

Cooperative Monitoring, Evaluation and Research Committee

Tuesday, October 24, 2023 // 9:00AM – 3:15PM

Held via Zoom

Motions	
Motion	Move/Second (Vote)
<p>September 2023 Meeting Minutes</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> Aimee McIntyre moved to approve the September 2023 minutes.</p> <p>The motion passed</p>	<p>Seconded: Welles Bretherton</p> <p>Up: Chris Mendoza, Debbie Kay, Harry Bell, Mark Mobbs, Aimee McIntyre, A.J. Kroll, Welles Bretherton, Doug Martin, Mark Meleason, Hans Berge, Julie Dieu, and Jenny Knoth.</p>
<p>Add member to Potential Habitat Breaks (PHB) Project Team</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> Aimee McIntyre moved to approve adding Mark Meleason to Potential Habitat Breaks (PHB) Project Team.</p> <p>The motion passed</p>	<p>Seconded: Welles Bretherton</p> <p>Up: Debbie Kay, Harry Bell, Mark Mobbs, Aimee McIntyre, A.J. Kroll, Welles Bretherton, Doug Martin, Mark Meleason, Hans Berge, Julie Dieu, and Jenny Knoth.</p> <p>Abstain: Chris Mendoza (on project team)</p>
<p>Scoping Template</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> **** moved to approve the scoping template.</p> <p>The motion passed/failed</p> <p>Waiting until after the Protocol and Standards Manual (PSM) Section 7 has been approved to review the scoping template.</p>	
<p>Protocol and Standards Manual (PSM) Section 4</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> Chris Mendoza moved to approve the Protocol and Standards Manual (PSM) Section 4.</p> <p>The motion failed</p>	<p>Seconded: Hans Berge</p> <p>Up: Chris Mendoza, Hans Berge, Marck Meleason, Doug Martin, Jenny Knoth, A.J. Kroll, and Welles Bretherton.</p> <p>Down: Harry Bell, Debbie Kay, Julie Dieu, Mark Mobbs, Aimee McIntyre, Mark Mobbs</p>

<p>Protocol and Standards Manual (PSM) Section 4</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> Aimee McIntyre moved to remove "A CMER member may recognize a caucus affiliate to speak on a topic". From section 4.4 Meeting Management and approve the Chapter 4 from the PSM.</p> <p>The motion passed</p>	<p>Seconded: Mark Mobbs</p> <p>Up: Debbie Kay, Mark Mobbs, Mark Meleason, Aimee McIntyre, Julie Dieu, A.J. Kroll, Welles Bretherton, Doug Martin, Harry Bell, Chris Mendoza, Hans Berge.</p>
<p>Potential Habitat Breaks (PHB) Prospective 6 Questions</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> Jenny Knoth moved to approve the Potential Habitat Breaks (PHB) Prospective 6 Questions.</p> <p>The motion passed</p>	<p>Seconded: Debbie Kay</p> <p>Up: Debbie Kay, Harry Bell, Mark Mobbs, Aimee McIntyre, A.J. Kroll, Welles Bretherton, Doug Martin, Mark Meleason, Hans Berge, Julie Dieu, and Jenny Knoth.</p> <p>Abstain: Chris Mendoza (on project team)</p>
<p>Extensive Riparian Status and Trends Monitoring – Riparian Vegetation and Stream Temperature, Type F/N Westside and Eastside Project Charter</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> Welles Bretherton moved to approve the Extensive Riparian Status and Trends Monitoring – Riparian Vegetation and Stream Temperature, Type F/N Westside and Eastside Project Charter.</p> <p>The motion passed</p>	<p>Seconded: Julie Dieu</p> <p>Up: Chris Mendoza, Debbie Kay, Harry Bell, Mark Mobbs, Aimee McIntyre, A.J. Kroll, Welles Bretherton, Doug Martin, Mark Meleason, Hans Berge, Julie Dieu, and Jenny Knoth.</p>

Action Items	
Action Items	Responsibility
Send out Reflections on Forest Management: Can Fish and Fiber Coexist? American Fisheries Society Presentation	Natalie Church
CMER will have 10/24 -11/15 to review and provide edits to Chapter 6 & 7: PSM Chapter 6 & 7 revisions DUE 11 15 23.docx	CMER members
Share qualifications of On-call Statistician.	Theryn Henkel
Finish reviewing comments/edits to PSM Section 6 and review PSM Section 7	November agenda
Approve PSM Section 5	November agenda
Approve PSM Section 6-7	December agenda

Welcome, Introductions, & Old Business

A.J. Kroll, CMER co-chair

A.J. Kroll took roll call

Ground Rules:

- Speak to educate and listen to understand. - Welles Bretherton
- Stay on topic. - Aimee McIntyre

Staff Updates:

- Lori is working with USGS WA Coop unit to offer a Structure Decision-Making workshop in April.
- More guidance will be shared on next steps with the November CMER mailing on the SAG Project Assessment. These projects were taken from the Appendix A in the Work Plan thus this exercise will be used to update Appendix A and will be shared with TFW Policy to inform upcoming prioritization discussions (SAO Recommendation #5, Net Gains Option 3 - set clear AMP priorities) and the MPS Contingency Plan update.

Public Comments:

No public comments.

TFW Policy Updates:

Brandon Austin gave an update on what was discussed at the October (Sept. 26th) 2023 Timber Fish and Wildlife (TFW) Policy Committee meeting.

