

Cooperative Monitoring, Evaluation and Research Committee

Tuesday, June 27, 2023 // 9:00AM – 3:00PM

Virtual: Zoom (Link Listed Below)

In-Person: WA State Light Industrial Park at 801 88th Ave. SE, Tumwater, WA 98512

Motions	
Motion	Move/Second (Vote)
<p>May 2023 Meeting Minutes</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> Welles Bretherton moved to approve the May 2023 meeting minutes.</p> <p>The motion passed/failed</p>	<p>Seconded: Aimee McIntyre</p> <p>Up: Harry Bell, Hans Berge, Welles Bretherton, Jenny Knoth, A.J. Kroll, Doug Martin, Aimee McIntyre, Mark Meleason, Chris Mendoza, and Mark Mobbs.</p> <p>Absent: Debbie Kay</p>
<p>Eastside Timber Habitat Evaluation Project (ETHEP) Study Design</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> Aimee McIntyre moved to approve the Eastside Timber Habitat Evaluation Project (ETHEP) Study Design.</p> <p>The motion passed</p>	<p>Seconded: Jenny Knoth</p> <p>Up: Harry Bell, Hans Berge, Welles Bretherton, Debbie Kay, Jenny Knoth, A.J. Kroll, Doug Martin, Aimee McIntyre, Mark Meleason, Chris Mendoza, and Mark Mobbs.</p>
<p>Eastside Timber Habitat Evaluation Project (ETHEP) - ISPR Recommendation</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> Chris Mendoza moved to send the Eastside Timber Habitat Evaluation Project (ETHEP) Study Design to ISPR.</p> <p>The motion passed</p>	<p>Seconded: Welles Bretherton</p> <p>Up: Harry Bell, Hans Berge, Welles Bretherton, Debbie Kay, Jenny Knoth, A.J. Kroll, Doug Martin, Aimee McIntyre, Mark Meleason, Chris Mendoza, and Mark Mobbs.</p>
<p>Riparian Characteristics and Share Response (RCS) Prospective 6 Questions</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> Aimee McIntyre moved to send the Riparian Characteristics and Share Response (RCS) Prospective 6 Questions back to the project team to address the unresolved comments in a hybrid setting.</p> <p>The motion passed</p>	<p>Seconded: Welles Bretherton</p> <p>Up: Harry Bell, Hans Berge, Welles Bretherton, 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></p>	<p>Seconded: Aimee McIntyre</p> <p>Up:</p>

Hans Berge moved that the PHB charter is tabled until there is a discussion at ISAG, and to be brought back to CMER at next month's meeting. The motion passed	Harry Bell, Hans Berge, Welles Bretherton, Debbie Kay, Jenny Knoth, A.J. Kroll, Doug Martin, Aimee McIntyre, Mark Meleason, Chris Mendoza, and Mark Mobbs.
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Action Items		
Action Items	Responsibility	Deadline
Each SAG looks at workload prioritization	SAGs	July agenda
Discuss Natural Resources Technician position (pros/cons)		December agenda
Give staff updates to CMER	AMP Staff	
Send out OPMA literature and video	Lori Clark	This week
Protocols and Standards Manual (PSM) comments due: PSM revisions version 06 27 2023.docx	CMER Members	July 11 th
Protocols and Standards Manual (PSM)		July agenda
PHB Charter		July agenda
Schedule meeting between RCS Prospective 6 Questions project team and CMER reviewers	Anna Toledo/Natalie Church	

Welcome, Introductions, & Old Business

Jenny Knoth, CMER co-chair

Natalie Church took roll call.

Ground Rules:

- Stay on topic. - Mark Meleason
- Review minutes of previous meeting. - Aimee McIntyre

Staff Updates:

- Lori Clark introduced Theryn Henkel as the Supervisory Project Manager.
- Jenelle Black explained that the CMER Natural Resource Technician was hired. Robert will start next week.

Public Comments:

No written public comments were received.

TFW Policy Updates:

Court Stanley gave an update on what was discussed at the June Timber Fish and Wildlife (TFW) Policy Committee meeting.

CMER Co-chair Vote:

Jenny Knoth explained that Aimee McIntyre was nominated and has accepted the 2-year term nomination and Joe Murray and A.J. Kroll were nominated for a 1-year term. Joe Murray declined the nomination and A.J. Kroll has accepted another 1-year term to reinstate the stagger rotation for the position. All nominees confirmed with their employer there is support for serving this position. There was a vote. Aimee McIntyre was elected as the co-chair serving a 2-year term and A.J. Kroll was elected as the co-chair serving a 1-year term.

