

**Cooperative Monitoring Evaluation and Research Committee
 October 24, 2006
 9am – 12pm
 NWIFC
 Minutes**

Attendees:

Baldwin, Todd	Kalispel Tribe, SAGE Chair
Black, Jenelle	NWIFC, CMER Staff
Butts, Sally	USFWS, BTSAG Co-chair
Cramer, Darin	DNR, AMPA
Dieu, Julie	Rayonier, UPSAG Co-Chair
Ehinger, Bill	Ecology, RSAG Tri-Chair
Heide, Pete	WFPA
Hunter, Mark	WDFW
Jackson, Terry	WDFW, BTSAG Co-chair
Josephs, Jessica	Rayonier
Martin, Doug	WFPA consultant, CMER co-chair
McConnell, Steve	UCUT
Mendoza, Chris	ARC, RSAG Tri-Chair
Mobbs, Mark	Quinault Indian Nation
Pucci, Dawn	Suquamish Tribe, WetSAG Co-chair
Reisenhoover, Ken	Port Blakely
Sweitzer, Dave	Washington Hardwoods Commission
Stewart, Greg	NWIFC, CMER Staff
Sturhan, Nancy	DNR, CMER Co-Chair
Veldhuisen, Curt	Skagit River System Coop, UPSAG Tri-chair

ASSIGNMENTS

Chris M. will send around the six questions for the Eastern Wa seasonal variability study to ISAG for review and approval w/ cc. to Darin	Chris Mendoza
Sentence will be added to the WetSAG Phase 1 scoping paper to address Doug’s concern and it will be forwarded to policy	WetSAG
WetSAG will provide additional context for the Policy request (e.g. why this is important for WetSAG work) and forward to CMER Co-Chairs and Darin.	WetSAG
Dave Sweitzer of the HWC will assist with Hardwood Silviculture Coop project management duties until a new project manager can be hired.	Dave Sweitzer
The intensive monitoring project pre-scoping proposal will be edited for clarity and so that it is phased and includes information on the sites.	Doug Martin/Bill Ehinger

There will be an announcement for the remote sensing workshop on the website by tomorrow.	Doug Martin/Nancy and DNR
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1. Minutes approved with minor edits
2. Policy update – Policy discussion mostly about PIPs; also long-term plans, DFC, policy working on keeping their workplan up to date.
3. Darin – Our expenditures last year are within 75% of planned for FY 06. There are approximately 10 candidates for the project manager position. The Inter Agency Committee (through which CMER receives its federal funding) is requiring more disciplined reporting for expenditures. Darin has been working with IAC to meet their needs.
4. SAG Requests –
 - a. Six questions for Eastside stream variability: Chris M. will send around the six questions for to ISAG for review and approval w/ cc. to Darin. The sheet is intended as a transmittal sheet to policy.
 - b. Six questions for three Bull Trout papers: Six questions were approved and will be forwarded to policy.
 - c. WetSAG has brought back WETSAG consensus phase 1 scoping document to be sent to CMER. Doug is concerned that future phases of the project don't mention consideration of effectiveness. Sentence will be added to address Doug's issue and it will be forwarded to policy
 - d. WetSAG has a question about phase 2 and the intention of FFR Appendix F4B2 "that DNR will incorporate wetlands into a GIS layer and the wetlands layer will be updated from time to time". Is it expected that new mapping updates *will* include FPA data? (accuracy issue) This is a policy question that will be forwarded as such. WetSAG will provide additional context for the Policy request (e.g. why this is important for WetSAG work) and forward to CMER Co-Chairs and Darin.
 - e. Hardwood commission – CMER put some money into the Hardwood Silviculture Coop about 5 years ago and there is a new funding request. Darin asked what we got from previous funding and Steve M. said we paid to organize existing data so that it could be added to a regional database tracking red alder growth and development. This early data and growth data collected since then and into the future will support two forest growth models by providing previously unavailable information on red alder. Darin wants to know what we get for this money. Answer: more periodic data will be gathered to support the modeling effort. All data and the modeling results will be available to CMER. Decision was made to continue funding the project (probably out of discretionary funds). Chris was curious about whether we might develop a continuous funding process. Dave Sweitzer of the HWC will assist with project management

duties until a new project manager can be hired. Steve expressed concern that this funding proposal was for intensively managed red alder plantations on upslopes and does not get CMER data for old and/or unmanaged red alder stands in riparian areas. RSAG/CMER should find out how much riparian data, and data from unmanaged stands, especially older stands, is in the current data set and report that information back to CMER.

- f. Intensive monitoring proposal – As a pre-scoping exercise for the “soft rock Type N Experimental” study, the Intensive Monitoring group brought a proposal for a UW study to examine the effect of FFR rules on the trade-offs of more Type N buffers vs more road-building. The idea is to re-layout FFR harvest layouts on pre-FFR harvest areas to examine how roads might be created due to FFR buffers on Type N streams. Once this is addressed and reviewed by CMER, a follow-up study may be implemented to evaluate potential cumulative effects of roads on sediment production. The results of this study are to be used to inform the study design of the “incompetent lithologies” study and intensive monitoring. Edits to the proposal: The project proposal will be edited for clarity and so that it is phased and includes information on the sites. It will be brought back to CMER next month. (Please read).

5. Project updates

- a. Steve McConnell thought he had a timeline but found some model anomalies that needed to be resolved. Desktop analysis is very close to being done.
- b. Aerial photo workshop will be at the UW on November 1st from 9am to 4pm. Refreshments will be served and the conference will be recorded on video. Rich will be giving a presentation about what you can see on different scale photographs and error analysis and validation. Lots of question and answer time. Four or five “experts” will be giving short talks on remote sensing and aerial photograph analysis. There will be an announcement on the website by tomorrow.
- c. Discussion about using CMER funds to support publication of CMER studies. Darin will accept proposals for publication costs not to exceed \$500 per paper.
- d. An example of CMER publication cover pages was presented along with an example of the new updated webpage. Both will be subjects for next months CMER meeting.
- e. Next month UPSAG will be presenting a scoping document for their post-mortem study which will also be the focus of the afternoon science session
- f. The December CMER meeting will be held at DNR OB2 on the 19th (no science session).