Reflections on Forest Management: Can Fish and Fiber Coexist? | American Fisheries Society Presentation:

Natalie Church explained that the book [Reflections on Forest Management: Can Fish and Fiber Coexist?](#) | [American Fisheries Society](#) was purchased and is available on SPO: [Reflections+on+Forest+Management.pdf](#) Gordon Reeves gave a presentation about the information that will be helpful to Schedule L-1 from the Reflections on Forest Management: Can Fish and Fiver Coexist? American Fisheries Society book. Gordon requested that CMER participate in a discussion during his presentation.

Update on Statistician Solicitation:

Theryn Henkel gave a brief update on the statistician solicitation. She explained that she is asking the project managers to find out the needs from the SAGs. Received eight proposals and Neptune and Company, Inc was the most qualified for our needs. If the demand is high, we can discuss priority and it also looks like this company can handle a high capacity.

Add member to Potential Habitat Breaks (PHB) Project Team:

Anna Toledo explained that ISAG is asking for CMER's approval to add Mark Meleason to the Potential Habitat Breaks (PHB) project team. She explained that since Mark is on the DPC project team, the project team thought that it would be smart to have him on the PHB project team as well.

Scoping Document Template:

Alexander Prescott explained that the Scoping Document template and guidance are to help standardize the development process for everyone. He explained that there is both the scoping template and a guidance document. Chris Mendoza suggested waiting until we review Section 7 of the PSM as Scoping Document outline and development are discussed in that section. Alexander explained that this was created in reponse to a need identified by the project teams and SAGs. Aimee mentioned that there are discrepancies between the guidance provided in the current PSM and the scoping template. Alexander responded by explaining that he is aware of those discrepancies, and that most are due to what has been recently included in Scoping Documents vs. what is in the PSM. It was decided that CMER will wait until PSM Section 7 has been approved to revisit the Scoping template.

Protocol and Standards Manual (PSM) Section 4:

The Board approved the SAO #5 Net Gains Options which included an initiative for CMER to engage with Policy on dialogue on CMER Reform to make improvements to accountability, transparency, and improved process. CMER edits to the PSM will provide improved AMP process and accountability. Lori Clark will provide an update to the Board in February letting them know that CMER has made improvements to the PSM to advance this SAO recommendation. A sentence was added to PSM Section 4.4 to address how non-voting members are called on to speak in CMER meetings. Lori shared her screen to show the added sentence. There was discussion on what to do when SAG co-chairs, CMER scientist, AMP staff, and public would like to speak in CMER meetings. After some discussion and the initial motion failed the added sentence was removed.

Protocol and Standards Manual (PSM) Sections 5 and 6:

Lori Clark shared her screen to review the comments and edits from Sections 5 and 6 that would benefit from CMER discussion. The group got through section 6.4.1.2. CMER will pick back up on 6.4.1.3 in November and will revisit 6.4.1 for discussion on CMER strategy for setting priorities and 6.2.3 to clarify project structure and definition. CMER will have 10/24 -11/15 to review and provide edits on Sections 6 and 7, CMER will review comments at 11/28 meeting [PSM Chapter 6 & 7 revisions DUE 11 15 23.docx](#). Section 5 will be sent to CMER for approval at the November meeting. Sections 6 & 7 will be sent to CMER for approval at the December meeting. The PSM revision schedule can be found here: [PSM Review Schedule.docx](#).

Eastside Type N Riparian Effectiveness Project (ENREP) Field Trip Feedback:

A.J. Kroll and Aimee McIntyre explained that they wanted to give CMER the opportunity to discuss the ENREP field trip and give any feedback. Jenelle Black and Aimee both thanked DNR staff and Tim Link for setting everything up and enjoyed the opportunity to learn more about the ENREP project.

Schedule L-1 Discussion:

TFW Policy and CMER reviewed and approved the Schedule L-1 review and revision process memo in September 2023. It will be presented to the Forest Practices Board for consideration at the November 2023 meeting. With the Board’s approval, CMER will begin the process of reviewing and revising Schedule L-1. CMER is tasked with overseeing the technical work. CMER members need to convene a Workgroup that will develop the approach for accomplishing the review/revision process. CMER members will be asked for self-nominations at the November CMER meeting. After discussion it was decided that the Workgroup shall consist of 3-5 members, plus Theryn Henkel as the project manager helping in this effort. The timeline for developing process guidance will be for the Workgroup to meet December and January and bring a recommendation to CMER in February.

Potential Habitat Breaks (PHB) Prospective 6 Questions:

Anna Toledo explained that the request today is to approve the Potential Habitat (PHB) Prospective 6 questions. There were no questions or discussion.

Extensive Riparian Status and Trends Monitoring – Riparian Vegetation and Stream Temperature, Type F/N Westside and Eastside Project Charter:

Alexander Prescott explained that the request today is to approve the Extensive Riparian Status and Trends Monitoring – Riparian Vegetation and Stream Temperature, Type F/N Westside and Eastside Project Charter. There were no questions or discussion.

CMER SAG Updates:

Each SAG reviewed the CMER SAG updates document, which was updated live as needed.

Welles Bretherton shared that he will be using Soft Rock data to get a report published and he will be trying to revisit the sites next year to collect more data to extend the data another year.

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.	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
Austin, Brandon	Department of Ecology - TFW Policy Co-chair
Black, Jenelle	NWIFC CMER Scientist

Church, Natalie	DNR – CMER Coordinator
Clark, Lori	Adaptive Management Program Administrator
Freeman, Elise	CMER Scientist
Greenwood, Emma	Spokane Tribe
Harris, Catherine	NWIFC
Heimburg, John	WDFW
Henkel, Theryn	DNR Supervisory Project Manager
Mitchell, Robert	Member of the Public
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
Toledo, Anna	DNR Project Manager
Walter, Jason	ISAG co-chair/Weyerhaeuser
Williamson, Tanner	Wetland CMER Scientist

§CMER Voting Member