Roads Project Updates:

Alexander Prescott announced that the published manuscript is available and the link for the document is in the CMER SAG Updates with the meeting materials.

CMER Science Technician:

Lori Clark explained that NWIFC hired someone to be the CMER Science Technician for the program to help with the efficiency of the program. Jenelle explained that they chose to hire someone instead of contracting it out every time. They will help with multiple projects starting with FWEP, PHB/DPC, and possibly Roads. The commission hired someone, Robert, and they will start next week. Funding for this position is coming from project funds and not administrative funding.

CMER Statistician SOW Input:

The Adaptive Management Program has dedicated funding for the CMER Statistician on the Master Project Schedule (MPS) for the FY24-FY25 budget for \$20,000 (\$10,000 per fiscal year). The AMP staff are beginning the solicitation development process and seek CMER input into the consultant requirements. We hope to begin the solicitation in July. CMER input was received.

Open Public Meeting Act (OPMA) Video:

Lori Clark explained that the video shared was created by the Attorney General's office and is a requirement for CMER members to watch. The video was shared on the screen and Lori answered questions after the video.

[Open Public Meetings Act Training](#)

Segment 4 (What is a meeting), Segment 5 (What is an action), Segment 6 (Travel & Gathering).
Those three sections run from 5:00 to 6:43 in the video
Segment 11 (Public Attendance), which begins at 13:29 in the video
Segment 13 (Liability), which begins at 16:40 in the video

Eastside Timber Habitat Evaluation Project (ETHEP) Study Design:

Anna Toledo gave a brief update on the project study design. Explained that the request today is to approve the ETHEP study design and then the next step will be sending the study design to ISPR.

Eastside Timber Habitat Evaluation Project (ETHEP) - ISPR Recommendation:

Anna Toledo explained that now that the study design has been approved the request is to send the study design to ISPR. It was discussed and decided to remove "certified" from certified silviculturist and add statistical design on the CMER SAG request.

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

Lori Clark shared the track changes version and reviewed the comments/edits while doing live edits as needed. It was decided that CMER members can review and add comments/edits to the document on SharePoint until July 11th and will be on the July CMER agenda as a decision item.

Riparian Characteristics and Share Response (RCS) Prospective 6 Questions:

Anna Toledo explained that the request today is to approve the RCS Prospective 6 Questions. Chris Mendoza explained that not all his comments were addressed and is not comfortable approving the RCS Prospective 6 Questions today. There was discussion on other concerns about the document and what the next steps should be. It was decided that it will go back to the project team to address the unresolved comments in a hybrid setting. Anna Toledo and Natalie Church will schedule this meeting.

Potential Habitat Breaks (PHB) Charter:

Anna Toledo explained the request and brief update on the charter. Hans Berge explained that Cody Thomas would like to have his name taken off and add Emma Greenwood to the project team. There was a discussion on what the next step should be, and it was decided that this need to be discussed at ISAG and will be brought back to CMER next month.

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/ CMER Co-Chair
§Kroll, A.J.	Weyerhaeuser – CMER Co-Chair
§Martin, Doug	Washington Forest Protection Association
§McIntyre, Aimee	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife
§Meleason, Mark	Counties Caucus
§Mendoza, Chris	Conservation Caucus
§Mobbs, Mark	Quinault Indian Nation
Black, Jenelle	NWIFC CMER Scientist
Church, Natalie	DNR – CMER Coordinator
Clark, Lori	Adaptive Management Program Administrator
Freeman, Elise	CMER Scientist
Greenwood, Emma	Spokane Tribe
Hawkins, Tracy	DNR
Henkel, Theryn	Supervisory Project Manager - DNR
Holy, Shae	Squamish Tribe
Hooks, Doug	WFPA
Light, Brandon	University of Idaho
Kimsey, Mark	University of Idaho

Murray, Joe	Washington Forest Protection Association
Prescott, Alexander	DNR Project Manager
Roorbach, Ash	Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission
Rubin, Rachel	DNR CMER Scientist
Schofield, Jenny	DNR Project Manager
Spei, Benjamin	University of Idaho
Stanley, Court	Counties Caucus - TFW Policy Co-chair
Toledo, Anna	DNR Project Manager
Walter, Jason	ISAG co-chair
Williamson, Tanner	CMER Scientist

§CMER Voting Member