

**Cooperative Monitoring Evaluation and Research Committee  
(CMER)  
June 25, 2013  
DNR/DOC Compound**

<b>Attendees</b>	<b>Representing</b>
*Sturhan, Nancy	Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission
Wilhere, George	Department of Fish and Wildlife
*Lingley, Leslie	Department of Natural Resources
Kurtenbach, Amy	Department of Natural Resources
*Martin, Doug	Washington Forest Protection Association
Ehinger, Bill	Department of Ecology
Stewart, Greg	CMER Staff, Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission
Terwilleger, Karen	Washington Forest Protection Association – Policy Member
*Kroll, A.J.	Weyerhaeuser
*Miller, Dick	Washington Farm Forestry Association
Hotvedt, Jim	Department of Natural Resources, AMPA
*Mendoza, Chris	Conservation Caucus Contractor, CMER Co-Chair
*Hicks, Mark	Department of Ecology, CMER Co-Chair
Roorbach, Ash	CMER Staff, Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission
Dieu, Julie	Rayonier
Haemmerle	Department of Natural Resources
*Baldwin, Todd (ph)	Kalispel Tribe of Indians
*Kay, Debbie (ph)	Suquamish Tribe, WETSAG Co-Chair
Schuett-Hames, Dave (ph)	CMER Staff, Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission

\* Indicates official CMER members and alternates; ph indicates attended via phone.

**Introductions:**

Round table introductions were completed. Jim Hotvedt introduced the new project manager Howard Haemmerle. He also shared that Patti Shramek was unable to attend the meeting and that Amy Kurtenbach volunteered to take meeting notes, but this undertaking would be limited to action items and larger concepts.

**Agenda Review:**

Chris Mendoza asked to add to the agenda the topic of CMER co-chair nominations. Leslie Lingley requested that the SAGE update be moved up in the agenda because she would be leaving at noon. This request was granted, but Leslie left earlier than expected after informing Co-chair C. Mendoza that she would like to have the discussion moved to the July meeting.

**CMER Monthly Science Session:**

- AJ Kroll presented “Hypothesis Testing”

*Action Item: AJ will be sending select papers to Jim and he will send them to the active members on the CMER list.*

- Marilu Koschak & Christina Gonzales from SSHIAP presented CMER Information Management System Update

An Overview statement will be included for each project and filling in the gaps. Teresa Miskovic has located lots of documents that could not be located in earlier searches. Nancy Sturhan commented that CMER raw data was not intended to be stored on the system as it is currently designed.

Jim Hotvedt made the commitment that he will do an inventory of CMER raw data to determine where data is stored.

Discussion of reconvening the TAG to discuss data storage and shape files. Specifically, what do we want to store in the system and what do we want to place in the system for FY 2014.

Chris Mendoza suggested that other CMER members interested in the IMS participate on the TAG as there has been limited CMER involvement in previous TAG meetings. Dick Miller asked to be included on the TAG.

Dick Miller suggested that we consider talking with other agencies to see if they can offer advice on how to store data files. Nancy Sturhan offered that this is a CMER information management system. Other agencies can download the files if they choose.

*Action Item: Nancy offered to setup the TAG in late July. This could be delayed due to the workload in Policy.*

**Business Session: (\*Decision)**

**\*Coordinator's Corner:**

- Approval of March and April 2013 Meeting Notes - **Approved**

Amy Kurtenbach requested one change on Page 3 from 'charter' to 'memorandum' to correct the discussion referring to the TWIG document that was discussed.

Mark Hicks moved to approve March 2013 and April 2013 minutes with the one change in the April minutes. Chris Mendoza seconded the motion. No discussion. Both the March and April minutes (with the one change) were approved.

## CMER

- **Stillwater report of the “CMER Adaptive Management Program Review of Science”**

Chris Mendoza did not have time to prepare a cover letter in time for the CMER mailing. This item will be removed from future agendas until Chris submits a document.

- **Use of Non-CMER Science**

Jim Hotvedt reviewed the draft Memorandum dated 5/15/13. Dick Miller inquired as to who has submitted comments? The only comments received so far are from Dick Miller and Harry Bell. Dick Miller suggested that the document may need some editing but it could go to Policy. Julie Dieu asked for the opportunity to provide comment. A comment deadline was set for July 8, 2013 to provide time to update the document and place the revised document on the agenda for the July CMER meeting.

