

**Cooperative Monitoring Evaluation and Research Committee
(CMER)
August 25, 2015
DNR/DOC Compound/Tumwater, WA**

Attendees	Representing
§Baldwin, Todd (ph)	Kalispel Tribe – CMER Co-Chair
Berge, Hans	Adaptive Management Program Administrator
Ehinger, Bill	Department of Ecology
Hayes, Marc	Department of Fish & Wildlife
§Hicks, Mark	Department of Ecology
Hooks, Doug	WFPA – CMER Co-Chair
Gauthier, Marc (ph)	Upper Columbia United Tribes
§Kay, Debbie	Suquamish Tribe
§Kroll, AJ	Weyerhaeuser
§Martin, Doug	Washington Forest Protections Association
§Mendoza, Chris (ph)	Conservation Caucus
Miller, Dick	Washington Farm Forestry Association
§Mobbs, Mark	Quinalt Indian Nation
Murray, Joe	Merrill Ring
Roorbach, Ash	Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission – CMER Staff
Schuetz-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
§Sturhan, Nancy	NWIFC
Woodsmith, Rick (ph)	Consultant

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

*Indicates Decision

Science Session:

- ◆ **Overview of Type N Experimental Buffer Treatment – Basalt Lithologies (Hard Rock) Study Chapter 7.**

Bill Ehinger gave a summary of the data presented in Chapter 7.

LWAG

- ◆ ***Type N Experimental Buffer Treatment Study – Basalt Lithologies (Hard Rock) – approval to send chapters 7 to ISPR**

Marc Hayes moved to send to ISPR, Mark Hicks seconded – **Approved**

RSAG

- ◆ ***Westside Type F Extensive Temperature Study – approval to send to Policy**

Bill Ehinger gave an overview of the history of the study. Study started off with the Eastside Type F and went through extensive review and revisions. This study is a carbon copy of the Eastside study with new data from the Westside. Discussion revolved around whether or not to send the Westside study through ISPR.

Joe Murray moved that CMER approve the report and send to Policy, Mendoza seconded. Dick Miller, Doug Martin, A.J. Kroll and Hayes nay – Nancy Sturhan & Mark Mobbs abstain. – Non-approval

Miller moved to send to ISPR, Joe Murray seconded – Mendoza - nay Non-approved.

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- ◆ ***CMER Information Management System** – *discussion about access for non-CMER members and what kind of data to store in the system*

Sturhan reported that question about when to make data available. A.J. Kroll replied that in a land transfer the new owners may not want the information in the CMER Information System. Mobbs agreed with Kroll, but asked who can have access to it. Discussion revolved around what is disclosable and what is not, given that the studies are funded by public funds. Bottom line – error on the side of assuming most of it is disclosable.

Mobbs moved to release the shape file to Doug Hooks, once an appropriate disclaimer has been approved at the September meeting, and to put the discussion on how to handle future requests on the September agenda. Hicks seconded. - **Approved**

Updates:

Report from Forest Practices Board – August 11 meeting

Doug Hooks reported:

- ◆ Unstable Slopes Board Manual 16 discussion. Agreed on about 90% of it. Adopted motion to accept as is with the understanding work will continue on the parts that there was no consensus.
- ◆ Cultural Resources Roundtable (CRR) update.
- ◆ Approved and accepted Policy's recommendations on the Wetlands Literature Review and Strategy.
- ◆ Adaptive Management Program budget was reviewed and approved.
- ◆ Discussion about how co-chairs are selected for Policy, CMER, and CRR. CMER has a formal process, the others don't. Motion approved to have Policy and CRR bring forward process for selecting co-chairs.
- ◆ Motion approved that gives that directs Policy to facilitate implementation of the Type F matrix to get to a permanent rule, guidance and/or training.
- ◆ Presentations on Spotted Owl. Endangered at State Level, in review at Federal level to move from threatened to endangered.
- ◆ Hans Berge updated the Board on the plan to spend the 5.9 million general fund state money in the next two years.

