

# Cooperative Monitoring, Evaluation and Research Committee

Tuesday, January 23, 2024 // 9:00AM – 3:20PM

Virtual Only

Motions	
Motion	Move/Second (Vote)
<p><b>December 2023 Meeting Minutes</b></p> <p><b><u>Motion:</u></b> Mark Meleason moved to approve the December 2023 minutes with following edits.</p> <p>The motion passed</p>	<p><b>Seconded:</b> Joe Murray (Proxy for Julie Dieu)</p> <p><b>Up:</b> Debbie Kay, Ash Roorbach (Proxy for Mark Mobbs), Hans Berge, Julie Dieu, Chris Mendoza, Aimee McIntyre, Mark Meleason, A.J. Kroll, Harry Bell, and Jenny Knoth (Sent approval prior to meeting via email).</p> <p><b>Absent:</b> Doug Martin</p>
<p><b>Protocol and Standards Manual (PSM): Sections 6 and 7</b></p> <p><b><u>Motion:</u></b> A.J. Kroll moved to approve Protocol and Standards Manual (PSM): Sections 6 and 7.</p> <p>The motion passed</p>	<p><b>Seconded:</b> Mark Meleason</p> <p><b>Up:</b> Debbie Kay, Hans Berge, Joe Murray (Proxy for Julie Dieu), Chris Mendoza, Aimee McIntyre, Mark Meleason, A.J. Kroll, Harry Bell, and Jenny Knoth (Harry Bell Proxy).</p> <p><b>Absent:</b> Ash Roorbach (Proxy for Mark Mobbs)</p>
<p><b>Protocol and Standards Manual (PSM): Section 8</b></p> <p><b><u>Motion:</u></b> Welles Bretherton moved to approve Protocol and Standards Manual (PSM): Section 8.</p> <p>The motion passed</p>	<p><b>Seconded:</b> A.J. Kroll</p> <p><b>Up:</b> Debbie Kay, Hans Berge, Joe Murray (Proxy for Julie Dieu), Chris Mendoza, Aimee McIntyre, Mark Meleason, A.J. Kroll, Harry Bell, Ash Roorbach (Proxy for Mark Mobbs), and Jenny Knoth (Harry Bell Proxy).</p>
<p><b>Unstable Slopes Criteria Charter</b></p> <p><b><u>Motion:</u></b> Chris Mendoza moved to approve the Unstable Slopes Criteria Charter.</p> <p>The motion passed</p>	<p><b>Seconded:</b> A.J. Kroll</p> <p><b>Up:</b> Debbie Kay, Hans Berge, Joe Murray (Proxy for Julie Dieu), Chris Mendoza, Aimee McIntyre, Mark Meleason, A.J. Kroll, Harry Bell, Ash Roorbach (Proxy for Mark Mobbs), and Jenny Knoth (Harry Bell Proxy).</p>

<b>Action Items</b>	
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Protocol and Standards Manual (PSM): Sections 9 & 10 comments and edits due February 13 <sup>th</sup> . Review comments at 2/20 meeting. Final Approval at 3/26 meeting. <a href="#">PSM Chapter 9 and 10 revisions DUE 2 13 24.docx</a> Pathway to document: CMER - CMER Review - PSM Chapter 9 and 10 revisions DUE 2 13 24	CMER Members
Discuss what to do about Appendix A and Effectiveness definition	Co-chairs
Outside Science review 30-day period January 16-February 13 <sup>th</sup> . Link to provide edits (via track changes): <a href="#">Outside Science CMER Guidance Document.docx</a> Pathway to document: CMER - CMER Review - Outside Science CMER Guidance Document	CMER Members
Create a folder for all outside science documents: <a href="#">Outside Science Guidance Development Materials</a>	Lori Clark

### **Welcome, Introductions, & Old Business**

*Aimee McIntyre, CMER co-chair*

Aimee McIntyre took roll call

### **Ground Rules**

- Welles Bretherton read: Acknowledge and appreciate the contributions of others, even when you disagree.
- A.J. Kroll read: Be well prepared: Be familiar with agenda and objectives.

### **Staff Updates**

- Welles Bretherton introduced Jeff Robbins as a new Department of Ecology staff. FP monitoring.
- Lori shared some information from her diversity, equity, and inclusion training and that the way we communicate with each other in the AMP is very important. She reminded CMER that the diverse perspectives that are brought forward in the AMP is the key to the success of the program. Let's not let the very thing that was intended to bring strength to this program be the thing that gets in the way of good science being done.
- She directly requested that CMER participants try to consider tone of the delivery of communications. She explained that she has asked DNR staff to call out rude or condescending communications and she requested that all AMP participants consider offering reframes and/or gentle reminders when you hear. CMER should also consider tone when providing comments in documents, especially when the author is not a CMER or SAG member.
- Theryn Henkel gave an update on the CMER Statistician solicitation. She explained that this a work order-based contract. They are here for support not writing documents. Theryn Henkel will do the work order process and after the work order is complete the project manager will take over.