*Action Item: A comment deadline was set for July 8, 2013.*

- **Water Typing – rules vs. location of treatment site discussion (Lingley request)**

Leslie Lingley had a work conflict and had to leave the meeting before this agenda item was discussed. Because this was an agenda item she requested, this topic will be moved to the CMER meeting in July.

- **PSM Chapter 7 – Appropriateness of Referring to TFW Methods**

Nancy Sturhan provided CMER with an update of the status of the work on Chapter 7. She reviewed a draft outline that was forwarded to CMER. A newer version of the outline was drafted after the CMER mail out.

*Action item: Nancy Sturhan will send the updated outline to Patti Shramek. If folks would like to comment on the outline, please provide comments prior to the next CMER meeting. No comment deadline was set.*

<Break for Lunch>

- **AMP Board Manual 22 revisions – AMP reform – CMER dispute resolution**

Chris Mendoza provided a summary of changes being made to the AMP Board Manual Section 22, in response to provisions in the Settlement Agreement, particularly to the sections on dispute resolution processes. Based on discussion in CMER, Chris, Jim and Dick will advise the Board Manual committee to refer to CMER process in the PSM as much as possible, while making necessary changes, in order to retain flexibility for CMER to create/maintain/revise its own processes as needed without getting locked into Board Manual language that can be much more difficult to change.

## Updates:

- **Report from Policy** June 6th Meeting

A Policy update was provided by Mark Hicks.

- **LWAG/RSAG - Westside Type N Experimental Buffer Treatment in Hard Rock Lithologies Study**

Amy Kurtenbach provided an update of the review of chapters 1-4. The due date was June 18, 2013. Two reviewers requested a few additional days. She explained that they made arrangements which were greatly appreciated. She reminded folks that she is still looking for SAG/CMER reviewers for chapters 5-17. A request was made for potential additional outside technical expertise as reviewers to support/augment the CMER review process.

- **RSAG – Extensive Westside Type N & F Temp – Policy Six Questions & Report Update**

Mark Hicks provided an update of the status with the Policy update. Amy Kurtenbach reported that Howard Haemmerle has been assigned as the Project Manager for this project. She will forward all SAG/CMER comments to Howard.

- **Hardwood Conversion Study**

Ash Roorbach provided a brief update saying that he and Dick, who are co-authors, are working through their differences. Chris Mendoza requested an update of the RSAG meeting and the discussion. It was explained that the authors are in disagreement on the summary report's content. RSAG will be hosting a field trip to some of the sites in this study on June 10<sup>th</sup>. The RSAG meeting for July will be at "the lodge".

- **SAGE – Update on Co-Chair Changes**

Kodi Jo Jaspers will replace Chad McCrea as SAGE co-chair. Charles Chesney's two year term expired January 2013. Mark Hick expressed his concern with having only one active co-chair who is relatively new to the SAG and the CMER process. Todd Baldwin said he would make sure she has lots of support.

- **CMER Co-Chair Nominations**

Chris Mendoza asked if Todd Baldwin would be interested in being a CMER co-chair. Todd Baldwin explained that there are some logistical challenges amongst other things.

The need for CMER co-chairs will be forwarded to Policy and they will be reminded that both Mark Hicks' and Chris Mendoza's two-year term has expired. Dick Miller suggested that the paid facilitator in Policy has relieved the Policy co-chairs of some of their responsibilities. Dick

Miller suggested that when CMER goes to Policy they bring the job responsibilities of the position with them to share with Policy.

- **TWIG – Eastside Type N Effectiveness**

Amy Kurtenbach provided an update of the process. She explained that this step in the LEAN process was painful but in the end the TWIG received direction from both CMER and Policy. She explained that this process is a change for folks. And it was her opinion that this change in process contributed to the delays, but in the end the TWIG received the direction they needed. She thanked CMER for the cooperation and explained that the next CMER review will be when a draft BAS review and Study Design Alternatives Document is finished.

- **ISPR Updates**

- Solar/Shade: Jim explained that an Editor and reviewers were selected.
- Tailed Frog Literature Review: Work on the responses to ISPR comment will occur this summer.
- Buffer Shade (Amphibians): Work on this project will start July 1, 2013 with the new fiscal budget.

- **CMER/SAG Recap of Assignments/Decisions**

- Bob Danehy will be the speaker at the July CMER meeting. The topic will be road BMPs.
- AJ Kroll will send select papers to Jim to be sent to the active members on the CMER list.
- Nancy Sturhan offered to setup the TAG in late July. This could be delayed due to the workload in Policy.
- A comment deadline for Use of Non-CMER Science document was set for July 8, 2013.

Meeting Adjourned