

**Cooperative Monitoring Evaluation and Research Committee  
(CMER)  
December 17, 2013  
DNR/DOC Compound**

<b>Attendees</b>	<b>Representing</b>
Adams, Joel	Kalispel Tribe of Indians
*Baldwin, Todd	Kalispel Tribe of Indians, CMER Co-Chair
Haemmerle, Howard	Department of Natural Resources
Hayes, Marc	Department of Fish and Wildlife
*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
*Mendoza, Chris	Conservation Caucus
Miller, Dick	Washington Farm Forestry Association
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
*Sturhan, Nancy	Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission
Terwilleger, Karen	Washington Forest Protection Association
Walter, Jason	Weyerhaeuser

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

No changes were made to the agenda.

**Science Session:**

SAG edits to the CMER Workplan for FY 2015 were reviewed. Leslie Lingley will provide edits to the UPSAG section of the CMER Workplan. Mark Hicks will work on a consolidated version of the Workplan and send it out a couple weeks before the January meeting for review.

**Business Session:**

**Coordinators Corner**

- ◆ Approval of September and October Meeting Minutes - **Approved**

**TWIG**

- ◆ Western Washington Type F Buffer Effectiveness TWIG – **Recommended Qualifications and TWIG Members - Approved**

Jim Hotvedt recommended that CMER approve IWT recommended qualifications and the following five TWIG nominees:

- ◆ Chris Mendoza, Mendoza Environmental, LLC. & Conservation Caucus (CMER member 8 years).
- ◆ Doug Martin, Martin Environmental & WFPA (CMER member 10 years).
- ◆ Rebecca Flitcroft, USDA Pacific Northwest Research Station.
- ◆ Pete Bisson, Retired, Pacific Northwest Research Station.
- ◆ Christian Torgersen, University of Washington & USGS Forest and Rangeland Ecosystem Science Center, Cascadia Field Station.

*Recommended qualifications and nominees were approved.*

Jim Hotvedt will contact nominees to see if they are willing to commit to being a member of the TWIG.

Howard Haemmerle will be the PM for the TWIG.

## **TAG**

- ◆ **\*Request to approve updates to the CMER Information Management System – Approved**

Nancy Sturhan requested approval to continue updates to the CMER Information Management System (IMS) - *Approved*

Teresa Miskovic has been searching for documents and has found 300+ that have been added to IMS.

Nancy and Patti Shramek will send out memo to SAG co-chairs requesting one more search for missing documents.

## **Report from Policy – December 5th Meeting – update by Jim Hotvedt**

- ◆ Mass Wasting - working on recommendations as a result of the report. There are three recommendations, the third is CMER related (e.g. UPSAG review of mass wasting strategy and unstable slopes criteria project). Jim said that he informed Policy that it would be a good idea for them to check in with their CMER representatives before finalizing their recommendations. He also encouraged CMER members to check in with their Policy representatives.
- ◆ Type F – Members couldn't come to agreement to continue to work on it. The next step is to go to Forest Practices Board.
- ◆ FPHP is established and roughly 200 people have gone through training. WDFW is now revising HP rules. Policy has requested caucuses to provide comments to Jim to send to WDFW.
- ◆ Sub-group is being established to work on Type N strategy.

## CMER

- ◆ **CMER Accomplishments** – Jim Hotvedt shared the CMER accomplishments document that will be presented to Policy. He requested that any suggested additions/edits to the document be sent to him by January 3, 2014.
- ◆ **Discussion on holding three meetings in Ellensburg in 2014**  
March, May and September 2014 meetings will be held at the DNR Southeast Region Office in Ellensburg.

