

Cooperative Monitoring, Evaluation and Research Committee

Tuesday, March 28, 2023 // 9:00AM – 3:45PM

Held via Zoom

Motions	
Motion	Move/Second (Vote)
<p>February 2023 Meeting Minutes</p> <p>Motion: Chris Mendoza moved to approve the February 2023 Meeting minutes.</p> <p>The motion passed</p>	<p>Seconded: Aimee McIntyre</p> <p>Up: Harry Bell, Hans Berge, Julie Dieu, Debbie Kay, Jenny Knoth, A.J. Kroll, Doug Martin, Aimee, McIntyre, Mark Meleason, Chris Mendoza, and Mark Mobbs.</p>
<p>WMZ Charter</p> <p>Motion: Harry Bell moved to send TFW Policy’s response to the WMZ Charter to be sent back to WetSAG to respond to their comments.</p> <p>The motion passed</p>	<p>Seconded: Chris Mendoza</p> <p>Up: Harry Bell, Hans Berge, Julie Dieu, Debbie Kay, Jenny Knoth, A.J. Kroll, Doug Martin, Aimee, McIntyre, Mark Meleason, Chris Mendoza, and Mark Mobbs.</p> <p>Abstain: Mark Meleason</p>
<p>Unstable Slopes Criteria Project</p> <p>Motion: Jenny Knoth moved to approve the Study Design for the Empirical Evaluation of Shallow Landslide Susceptibility and Frequency by Landform (Project #3) and Empirical Evaluation of Shallow Landslide Runout (Project #4).</p> <p>The motion passed</p>	<p>Seconded: Julie Dieu</p> <p>Up: Harry Bell, Julie Dieu, Debbie Kay, Jenny Knoth, A.J. Kroll, Doug Martin, Aimee, McIntyre, Mark Meleason, Chris Mendoza, and Mark Mobbs.</p> <p>Abstain: Hans Berge</p>
<p>Unstable Slopes Criteria Project</p> <p>Motion: Jenny Knoth moved to send the above-mentioned study design to ISPR.</p> <p>The motion passed</p>	<p>Seconded: Aimee McIntyre</p> <p>Up: Harry Bell, Hans Berge, Julie Dieu, Debbie Kay, Jenny Knoth, A.J. Kroll, Doug Martin, Aimee, McIntyre, Mark Meleason, Chris Mendoza, and Mark Mobbs.</p>

SAO Recommendations #5 and #6: Caucus Nominations for Schedule L-1 Workgroup

Motion:

Debbie Kay moved to approve Jenny Knoth, Chris Mendoza, and Ash Roorbach to participate in the joint CMER/TFW Policy Schedule L-1 workgroup.

The motion passed

Seconded:

Aimee McIntyre

Up:

Hans Berge, Julie Dieu, Debbie Kay, A.J. Kroll, Aimee, McIntyre, Mark Meleason, and Mark Mobbs.

Abstain:

Doug Martin, Jenny Knoth, Harry Bell, and Chris Mendoza

Extensive Monitoring

Motion:

Mark Mobbs moved to accept the RSAG recommended project team for Extensive Monitoring Status and Trends Monitoring

The motion passed

Seconded:

Jenny Knoth

Up:

Harry Bell, Hans Berge, Julie Dieu, Debbie Kay, Jenny Knoth, A.J. Kroll, Doug Martin, Aimee, McIntyre, Mark Meleason, Chris Mendoza, and Mark Mobbs.

Extensive Monitoring

Motion:

Jenny Knoth moved to acknowledge the motion approved by TFW Policy (contained in the March 2 meeting notes), I move that RSAG continues work to progress on Extensive Monitoring.

Friendly Amendment:

moved to acknowledge the motion approved by TFW Policy (contained in the March 2 meeting notes), I move that CMER share the motion with RSAG to provide guidance for Extensive Monitoring

The motion passed

Seconded:

Chris Mendoza

Up:

Harry Bell, Hans Berge, Julie Dieu, Debbie Kay, Jenny Knoth, A.J. Kroll, Doug Martin, Aimee, McIntyre, Mark Meleason, Chris Mendoza, and Mark Mobbs.

Eastside Forest Health Strategy

Motion:

In acknowledgement of the motion approved by TFW Policy (contained in the March 2 meeting notes), I move that CMER share the motion with SAGE to provide guidance for the Eastside Forest Health Strategy

Seconded:

Hans Berge

Up:

Harry Bell, Hans Berge, Julie Dieu, Debbie Kay, Jenny Knoth, A.J. Kroll, Doug Martin, Aimee, McIntyre, Mark Meleason, Chris Mendoza, and Mark Mobbs.