Report from Policy – August 6 meeting

Hooks reported:

- ◆ Monika Moskal gave a presentation on remote sensing. It was well received and approved by Policy.
- ◆ ENREP – Greg Stewart gave a presentation and Policy removed restraints that had been put on the study. ENREP was given the green light to move forward on the Study Design.
- ◆ Electro fishing technical group – Berge is working on getting members for the group.
- ◆ Reviewed the Type F pathway matrix that came out of the motions from the Board.
- ◆ CMER update.
- ◆ Procedure for nominating Policy co-chairs.
- ◆ Discussion about water typing and where they are in the process.

CMER

- ◆ **Protocols and Standards Manual – update**
Sturhan and Ash Roorbach reported that the sub-group met last week and they are still working on Chapter 7, which has multiple parts. One of the parts they are working on is more formally describing and defining the role of the Project Managers.
- ◆ **Budget – review**
Berge reported that the budget proviso does not allow money to be carried over from one fiscal year to another. He has asked the SAGS to generate a list of projects that can be bumped up in the schedule if it looks like budget will be left over. The projects will need to be completed before the end of the fiscal year. He got approval from the Board to approach it this way.
- ◆ **Lean Process – update**
Hicks gave a summary of the history of the CMER Lean process and reviewed proposed changes to the process. He will note the changes in document and send it out for review and comment.

LWAG

- ◆ **Buffer Integrity/Shade Effectiveness Study – update**
McCracken and Hayes are working on changes in the report that will hopefully address Hicks' concerns and it will be ready for CMER approval at the September meeting.

RSAG

- ◆ **Remote Sensing Pilot Project – update**
Policy approved the pilot project and RSAG will be working with DNR to get a contract executed with the University of Washington.

SAGE

- ◆ **Sage Co-Chair – update**

Hooks reported that Marc Gauthier requested help at Policy to get a new co-chair for SAGE. Todd Baldwin requested State participation from the Eastern Washington state agencies.

UPSAG

- ◆ **Glacial Deep-Seated Landslide Project – Literature Synthesis – *update***

Sturhan reported that UPSAG is still figuring out what they want to do and working on the contract process. She remarked that they have had a lot of people out on fire recently. Hicks asked what is taking so much time, and if there are any lessons learned. Sturhan replied that everyone hasn't been engaged and they have a lot of new people in the SAG.

TWIG

- ◆ **Forested Wetlands Effectiveness Project TWIG – *update***

TWIG document has been sent out to CMER for review and comment.

- ◆ **Unstable Slope Criteria TWIG – *update***

Stewart reported that they are still waiting to get another meeting together and they haven't met since they presented at Policy a couple months ago.

- ◆ **Type F Riparian Prescription – *update***

Schuett-Hames reported that they are still working on the best available science document. Their next meeting is scheduled for September 15. Berge asked when the document would be ready. Schuett-Hames replied he wasn't sure, but they are close.

- ◆ **BMP Roads Effectiveness Project – *update***

Hicks reported that they are still working on their best available science document.

- ◆ **ENREP – *update***

Stewart reported that they are meeting August 26 and they are making progress.

Public Comment Period

No public comment.

CMER/SAG Recap of Assignments/Decisions

- ◆ Chapter 7 of Hard Rock approved to go to ISPR.
- ◆ Non-approval to send Extensive Temp to ISPR or Policy.
- ◆ Approval to send the CMER IMS shape file, with disclaimer, to Doug Hooks.
- ◆ September agenda – disclaimer for data release, what data to add to IMS.
- ◆ Mark Hicks will provide the revised Lean document to Patti Shramek in a couple days to distribute to CMER for review and comment. Comments will be due to Mark Hicks and Doug Hooks in two weeks.
- ◆ Patti Shramek will send out Amy Kurtenbach's Lean document.

Adjourned