

Cooperative Monitoring Evaluation and Research Committee (CMER)
September 25, 2018
Northern Quest Casino and Resort – Chief Victor Boardroom, Spokane, WA

Attendees	Representing
§Baldwin, Todd	Kalispel Tribe of Indians
§Bell, Harry (ph)	Washington Farm Forestry Association
Berge, Hans	Adaptive Management Program Administrator
Davis, Emily	Northwest Indian Fish Commission – CMER Staff
Erickson, Jarred M.	Colville Confederated Tribes
Gauthier, Marc (ph)	Upper Columbia United Tribes
Gibbs, Heather	Department of Natural Resources
Haemmerle, Howard	Department of Natural Resources
Hartley, James	Stimson Lumber Company
§Hayes, Marc (ph)	Department of Fish and Wildlife
§Hicks, Mark	Department of Ecology
Hooks, Doug	Washington Forest Protection Association – CMER Co-Chair
Hoygaard, Isabelle	Department of Natural Resources
§Kay, Debbie (ph)	Suquamish Tribe
§Knoth, Jenny	Green Crow - CMER Co-Chair
Krausz, Eric	Colville Confederated Tribes
§Martin, Doug (ph)	Washington Forest Protection Association
§Mendoza, Chris	Conservation Caucus
Murray, Joe	Washington Forest Protection Association
Schuetz-Hames, Dave	Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission - CMER Staff
Shramek, Patti	Department of Natural Resources – CMER Coordinator
Stephens, Robert	Spokane Tribe of Indians
Stewart, Greg	Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission – CMER Staff

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

*Indicates Decision

Decisions:

CMER June and July 2018 Meeting Minutes

- ◆ ***June 2018 Meeting Minutes** – Jenny Knoth moved to approve the minutes, Chris Mendoza seconded - **Approved**
- ◆ ***July 2018 Meeting Minutes** – Mark Hicks moved to approve the minutes, Marc Hayes seconded - **Approved**

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- ◆ ***Extensive Vegetation Remote Sensing** – *approval of findings report*
 Joe Murray requested approval of the findings report.

Mendoza commented that CMER needs to come up with a procedure on communications with Policy regarding project updates. Murray remarked that it would be good to add to Protocol and Standards Manual. This topic will be on a future meeting agenda.

Mendoza moved to approve the findings report, Knoth seconded, Hayes abstained – **Approved**

Next Steps: The findings report will go to Policy in October.

- ◆ ***Riparian Characteristics and Shade Study – approval of budget**
Hicks reviewed Policy’s request for more information, explained the alternatives, and answered question.

Todd Baldwin moved to approve, Knoth seconded – **Approved**

Updates:

- ◆ **Hard Rock** – Howard Haemmerle reported that the Hard Rock Phase II should be ready to CMER for review in November. The review will be a concurrent SAG/CMER review. Request for reviewers will be on the October agenda. Doug Hooks asked about how much time will be needed for the review process. Hans Berge replied that we will need to wait to see the document before making a decision.
- ◆ **Soft Rock** – Haemmerle reported that the report should be completed late January and come to CMER in February. Dave Schuett-Hames added that the report is narrower in scope than Hard Rock. The review length will be determined when the report is completed and CMER has a chance to see what it is like. The review will be concurrent CMER/SAG review.
- ◆ **CMER/SAG Updates** – Hooks reviewed the CMER/SAG update document. Knoth requested removing the older items from the document once they have been completed. Haemmerle agreed and said he would do that on the document for the next meeting.

Public Comment Period

No public comment

Recap of Assignments/Decisions:

- ◆ June and July 2018 CMER meeting minutes approved.
- ◆ Extensive Vegetation Remote Sensing findings report approved to send to Policy.
- ◆ Riparian Characteristics and Shade Study Policy budget request approved.

- ◆ Communications to Policy discussion at future meeting.
- ◆ Contracting 101 discussion at October 2018 meeting.
- ◆ ISAG/PHB to potentially come to CMER in October.
- ◆ Work Plan discussion at October 2018 meeting.
- ◆ Hard Rock Phase II report should be ready for CMER review in November.
- ◆ Soft Rock report should be ready for CMER to review in February 2019.

Field Trip Logistics – Rob Stephens went over the logistics for the field trip to a fire salvage logging site. The remainder of the day dedicated to the field trip.

Adjourned – 9:45 am