The motion passed	
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Action Items	
Action Items	Responsibility
Send out ETHEP PowerPoint presentation.	Natalie Church
Complete comments/edits on co-chair term, nomination, and selection on SharePoint by April 11th	CMER Members
Send SharePoint link to co-chair term, nomination, and selection document.	Natalie Church
Approval of Co-chair term, nomination, and selection document.	April 2023 Agenda
Send agenda and the guidelines for the content of the CMER Science Conference presentations to the presenters by March 31st	Natalie Church
Approval of PSM Sections 4 & 5 edits	April 2023 Agenda
Send SharePoint link to PSM Sections 4 & 5 edits, comments are due by April 17th	Natalie Church

Welcome, Introductions, & Old Business

A.J. Kroll, CMER co-chair

Natalie Church took roll call

Ground Rules:

- Stay on topic, Mark Meleason
- Be realistic in your availability and ability to carry out action items, Jenny Knoth.

Staff Updates:

- Lori Clark gave the below updates:
 - DNR is in the process of recruiting the Supervisor Project Manager position and it will run through April 24th. The goal is to have someone hired by mid-May.
 - Removed TFW Policy Logo from agenda due to contracting issues. Adaptive Management Program (AMP) staff plan to bring for consideration at the April CMER Meeting.
 - Reminder that it was decided that CMER will have quarterly in-person meeting, next in-person will be April 2023. All CMER members are encouraged to attend in person.

- Brandon Austin explained that Ecology filled the Ecology CMER voting member position. Welles Brotherton will be filling the position; he will be observing the April CMER meeting and will be submitted for formal appointment at the May Forest Practices Meeting.
- Jenelle Black gave an update on the North West Indian Fisheries Commission (NWIFC) position. They are currently interviewing, and she foresees that there may be a need to post the position again.

Public Comments:

No written public comments

TFW Policy Updates:

Brandon Austin gave an update on what was discussed at the March Timber Fish and Wildlife (TFW) Policy Committee meeting.

ETHEP Presentation:

Anna Toledo introduced Ben Spei and explained that ETHEP project team has been working on the Study Design. The Study Design has been SAG-approved and is now in CMER review. CMER comments were due last week, and the project team is working on responding to the comments. Ben Spei gave a presentation on the ETHEP project and answered questions from CMER members. Natalie Church will send out the PowerPoint presentation after the CMER Meeting.

Co-chair Rotation Process Discussion:

Lori Clark reviewed the process of the CMER Co-chair term, nomination, and selection document. The Co-chair rotation guidance was taken from Robert's Rules. This guidance was added for clarification after the challenges CMER had with the Co-chair election last year. The PSM was not clear, and it did not prescribe a consensus-based process for selecting Co-chairs. This document has the language that will replace the PSM section 3.2.2 to provide clear guidelines to ensure successful succession for the Co-chair position. Jenny and AJ committed to serving a one-year term which will expire in July. To ensure that CMER has two Co-Chairs ready to take over in July, Lori proposed that CMER members come to the April meeting with nominations. The vote can take place in May. This will leave a buffer of at least one full month in case we run into any problems with the vote and also leaves time for an appropriate turn-over and allow time to include this task in the co-chair's participation contract.

This Protocol and Standards Manual (PSM) section 3.2.2 will be up for approval in April 2023. There was a discussion on how to stagger the co-chair terms. The options are a one-year optional add-on or select on nomination for a three-year term. The co-chair term, nomination, and selection document approved before having any nominations. Comments and edits need to be completed on SharePoint online by April 11th. Lori will then bring forward a final document for approval at the April 2023 CMER Meeting.

WMZ Charter – Feedback from TFW Policy to be sent to WestSAG for Revisions:

Policy comments on the WMZ Charter are being returned to CMER for review and response. The intention is that each comment is considered whether it will be part of the charter or the scoping document. The charter will come back to CMER for approval before sending it to TFW Policy for consideration. Debbie Kay explained what Tanner Williamson and she have been working on Policy's concerns. Tanner Williamson explained that his plan is to have the comment matrix to be sent out to WetSAG to review and then get approval at the next WetSAG meeting. If it is approved, it will come back to CMER at the April 2023 meeting.

Science Conference Update:

Lori Clark explained that the agenda has been finalized and Hilary Franz will be a guest speaker at the beginning of the conference. Natalie Church will be sending the agenda and the guidelines for the content of the presentations to all presenters this week.

Memo Template – Documentation for communication between TFW Policy and CMER:

Lori Clark reviewed the Memo Template. As an attempt to improve communication between Policy and CMER, the PMs have developed a draft memo template that is based on the structure of the SAG update template. Debbie Kay suggested having additional lines giving room to list the already approved documents. Lori suggested to use this template and make any changes as they are seen fit. This memo template will be used at CMER and TFW Policy to increase clarity with communications between CMER and Policy.

Unstable Slopes Criteria Project:

Julie Dieu explained what has been completed and reviewed the UPSAG Request to CMER. She explained that the project team has set-up a timeline to have the Project 2 report completed and presented to CMER at the September 2023 CMER meeting. She explained that Dan Miller has been working with the project team on finishing this report. There was a vote to approve the Study Design for the Empirical Evaluation of Shallow Landslide Susceptibility and Frequency by Landform (Project #3) and Empirical Evaluation of Shallow Landslide Runout (Project #4) and to send it to ISPR.

