

**Cooperative Monitoring Evaluation and Research Committee
(CMER)
January 28, 2014
DNR/DOC Compound**

Attendees	Representing
*Baldwin, Todd (ph)	Kalispel Tribe of Indians, CMER Co-Chair
Ehinger, Bill	Department of Ecology
Haemmerle, Howard	Department of Natural Resources
*Hicks, Mark	Department of Ecology, CMER Co-Chair
Hotvedt, Jim	Department of Natural Resources, AMPA
*Kay, Debbie	Suquamish Tribe
*Kroll, A.J.	Weyerhaeuser
Kurtenbach, Amy	Department of Natural Resources
*Lingley, Leslie	Department of Natural Resources
*Martin, Doug	Washington Forest Protections Association
McIntyre, Aimee	Department of Fish and Wildlife
*Mendoza, Chris	Conservation Caucus
*Mobbs, Mark	Quinault Indian Nation
Roorbach, Ash	Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission – CMER Staff
Schuett-Hames, Dave	Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission – CMER Staff
Shramek, Patti	Department of Natural Resources – CMER Coordinator
Stewart, Gregg (ph)	Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission
*Sturhan, Nancy	Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission
Terwilliger, Karen	Washington Forest Protection Association
Walter, Jason	Weyerhaeuser

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

Agenda – LWAG request to forward the RMZ Resample (Birds) report to ISPR was added to the agenda.

Science Session

◆ **2015 CMER Work Plan – Approval - Approved**

Mark Hicks requested approval of the 2015 CMER Work Plan. Doug Martin commented that the Wetlands section did not accurately reflect the changes that were agreed to by WetSAG and brought to the January meeting. Mark replied that he believed he had incorporated the changes presented and agreed to at the December meeting, but that he would just change the Wetlands section to match the original changes proposed by WetSAG so we could move on. Mark then asked Patti Shramek to send him a copy of the original WetSAG proposed changes so he could make sure the revisions matched.

Request approved with the revisions to the Wetlands section.

◆ **2015 CMER Budget - Review**

Jim Hotvedt presented the 2015 draft budget for review and comment. Members had questions about the budget for the Type N Experimental Buffer Treatment Study (Hard Rock) budget. Amy McIntyre replied that the budget included resampling as well as report writing and review. Members requested detail on:

1. Analysis and report writing (CMER Review, ISPR) budget
2. Sampling budget
3. Break out Amphibian Demographics and Extended Sampling budget.

The final budget will be ready for review and approval at the February meeting.

Business Session:

Coordinators Corner

- ◆ **Approval of November and December 2013 Meeting Minutes – Approval - Approved**

LWAG

- ◆ **Buffer Integrity Shade Effectiveness (Amphibian) – Budget Request - Approved**

Amy Kurtenbach requested \$5,800 out of the CMER project development fund to cover PI time to respond to CMER reviewer issues with ISPR comment response.

Nancy Sturhan moved to approve the request, A.J. Kroll seconded. Todd Baldwin and Leslie Lingley abstained. *Request approved.*

- ◆ **RMZ Resample (Bird) – Request to Send to ISPR Review - Approved**

Amy Kurtenbach requested approval to forward report on to ISPR review. She added that the proposal included adding a question regarding the relationship between buffer width and bird abundance to the standard eight ISPR questions. Several members voiced concerns about sending the additional question without CMER review and approval of the question. Mark Hick moved that the report be sent to ISPR with the standard eight questions and any additional questions come to CMER for approval before being sent to ISPR. Doug Martin seconded. *Request approved.*

Updates:

Report from Policy – January 9th Meeting

Mark Hicks reported that Policy worked on a list of their accomplishments and a strategy for prioritizing new projects at their January meeting.

Jim Hotvedt reported that he will be sending the CMER accomplishments along with the quarterly staff report to Policy.

RSAG

◆ **Hardwood Conversion Study -Update**

Ash Roorbach reported that a new draft of the document was sent to RSAG and they provided comments. He is working on incorporating the comments in to the report and will send it to RSAG two weeks before their March meeting.

SAGE

◆ **EWRAP – Update**

Ash Roorbach reported that there was a special SAGE meeting in January to discuss EWRAP to brief new members of SAGE on what this project is trying to accomplish. The outcome is that a fourth chapter about regional patterns that needs to be incorporated. He is working with Todd Baldwin to see how to accomplish this. He expects to get this out to SAGE for their March meeting.

TWIG

◆ **Western Washington Type F Buffer Effectiveness – Update**

Chris Mendoza reported that the TWIG is working on a charter to bring to CMER for comment, possibly at the February meeting.

CMER/SAG Recap of Assignments

- ◆ Mark Hicks will make changes to WetSAG section of work plan.
- ◆ Amy Kurtenbach will provide more detail regarding the Type N Experimental Buffer Treatment Study (Hard Rock) budget.
- ◆ Jim Hotvedt will provide revised budget at next meeting for approval.
- ◆ Dave Schuett-Hames will work with Jim Hotvedt to revise PI staff budget.