

**Cooperative Monitoring Evaluation and Research Committee
September 23, 2008
DNR/DOC Conference Room
Notes**

Attendees	Representing
*Almond, Lyle (V)	Makah Tribe, RSAG Co-Chair
Black, Jenelle	NWIFC
Cramer, Darin	DNR, Adaptive Management Administrator
*Dieu, Julie	Rayonier
*Ehinger, Bill	DOE
Heckel, Linda	DNR, CMER Coordinator
*Hicks, Mark	DOE
*Jackson, Terry	WDFW, CMER Co-Chair
*MacCracken, Jim	Longview Timberlands
*Martin, Doug	WFPA Contractor
*McConnell, Steve (ph)	UCUT
*Mendoza, Chris	Conservation Caucus Contractor, CMER Co-Chair
*Miller, Dick	WFFA
*Mobbs, Mark	Quinalt Indian Nation
Moon, Teresa	DNR, CMER Project Manager
O'Sullivan, Alison (ph)	Suquamish Tribe
Schuett-Hames, Dave	NWIFC
*Sturhan, Nancy	NWIFC
*Veldhuisen, Curt (v)	Skagit River Systems Cooperative
Vogel, Bill	USFWS

* indicates official CMER members and alternates

v indicates attended via video-conferencing; ph indicates attended via phone

Agenda Review – Jackson

Terry asked for any changes, additions or deletions to the agenda. Chris asked if we could talk about the November and December meeting dates because of conflicts with the holidays. CMER discussed and it was agreed upon to change the meeting dates to November 18 and December 16. Linda will send out an email notifying CMER of those changes.

Science Session: Wood Recruitment Literature Review – Jackson

Ten publications pertaining to LWD recruitment were distributed to CMER two months ago for discussion at this September CMER science session. The primary goal of these discussions is to provide a mechanism for CMER members and participants to become more knowledgeable on the more recent science pertaining to LWD recruitment. The point was made by Chris M. that this effort was by no means a comprehensive review of all the peer reviewed literature available

on wood recruitment and should not be considered a “literature review” in the same sense that CMER conducts for large projects. The group decided to break the papers out by sub-topic for discussion. The first four papers fell into the sub-topic of “recruitment processes” and included the following:

1. Benda et al., 2002. Recruitment of wood to streams in old-growth and second-growth redwood forests, northern California, U.S.A
2. Martin and Benda. 2001. Patterns of instream wood recruitment and transport at the watershed scale
3. May and Gresswell. 2003. Large wood recruitment and redistribution in headwater streams in the southern Oregon Coast Range, U.S.A.
4. Reeves, et al. 2003. Sources of large wood in the main stem of a fourth-order watershed in coastal Oregon.

The group then began discussion on papers with the sub-topic “windthrow”, but only had time to discuss one paper. That paper was:

5. Grizzel and Wolff. 1998. Occurrence of windthrow in forest buffer strips and its effect on small streams in Northwest Washington.

Because the group was only able to complete discussion on five of the ten papers, they decided to continue discussions on the rest of the papers at the October CMER science session. The science session will also contain a presentation by Dave Schuett-Hames on Type N BCIF.

SAG Requests – Jackson

ISPR Review Sub-Group Report

The ISPR sub-group has not yet met, but has had some discussion. The sub-group has agreed that the rules are pretty clear under WAC 222-12-025 (Adaptive management program) about requiring review of all CMER funded final reports; however, there is some question on how to define what a “final report” is. Chris and Terry agreed to join the sub-group (Mark Hicks, Steve McConnell and Bill Vogel) and propose that the sub-group:

1. Refine what constitutes a CMER funded final report;
2. Decide what other “reports” may/may not need to be sent to ISPR;
3. Ensure that the PSM documents are updated to reflect these decisions and WAC-045; and
4. Report back at the next CMER meeting.

Darin emphasized that if CMER decides to send all past reports to ISPR, it could use up the entire peer review budget.

