

**Cooperative Monitoring Evaluation and Research Committee  
(CMER)**

**May 23, 2017**

**Ellensburg Public Library/Ellensburg, WA**

<b>Attendees</b>	<b>Representing</b>
§Baldwin, Todd	Kalispel Tribe – CMER Co-Chair
§Bell, Harry (ph)	Washington Farm Forestry Association
Beckett, Leah (ph)	Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission – CMER Staff
Berge, Hans	Adaptive Management Program Administrator
Gibbs, Heather	Department of Natural Resources
Hanell, Casey	Department of Natural Resources
§Hayes, Marc	Department of Fish and Wildlife
Hooks, Doug	Washington Forest Protection Association – CMER Co-Chair
Johnson, Angela	Department of Natural Resources
§Knoth, Jenny (ph)	Green Crow
§Martin, Doug	Washington Forest Protection Association
Miller, Dan	Private Consultant – M2 Environmental Services, Inc.
Miller, Lynne	Private Consultant – M2 Environmental Services, Inc.
§Mendoza, Chris (ph)	Conservation Caucus
Murray, Joe	Washington Forest Protection Association
Ojala-Bardour, Reed (ph)	Department of Fish & Wildlife
Regmi, Netra (ph)	Northwest Indian Fisheries Commissions – CMER Staff
Schuett-Hames, Dave	Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission - CMER Staff
Shramek, Patti	Department of Natural Resources – CMER Coordinator
Spear, Stephen	Private Consultant – The Wilds
Stewart, Greg (ph)	Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission - CMER Staff
Wisehart, Susie	Department of Natural Resources

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

\*Indicates Decision

**Science Session:**

***Amphibian Genetics - Presentation***

Dr. Stephen Spear gave a presentation on Amphibian Genetics and answered questions.

***Non-Glacial Deep-Seated Landslides Literature Review and Synthesis – Presentation***

Dr. Dan Miller gave a presentation on the Non-Glacial Deep-Seated Literature review and asked questions.

## Decisions:

### CMER

- ◆ **\*April 2017 Meeting Minutes – Approval**

Patti Shramek reported that she received no comments on the minutes and asked for approval. Todd Baldwin motioned to approve the April 2017 minutes, Marc Hayes seconded – **Approved**

### WetSAG

- ◆ **\*Wetland Management Zone Charter – Approval**

Angela Johnson remarked that there were no changes since the last review and requested approval. Doug Martin moved to approve, Baldwin seconded – **Approved**

### LWAG

- ◆ **\*Type N Experimental Buffer Treatment Study – Basalt Lithologies Hard Rock (Chapters 5, 6, 9, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16) – Final Approval**

Hayes reported that Chapter 13 was approved by CMER post ISPR, but was the only one that had editor changes post ISPR. He asked for a motion to approve all eight (8) chapters. Martin motioned to approve, Baldwin seconded - **Approved**

Chris Mendoza remarked that he wanted to thank Hayes and all the PI's for the effort that went into getting these done.

- ◆ **Type N Experimental Buffer Treatment Study – Basalt Lithologies Hard Rock - Request for a targeted review of the revisions to the Conclusions section of the Hard Rock Summary and Discussion Chapter (Chapter 17).**

Hayes requested a review of the areas that were changed in Chapter 17. The chapter will be sent out May 24. LWAG requests that reviewers focus only on the areas that were changed.

- ◆ **\*Van Dyke's Study Literature Review – approval to send to ISPR**

Hayes outlined where the report is at in the review process and described one change. He requested approval to send the report to ISPR. Martin motioned to approve to send the report to ISPR, Jenny Knoth seconded - **Approved**

## **Updates:**

### **Report from the Forest Practices Board – May 9 & 10, 2017 meeting**

Hans Berge reported on the two day May Board meeting. Minutes for the meeting can be found on the Department of Natural Resources web page at <http://www.dnr.wa.gov/about/boards-and-councils/forest-practices-board>.

### **Report from Policy – May 4, 2017 meeting**

Han Berge reported on the May 4 Policy meeting. The focus of the meeting was on Water Typing and disputes (Off Chanel Habitat and Fish Habitat Methodology). Minutes for the meeting can be found on the Department of Natural Resources web page at <http://www.dnr.wa.gov/about/boards-and-councils/forest-practices-board/tfw-policy-committee>.

## **CMER**

### **◆ Upcoming Reviews**

- Amphibian Genetics – comments are due to Angela Johnson by June 5, 2017.
- Non-Glacial Deep-Seated Landslides Literature Synthesis – report will be mailed out June 5, 2017. Comments are due to Angela Johnson and Teresa Miskovic by July 5, 2017.
- Fire Salvage Literature Synthesis – Report will be mailed out June 20, 2017. Comments are due to Angela Johnson by July 11, 2017. The lead author will be presenting to SAG and CMER in June.

### **◆ Protocol and Standards Manual, Chapter 7**

Joe Murray reported that the sub-committee met June 16 to make the final commenters changes. It will be mailed out May 24 for final review before approval at the June meeting. Questions/comments are due to Howard Haemmerle by June 13, 2017.

## **RSAG**

- ◆ **Hardwood Conversion Study** – Joe Murray reviewed the SAG request for review of the report and said that they wanted to postpone the CMER review. RSAG would like Kevin Cedar to respond to the RSAG comments first. Hans Berge said that he felt it wouldn't be a concern to push it out a month, considering what CMER needs to get completed on Hard Rock in June.

## **SAG and TWIG Updates – answer questions on written updates**

- ◆ **LWAG** - Hayes reported that Jim McCracken will be returning the Buffer Shade revisions to him the last week in May.

- ◆ **FWEP TWIG** – The TWIG will be meeting in person June 2, 2017. The study design should be ready in the fall.
- ◆ **ENREP** – ISPR comments are due back today (May 23, 2017).

### **Public Comment Period**

None

### **Recap of Assignments/Decisions**

- ◆ April meeting minutes approved.
- ◆ Wetland Management Zone Charter approved.
- ◆ Type N Experimental Buffer Treatment Study – Basalt Lithologies Hard Rock (Chapters 5, 6, 9, 12, 13, 14, 15, and 16) approved.
- ◆ Type N Experimental Buffer Treatment Study – Basalt Lithologies Hard Rock Chapters 7, 10, 11, 17, tropic pathways appendix, lessons learned, and executive summary will be ready for approval at the June meeting.
- ◆ Chapter 17 (Summary and Discussion) will be mailed out May 24 for final review before approval. LWAG requests that reviewers focus on new changes only.
- ◆ Van Dyke's Study Literature Review approved to send to ISPR.
- ◆ Hardwood Conversion Study will come to CMER for review the end of June.
- ◆ PSM Chapter 7 will go out May 24 for final review, comments are due June 13, 2017, for approval in June.

Berge asked CMER members to send him names of people outside the CMER process that would be good ISPR reviewers of CMER products. He will then pass their names along to Dan Vogt at the University of Washington.

### **Adjourned**