Lori thanked Julie for her efforts in working with the Project Team and UPSAG. This was a good example of a successful guided decision-making process with an outcome that is supported by everyone involved.

SAO Recommendations #5 and #6: Caucus Nominations for Schedule L-1 Workgroup:

Lori explained that the TFW Policy SAO Workgroup is requesting that CMER select 3 CMER members to serve on a joint TFW Policy/CMER Workgroup to draft a recommendation to TFW Policy on a process for opening Schedule L-1 for revisions, including identifying which sections need revisions. The recommended process that comes out of this effort will be vetted through the TFW Policy SAO Workgroup, CMER, and TFW Policy prior to any recommended edits are made to Schedule L-1. If changes are recommended for the Board consideration and approval, when approved, DNR will work with the Federal Services regarding changes to the Schedule L-1. Jenny Knoth nominates Mark Meleason, Harry Bell nominates Jenny Knoth, Doug Martin nominates Hans Berge and Timothy Quinn, Debbie Kay nominates Ash Roorbach, and Hans Berge nominates Chris Mendoza. These workgroup meetings will start in the middle of April. The members of the workgroup need to understand CMER science part and the process part and need to be able to work well together. The workgroup meetings may begin as soon as the week of April 10th and the expectation is that the workgroup members will be available to meet frequently (weekly or bi-weekly). With the goal of making recommendation on the process to the TFW Policy SAO Workgroup on May 17th.

Looking to work with 3 people to represent CMER to help with the process. This is the first step. CMER agreed to have Jenny Knoth, Ash Roorbach, and Chris Mendoza serve on the workgroup. Policy will need to have 3 representatives to serve on this workgroup.

Extensive Monitoring:

Alexander Prescott explained that RSAG has approved a project team and is requesting CMER's approval. The previous project team was developed at the SAG level but is now being changed and formalized at CMER because the participants have changed, and the focus has been clarified for the project. There was a discussion about the size of the project team at the SAG level and it was decided to have six members on the project team due to the large extent of the project. There was discussion on the best way to acknowledge the response from TFW Policy. It was decided to have a formal vote on acknowledging TFW Policy's response.

Eastside Forest Health Strategy:

Lori Clark explained that TFW Policy approved the Eastside Forest Health Strategy document without Appendix A and B and requests it to be sent back to SAGE to inform the full strategy development and eventual scoping of these studies. The appendix that TFW Policy dropped was about L-1 and no changes were made within the document.

PSM Edits Discussion – PSM Sections 4 & 5:

Lori Clark explained that several attempts were made to start a PSM workgroup to help with PSM edits. She explained that CMER will be reviewing and approving a few sections at a time. Lori reviewed the comments and edits that were completed for sections 4 & 5. It was decided that CMER will make a decision at the April 2023 meeting. Lori suggested to have a future workshop with the CMER Co-chairs and SAG Co-chairs to discuss PSM and requirements of Co-chairs. Natalie will send the SharePoint link to PSM Sections 4 & 5 edits; comments are due by April 17th.

CMER SAG Updates:

Each SAG reviewed the CMER SAG document, which was updated live as needed.

List of Attendees

Attendees	Representing
§Bell, Harry	Washington Farm Forestry Association – Small Forest Landowners
§Berge, Hans	UCUT – Eastern Washington Tribes
§Dieu, Julie	Rayonier
§Kay, Debbie	Suquamish Tribe
§Knoth, Jenny	Washington Farm Forestry Association/ CMER Co-Chair
§Kroll, A.J.	Weyerhaeuser – CMER Co-Chair
§Martin, Doug	Washington Forest Protection Association
§McIntyre, Aimee	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife
§Meleason, Mark	Counties Caucus
§Mendoza, Chris	Conservation Caucus
§Mobbs, Mark	Quinault Indian Nation
Aikman, Nikki	Suquamish Tribe
Austin, Brandon	Department of Ecology - TFW Policy Co-chair
Black, Jenelle	CMER Staff
Church, Natalie	DNR – CMER Coordinator
Clark, Lori	Adaptive Management Program Administrator
Goebel, Charles	University of Idaho
Greenwood, Emma	Spokane Tribe
Hawkins, Tracy	DNR
Hooks, Doug	WFPA
James, Cajun	Member of the Public
Kimsey, Mark	University of Idaho
Mitchell, Robert	Member of the Public
Murray, Joe	Washington Forest Protection Association
O’Neil, Elaine	Counties Caucus
Prescott, Alexander	DNR Project Manager

Roorbach, Ash	Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission
Rubin, Rachel	DNR CMER Scientist
Schofield, Jenny	DNR Project Manager
Showalter, Max	DNR Commissioner Office
Spei, Ben	University of Idaho
Teply, Mark	Private Contractor for ETHEP
Toledo, Anna	DNR Project Manager
Westreich, Lila	DNR Staff
Williamson, Tanner	CMER Staff

§CMER Voting Member