September Policy Meeting Update– Mendoza

Chris updated the group on what was discussed at the September Policy meeting:

1. Peer review of the Wolf Management Plan with contingencies;
2. Peer review discussion going on in CMER;
3. Work force allocation on quantifying the work force and getting that information to Policy;
4. Information management project and adding additional projects; and
5. UCUT windthrow proposal in RSAG.

ISPR Update – Cramer

ISPR review of the Wolf Management Plan might be delayed. Darin is continuing to work with the UW on the details of this request.

SAG Items – Jackson

RSAG – Windthrow Assessment Discussion – RSAG sent the request back to the author to develop a scoping document and to provide additional information. They will review again at their next meeting, October 8.

Work allocation project – Nancy/Chris – Nancy has received all the information from the SAGs and is analyzing the resources available vs. work that needs to be done. She and Chris will be meeting to review all of the information and draft a presentation for Policy. Once that is done and moved to Policy, they will pick up the implementation plan/PSM workload.

Teresa – FYI - Spear/Storfer, WSU, wrote a paper on genetics of the Coastal Tailed Frogs comparing rates of gene flow across unmanaged and managed forested landscapes and estimating the effect of landscape variables on genetic structure. This is an interim product from one component of the Type N Experimental Buffer Project. The paper will be published in the journal Molecular Ecology. Terry will let Policy know at their next meeting.

SAGE co-Chairs – Chris – there is not a co-chair for SAGE right now. Todd Baldwin has stepped down and will only be handling the SAG/CMER issues. Someone needs to step forward to handle the SAGE meetings (logistics, locations, notes, etc.). Lynda Hoffman will run this month's meeting. Nobody has stepped forward to assume the role at this time. Steve McConnell indicated that SAGE is considering possible replacements.

Post-Mortem – Julie – The study is going along very quickly. Field crew's learning curve is tremendous. Two clusters are being done per week. They are in clusters 15 and 16 and they are confident they can complete 21 clusters; the number needed to meet statistical power objectives.

Accuracy and Bias product – Julie – She is still working on revising the study design to address CMER reviewer comments. It will go to Paul and Curt first and then to Mark Hicks and Nancy for their review soon.

RSAG Field Visit (Eastern WA Riparian Effectiveness Studies for Shade, Solar and Stream Temperature) – Doug – It was a great field trip. Thanked Terry and Steve Toth for putting that together. It will really help when it comes to reviewing the Interim Report and for further discussions pertaining to this study.

Statewide Parcel Working Group – Jenelle – RTI is building an updatable statewide parcel database with cooperators (state and federal agencies, local governments, etc.). They have begun distributing it to cooperators. She will check into the possibilities for obtaining access to this database for CMER purposes. Darin will help find out what it might take to get a copy.

Recruitment – Cramer

There were three respondents to the technical editor solicitation. They were reviewed by a small group of CMER members. One respondent has risen to the top as their chosen candidate. The

intent is to sign a one-year contract on an as-needed-basis. CMER agreed to move forward with this contract.

There was one respondent for the statistician solicitation. The CMER members that reviewed credentials thought that this respondent would meet CMER's needs. This contract would be on an as-needed-basis. CMER agreed to move forward with this contract, so Darin will start working on the draft contract.

2009 Science Conference Update - Linda

The tentative date for the 2009 conference is February 18, 2009. The auditorium at DSHS has been reserved. The SAGs need to help in gathering the following information:

1. Mailing distribution lists;
2. Topics;
3. Speakers; and
4. Do they want the UW to tape the conference again.

These items will be discussed at the October CMER meeting.

CMER Report to Policy - Darin

There will only be updates to Policy, as no action items need their approval at this time.

September Science Session: Continuation of Wood Recruitment Literature Review and Discussion

Future Meetings

CMER 2008 Regular Meetings: October 28 DNR Compound, November 18 NWIFC, and December 16 NWIFC