

# Cooperative Monitoring Evaluation and Research Committee (CMER)

November 19, 2013

## DNR/DOC Compound

<b>Attendees</b>	<b>Representing</b>
Acker, Marty	National Fish & Wildlife Services
*Baldwin, Todd (ph)	Kalispel Tribe of Indians – CMER Co-Chair
Bernath, Stephen	Department of Ecology
Davis, Ray	US Forest Service
Ehinger, Bill	Department of Ecology
Everett, Aaron	Department of Natural Resources
Figlar-Barnes, Ron	Skokomish Tribe
Faux, Russ	Watershed Sciences
Flewelling, Jim	Private Consultant
Haemmerle, Howard	Department of Natural Resources
Hagar, Joan	US Geological Survey
Hanlon-Meyer, Chris	Department of Natural Resources
Hartrich, Tony	Quinault Indian Nation
*Hicks, Mark	Department of Ecology, CMER Co-Chair
Hooks, Doug	WFPA
Hotvedt, Jim	Department of Natural Resources, AMPA
Jackson, Terry	Department of Fish and Wildlife
Kirby, Shannon (ph)	Skokomish Tribe
Lingley, Leslie	Department of Natural Resources
Kurtenbach, Amy	Department of Natural Resources
*Martin, Doug (ph)	Washington Forest Protections Association
McFadden, George	Bureau of Land Management
*Mendoza, Chris	Conservation Caucus
Miller, Dick	WFFA
Miniken, Joan	Nisqually Indian Tribe
*Mobbs, Mark	Quinault Indian Nation
Murray, Joe (ph)	Landowner
Ostwald, Mark	WSFWS
Pfeffer-Taggert, Nicholas (ph)	Hoh Tribe
Roorbach, Ash (ph)	NWIFC – CMER Staff
Scarlett, Warren	Hoh Tribe
Schuett-Hames, Dave	Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission – CMER Staff
Shramek, Patti	Department of Natural Resources – CMER Coordinator
Scurlock, Mary	Conservation Caucus
Smith, Kendra (ph)	Skagit County
Stewart, Greg	NWFC – CMER Staff
*Sturhan, Nancy	Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission
Terwilleger, Karen	Washington Forest Protection Association
Torgersen, Christian	USGS/UW
Veldhuisen, Curt (ph)	Skagit River System Cooperative
Whittaker, Kara	WFLC

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

**Agenda** – There were no changes to agenda.

**\*Decisions:**

**LWAG**

◆ **\*Buffer Integrity Shade Effectiveness Study – ISPR Matrix/Report – Non-Approval**

Amy Kurtenbach reported that Julie Tyson updated the final report and IPSR matrix and that they were sent out for final review. She requested approval of the final report and matrix. Mark Hicks said that he was not ready to approve the report and matrix as he only had a week to review it. Dick Miller asked if it was possible to get the document in track changes so it will be easier to see where the changes were made. Amy replied that there wasn't a version in track changes but that the authors should be able to do a compare documents so the reviewers can see where the changes were made.

**Decision:** Non-approval. Amy will ask the Julie Tyson to compare the documents and Amy will send the compared version to the reviewers. Comments on the document are due by December 17, 2013.

◆ **Westside Type N Experimental Buffer Treatment in Hard Rock Lithologies Study –**

Amy Kurtenbach reported that the report writing is going well but the authors a little behind on the scheduled due dates. The PI's will meet to come up with new deadlines for submittal of the next chapters. The revised schedule will be presented at January meeting. She has met with Aimee McIntyre to revise the comment matrix so it is easier for people to follow. She will send out a memo with guidance on how to present comments. Red and yellow comments will go in the matrix and there will be a section that tells how the comments are being addressed. Comments that aren't addressed as recommended by the reviewers will be put in a Word document and will have an explanation as to why they weren't addressed.

Mark Hicks commented that he is glad they are trying to do something different in the format. He asked the PIs to be aware of how schedule changes will affect the reviewers, especially if months go by before they see if their comments were addressed.

Leslie Lingley commented on the ISPR process, more specifically the need to address matrix going back to reviewers and changing the PSM. She suggested putting it on the agenda to discuss at future meeting.

**Updates:**

**Report from Policy – November 7th Meeting**

Mark Hicks reported that Policy approved the CMER Eastside TWIG Best Available Science document.

**TWIG**

◆ **Western Washington Type F Buffer Effectiveness Initial Writing Team**

Chris Mendoza reported that the IWT submitted a memo to Jim Hotvedt recommending qualifications needed to scope and develop a study design for this project. Jim will be

sending out a request for recommendations and qualifications for TWIG members on November 20, 2013 and CMER members have seven days to get their comments/recommendations back to Jim. Approval of members will be requested at the December meeting.

◆ **Roads Prescription/Scale Effectiveness Monitoring**

Amy Kurtenbach reported that she and Julie Dieu have met to discuss the next steps for this TWIG. She said that further action will be delayed as she will be on vacation for a few weeks and it's the holiday season.

◆ **Eastside Type N Riparian Effectiveness Best Available Science Alternatives**

Approved by Policy and will now work on developing a proposed study design.

**RSAG**

◆ **Hardwood Conversion Study**

Ash Roorbach reported that he and Dick Miller have been working on the report and will have the draft ready for RSAG to review at their December meeting. Mark Hicks emphasized that the report needs to be done in time for RSAG members to review it before the meeting.

**WetSAG**

◆ **Wetland Literature Synthesis**

Amy Kurtenbach reported that deadline for comments on the most current document was November 18, 2013 and she has only received comments from one person. She was hoping to get the comments together and back to author before she left on vacation. She asked the reviewers to let her know they would be submitting their comments soon so she could make arrangements for them to be handled while she is on vacation.

**CMER**

Jim Hotvedt announced that the draft accomplishments report will be distributed at the December meeting.

**Science Session:**

**Remote Sensing Workshop**

Russ Faux, Watershed Sciences gave a presentation on the development and use of LiDAR metrics.

Ray Davis, US Forest Service, gave a presentation on status and trends in landscape level monitoring – Northwest Forest Plan Model.

Joan Hagar, US Geological Survey (USGS), gave a presentation on Wildlife Habitat Modeling.

Jim Flewelling, Private Consultant, gave a presentation on statistics related to LiDAR sampling.

Christian Torgersen, USGS and University of Washington, gave a presentation about the funding he has received from USGS for a stream temperature modeling & monitoring project. He is looking for collaborators and asked if members would be willing to share information or knowledge of studies that have already been conducted that relate to the project.

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

- ◆ Future agenda item – ISPR review process
- ◆ Buffer-Shade Report – Amy Kurtenbach will acquire a document comparison of the report and send it out the reviewers. Comments are due by December 17, 2013.
- ◆ Jim Hotvedt will send out the Western Washington Type F Buffer Effectiveness Initial Writing Team request for recommendations and TWIG members November 20, 2013.

**Adjourned**