

Cooperative Monitoring Evaluation and Research Committee (CMER)
October 26, 2018
DNR/DOC Industrial Park, Tumwater WA

Attendees	Representing
§Baldwin, Todd (ph)	Kalispel Tribe of Indians
§Bell, Harry	Washington Farm Forestry Association
Berge, Hans	Adaptive Management Program Administrator
Davis, Emily	Northwest Indian Fish Commission – CMER Staff
§Dieu, Julie	Rayonier
Gibbs, Heather	Department of Natural Resources
§Hayes, Marc	Department of Fish & Wildlife
Haemmerle, Howard	Department of Natural Resources
§Hicks, Mark	Department of Ecology
Hooks, Doug	Washington Forest Protection Association – CMER Co-Chair
§Kay, Debbie (ph)	Suquamish Tribe
§Knoth, Jenny	Green Crow - CMER Co-Chair
§Kroll, A.J.	Weyerhaeuser
§Martin, Doug	Washington Forest Protection Association
§Mendoza, Chris (ph)	Conservation Caucus
Murray, Joe	Washington Forest Protection Association
Roorbach, Ash	Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission
Schuett-Hames, Dave	Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission - CMER Staff
Shramek, Patti	Department of Natural Resources – CMER Coordinator
Stewart, Greg (ph)	Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission – CMER Staff

§Indicates official CMER members and alternates; (ph) indicates attended via phone.

*Indicates Decision

Decisions:

CMER

- ◆ ***September 2018 Meeting Minutes - approval**
 Harry Bell moved to approve the September 2018 meeting minutes, Marc Hayes seconded - **Approved**

- ◆ ***Roads Project Team Structure - approval**
 Howard Haemmerle reviewed the request to approve the addition of two yet to be identified individuals - a licensed engineer and project coordinator to the Roads project team. In addition, the Team requested CMER review and re-confirm the current team structure and roles.

Bell motioned to approve the addition of the two members to the project team, Mark Hicks seconded – **Approved**

- ◆ **Next Steps:** Charter, updated budget, and potential candidates for the new positions will be presented at the November meeting.
- ◆ ***Work Plan Review and Approval (UPSAG)**
Heather Gibbs reviewed the updates to the UPSAG section of the Work Plan, as well as other general Work Plan edits.

Hayes moved to approve the UPSAG edits to the Work Plan, Julie Dieu seconded - **Approved**

LWAG

- ◆ ***Buffer Shade – approval of final report**
Haemmerle and Hayes reviewed the request and history of the study/report. Hicks asked if the ISPR reviewers approved of the changes and remarked that he would like to see confirmation from the Associate Editor (EA) confirming it. Doug Martin said he did not have a problem with the request, but this sets a precedent. CMER does not have a process for that yet. Chris Mendoza replied that there is a process, and that he and Doug recently followed it when they worked on the ISPR approved study design for the Type F Prescription Monitoring Project. Chris Mendoza replied that he was not prepared to approve the report without the letter from the AE that the authors adequately addressed the reviewer's concerns. Mendoza further stated that since CMER no longer gets a second comment and review period post ISPR, that it's critical to have the AE letter of approval not just the matrix showing the ISPR reviewer comments.

Hicks moved to approve the report, understanding that there will need to be some minor edits (spelling) that need correcting before finalizing, A.J. Kroll seconded, Mendoza – Nay.

Next Steps: Hans Berge will send out the AE letter before lunch and another vote for approval will occur after lunch.

Berge was unable to access the report immediately and said he would send it out as soon as he was able to access his files at his office. A.J. Kroll requested that a vote be held to approve the final report, contingent upon distribution of the letter, in order to keep the report moving. This would allow the authors to move forward with writing the findings report.

Martin moved to approve the report contingent on DNR sending out the letter from the AE, Baldwin seconded – **Approved**

Mendoza re-joined the meeting by phone fifteen minutes late after lunch (and after the Board and Policy reports) and missed the vote. He said that he never received the AE letter of approval over lunch that Berge was going to send, and remarked it was an underhanded way to get the vote through by voting immediately after lunch knowing he was waiting for the AE letter and hadn't yet rejoined the meeting and still does not approve. Berge explained to Mendoza that the approval is contingent upon the distribution of the AE letter, and is not final until then.

Next Steps: Berge will distribute the AE letter confirming that the authors had addressed the ISPR reviewers concerns for the Buffer Shade report and will accompany future approval requests, as well.

There was discussion around having a copy/print editor review and clean up reports before they go to Policy. It was determined that this discussion can occur as documents come forward for approval.

◆ **Hard Rock Phase II** – *identify reviewers and establish review timeline*

Haemmerle reported that the report is now ready for review, is approximately 275 pages. He asked for reviewers and a determination on how long they will need to review it. This is a joint SAG/CMER review.

CMER Reviewers: Hicks, Bell, Mendoza, Martin, Knoth. Comments due to Haemmerle December 4, 2018.

Updates:

◆ **Report from the Board** – *August 8, 2018 meeting*

Forest Practices Board meeting minutes are located on the Department of Natural Resources web page at <https://www.dnr.wa.gov/about/boards-and-councils/forest-practices-board>.

◆ **Report from Policy** – *September 6 and October 4, 2018 meetings*

Timber Fish & Wildlife Policy meeting minutes are located on the Department of Natural Resources web page at <http://www.dnr.wa.gov/about/boards-and-councils/forest-practices-board/tfw-policy-committee>.

◆ **SAG and TWIG Updates** – *answer questions on written updates*

Haemmerle asked if the version this month had the detail CMER was looking for. Response was affirmative.

Joe Murray asked how the recruitment for the EP4 is going. Berge replied that he is making an offer to a candidate today.

Hicks remarked that there needs to be clarification that Soft Rock will be coming to CMER in January before passing the updates along to Policy.

Hicks brought up that there is a breakdown in communications in the transfer of requests and documents between CMER and Policy and maybe the process should be written down.

Discussion:

◆ **Process to designated alternative CMER voting members**

Berge reviewed how CMER members are appointed, but that there is no process for alternates. He is asking for CMER acknowledgement that Aimee McIntyre is the alternate for Marc Hayes. The questions was asked if there a distinction between an alternate and a proxy? Proxy is giving vote to another voting member, alternate is there representing voting member if they cannot make it to the meeting. Knoth, encourage all members to designate an alternate.

Kroll moved to allow each Board approved CMER voting member to designate an alternate to participate for them in their absence, including voting. Hayes seconded -

Approved

◆ **Contracting Overview**

Berge, Shramek, and Haemmerle reviewed the various contracting options for State agencies and answered questions.

Public Comment Period

No public comments

Recap of Assignments/Decisions

- ◆ September 2018 meeting minutes approved.
- ◆ Roads Project Team new positions approved.
- ◆ Roads charter, updated budget, potential candidates for the new positions will be presented at the November meeting.
- ◆ UPSAG portion of the CMER Work Plan approved.
- ◆ Buffer Shade Report approved contingent upon DNR distributing the letter from the ISPR AE.

- ◆ The AE letter confirming that the authors addressed the ISPR reviewers concerns will accompany future approval requests.
- ◆ CMER Board approved voting members will designate an alternate to participate for them in their absence, including voting.
- ◆ Discussion at November meeting on how to decide when projects go to extended monitoring.
- ◆ Climate change science session presentations for future agendas.
- ◆ Patti Shramek will send out the CMER Information System login information to the core CMER group.
- ◆ Dave Schuett-Hames will work on finding possible short and long science session topics on fire – Harry Bell will help.

Adjourned @ 2:44 pm