At the September CMER meeting there will be a discussion to address the issue which CMER reports should be going to the ISPR. A group consisting of, Bill Vogel, Mark Hicks, and Steve McConnell, will lead that discussion and the group will prepare a memo listing any inconsistencies between the rules governing the ISPR process and CMER's document classification system.

#### **June, July, and August special meeting minutes**

All approved with the addition of Steve McConnell's name to the August meeting minutes. Linda will ask for these to be posted on the website.

#### **FY '08 expenditures**

Darin gave a brief budget update consisting of the tier one \$3.8 million allocated, expenditures shy of \$3.5 million. Darin will send out the latest version of the budget sheet.

#### **Policy and FPB Meetings**

Darin gave a brief description as to what occurred at these meetings.

On the Statistician/Technical Editor solicitations, DNR has received interest and sent out information request and only received one response. The deadline is August 27, 2008. Julie and Chris will look at the technical editor responses and Dick and Doug will look at the stats position. Nancy S. will look at both positions.

#### **SAG Items**

Chris would like everyone to review the 8/6/07 Participation letter signed by Lenny and Joseph. Nancy and Chris are compiling a matrix to present to Policy on how SAG/CMER members allocate their time. They need the information to be updated by the SAG co-chairs and submitted to them by September 9, 2008. This is important information critical to the success of the Adaptive Management Program as it will show Policy the extent of resources and personnel currently available to CMER and the SAGs, and what additional resources may be needed to make the Adaptive Management Program efficient and functional. SAG co-chairs also need to review their roles and responsibilities as outlined in the CMER PSM. This will give folks a realistic view of what they should be doing.

#### **CMER Report to Policy**

The following items will be discussed at the F&F Policy September 4, 2008, meeting:

Type N soft rock discussion  
Information Management Group Pilot update  
WDFW Wolf Management request  
UCUT ISPR request update  
CMER/SAG work allocation update

## **September Science Session: Wood Recruitment Literature Review and Discussion**

### Future Meetings

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**CMER 2008 Regular Meetings:** September 23 DNR Compound, October 28 DNR Compound, November 25 NWIFC, and December 23 NWIFC