- OESF is using oxygen meters to test stream metabolism as an indicator. Lori will share the report with CMER.

### **Public Comments**

No public comments

### **TFW Policy Updates**

Brandon Austin gave an update on what was discussed at the January 2024 Timber Fish and Wildlife (TFW) Policy Committee meeting.

### **2023 Adaptive Management Program Review**

Lori Clark shared the AMP Accomplishments and reviewed what was completed in 2023.

### **Protocol and Standards Manual (PSM): Sections 6 and 7**

Lori Clark shared her screen and reviewed the unaddressed comments and edits starting at section 7.8. CMER had multiple discussions about each unaddressed comment and edit.

### **Protocol and Standards Manual (PSM): Section 8**

Lori Clark shared her screen and reviewed the unaddressed comments and edits. CMER had multiple discussions about each unaddressed comment and edit.

### **“Effectiveness” Studies - CMER Work Plan Appendix A Update**

Lori Clark explained that today CMER is to review current AMP definitions of “effectiveness” and discuss classification of current/future projects listed in CMER Work Plan, Appendix A. Red text notes potential edit in Appendix A for consideration/discussion. She shared the definitions of “effectiveness” and then shared Appendix A on her screen then explained the changes that were made. There was discussion on if there is a need to pinpoint a definition of effectiveness or not. It was decided that the co-chairs will meet and discuss next steps for the effectiveness definitions and revising the Appendix A.

### **Unstable Slopes Criteria Charter**

Theryn Henkel shared the updated charter on the screen and reviewed the edits that were made. She explained that this is coming back to CMER for the second time as there was a request to expand on the “Project Objectives” section and is up for approval today.

### **Outside Science**

Lori Clark gave a brief introduction and explained that we are asking for CMER’s feedback on the Outside Science guidance document as well as the proposed timeline for CMER review. This is an SAO recommendation, that the board directed CMER to address it, Lori asked CMER co-chairs to take the first crack at this for CMER review/comment/revision. She also explained that Jenny Knoth is a co-author because the development of this guidance document was started over a year ago when she was co-chair and Aimee McIntyre took her place in working on this with A.J. Kroll. There was discussion on the 2013, “Use of Non-CMER Science in the Forest Practices Adaptive Management Program” and on what we mean by outside science. The review period for this document is January 16-February 13, 2024. Link to provide edits (via track changes): Outside Science CMER Guidance Document.docx. Lori created a folder for all background information related to the outside science guidance document development: Outside Science Guidance Development Materials. CMER will review the suggested edits and comments at the February CMER meeting. Lori will revise the timeline based on feedback received at the CMER meeting.

### **CMER SAG Updates:**

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

## List of Attendees

<b>Attendees</b>	<b>Representing</b>
§Bell, Harry	WFFA– Small Forest Landowners (Proxy for Jenny Knoth)
§Berge, Hans	UCUT – Eastern Washington Tribes
§Bretherton, Welles	Department of Ecology
§Dieu, Julie	Rayonier
§Kay, Debbie	Suquamish Tribe
§Knoth, Jenny	Washington Farm Forestry Association
§Kroll, A.J.	CMER Co-Chair
§Martin, Doug	Washington Forest Protection Association
§McIntyre, Aimee	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife/CMER Co-Chair
§Meleason, Mark	Counties Caucus
§Mendoza, Chris	Conservation Caucus
Austin, Brandon	WDFW/TFW Policy Co-chair
Belleveau, Lisa	Skokomish Tribe
Black, Jenelle	NWIFC CMER Scientist
Church, Natalie	DNR – CMER Coordinator
Clark, Lori	Adaptive Management Program Administrator
DeBruyckere, Lisa	Oregon Independent Research
Freeman, Elise	CMER Scientist
Gaines, Lisa	Oregon Independent Research
Henkel, Theryn	DNR Supervisory Project Manager
Heimburg, John	WDFW Habitat Program
Holy, Shae	Skokomish Tribe
Hooks, Doug	WFPA
Kautz, Kyle	Nisqually Indian Tribe
Murray, Joe	Washington Forest Protection Association (Proxy for Julie Dieu)
Prescott, Alexander	DNR Project Manager
Robins, Jeff	Department of Ecology
Roorbach, Ash	Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission (Proxy for Mark Mobbs)
Rubin, Rachel	CMER Scientist
Schofield, Jenny	DNR Project Manager
Terry, Chris	Oregon Independent Research
Toledo, Anna	DNR Project Manager
Venneman, Nikki	Suquamish Tribe
Walter, Jason	ISAG co-chair
Williamson, Tanner	CMER Scientist

§CMER Voting Member