## LWAG

- ◆ **RMZ Resample (Birds) Report – Request for CMER Review**  
Marc Hayes presented request for review of RMZ Resample (bird portion) report. Bob Conrad, Doug Martin and Marc Hayes are reviewers. Comments are due January 14<sup>th</sup> to Marc Hayes with cc to Amy Kurtenbach.
- ◆ **Westside Type N Experimental Buffer Treatment in Hard Rock Lithologies Study – Update and schedule review**  
Amy Kurtenbach gave an update on status of Hard Rock report. Updated chapter review calendar will be available at the next CMER meeting. The next set of chapters will be ready in January.
- ◆ **Buffer Integrity Shade Effectiveness (Amphibian) Study – CMER reviewer comments**  
Marc Hayes reported that most comments have been received. Julie Tyson was available to answer questions regarding the response to ISPR comments. A few reviewers were uncomfortable with how IPSR questions were addressed. Julie and Marc will meet with reviewers who have issues and see if they can be resolved.

## TWIG

- ◆ **Roads Prescription/Scale Effectiveness Monitoring - Update**  
Amy Kurtenbach reported that she and Julie Dieu will resume work on getting the group together after the holidays.
- ◆ **Eastside Type N Riparian Effectiveness Study Design – Update**  
Amy Kurtenbach reported that the TWIG met while she was gone and they are working on a field schedule.

## RSAG

- ◆ **Hardwood Conversion Study - Status update**  
Howard Haemmerle reported that the authors provided a revised draft of the report to RSAG a couple days before the December RSAG meeting. Ash Roorbach walked RSAG through the revised draft. RSAG will review document in preparation for a discussion at their January meeting. The document didn't have track changes so Ash provided a document so reviewers could see where changes were made. Ash will add what literature was reviewed by authors to develop the twelve principals.
- ◆ **Discussion on plans to respond to Policy on question of using remote sensing for Extensive studies**

Mark Hick reported that RSAG is working on a list of recommendations.

## **SAGE**

### ◆ **EW RAP – *Status update***

Howard Haemmerle reported that the document is being written in four chapters, three chapters have been completed, and first two have gone through SAGE review. Ash Roorbach walked RSAG through the third chapter at their December meeting. Discussion at the SAGE meeting revolved around the content of fourth chapter. He also reported that SAGE will be having a meeting to go over the report as they have a lot of new members.

### ◆ **Eastside Forest Hydrology – *Status update***

Amy Kurtenbach reported that report is completed and the contractor will attend the January 14th SAGE meeting to review it. She will send the report out in time for SAGE to review it before the meeting.

- ◆ Todd Baldwin announced that Joel Adams, with the Kalispel Tribe, is the new co-chair of SAGE.

## **CMER/SAG Recap of Assignments/Decisions**

- ◆ Co-Chairs will work with Jim Hotvedt on conversation with Policy regarding the authority to make changes in the CMER Workplan to Schedule L-1.
- ◆ Mark Hicks will check with Bill Ehinger to see if he has looked over the Extensive Monitoring section of the CMER Workplan and if it needs any changes.
- ◆ Leslie Lingley will provide edits to the UPSAG section of the CMER Workplan.
- ◆ Mark Hicks will work on a consolidated markup of the workplan and will distribute it a couple weeks before the next CMER meeting.
- ◆ SAGs will work on FY 15 budgets at their January meetings and present them at the January CMER meeting.
- ◆ Jim Hotvedt will contact Western Washington Type F Buffer Effectiveness TWIG nominees and see if they are willing to commit to being a member of the TWIG.
- ◆ Nancy Sturhan will write a memo for Patti Shramek to send out to the SAG Co-Chairs requesting one more search for past project documents to be added to the CMER Information Management website.
- ◆ CMER members will send any additions/revisions to the CMER Accomplishments document to Jim Hotvedt by January 3, 2014.
- ◆ Reviewer comments on the RMZ Resample (Bird) Report are due by January 14<sup>th</sup>. Comments will be sent to Marc Hayes with a cc to Amy Kurtenbach.
- ◆ Reviewers will meet with the authors of the Buffer Integrity Shade Effectiveness (Amphibian) Study Report to see if they can resolve their issues with how the ISPR comments were addressed.
- ◆ CMER task list will be updated to include long term changes in the CMER Workplan.

## **Adjourned**