

Cooperative Monitoring, Evaluation, and Research (CMER) Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, May 24, 2022 // 9:00 am – 2:11PM
Remotely held using Zoom

Motions	
Motion	Move/Second (Vote)
<p>April 2022 Meeting Notes</p> <p><u>Motion:</u></p> <p>Aimee McIntyre moved to approve the April 2022 meeting notes.</p> <p>The motion passed</p>	<p>Seconded: Mark Meleason</p> <p>Up: Debbie Kay, Jenny Knoth, Douglas Martin, Aimee McIntyre, Stephanie Estrella (Proxy for Patrick Lizon), Harry Bell, Mark Meleason, Chris Mendoza, Julie Dieu, and A.J. Kroll.</p> <p>Absent: Todd Baldwin</p>

Action Items	
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Unstable Slope Charter	Lori will work with Chris and Julie and will bring back next month.
Comments for the Unstable Slope Criteria Charter and Project Management Plan to be sent to Lori by June 16 th .	
One-day workshop for the CMER work plan for some time in July or August. SAGs will prepare over the next two months.	
Day-to-day of a CMER co-chair document to be sent out.	Jenny Knoth will complete hers and then will send out.

Notes:

Welcome, Introductions, and Old Business

Jenny Knoth, CMER Co-Chair

Anna Toledo took roll call while doing the icebreaker.

Read ground rules:

Stephanie Estrella read “be respectful to others”.

Doug Martin read “be concise and to the point”.

Staff Updates:

- Rachel Rubin will start June 13th CMER scientist.
- FPB approved CMER MPS (Master Project Schedule)
- FPB Type N workshop the beginning of October
- FPB workshop on June 27 on Anadromous Fish Floor/Water Typing Rule System
- SFLO issues workshop will be decided in August.
- Planning on coming in-person for the hybrid meetings: Jenny Knoth, Julie Dieu, Jenelle Black, Greg Stewart, Tanner Williamson, and Chris Mendoza. Undecided: Joe Murray and Mark Meleason.

Science Session:

Dr. Patrick C. Tobin shared a PowerPoint presentation on statistical techniques for analyzing complex ecological data.

Charter: Unstable Slope Criteria Project:

Lori Clark gave an update on the charter. There was a change to the timeline because two parts of the charter that were combined. There was a slight change in the budget that reflects the needs to complete the project. Mark Meleason asked a question about the critical question listed on the charter, is it based on project one and is it going to be separate or combined? Lori Clark answered that the compare and contrast project is going to be separate. Project one is complete, project two will be submitted, project three and four are still being worked on at this time. Greg Stewart shared a link to the Mass Wasting Effectiveness Project. <https://coast.noaa.gov/data/czm/pollutioncontrol/media/Technical/D4%20-%20Stewart%20et%20al%202013%20The%20Mass%20Wasting%20Effectiveness%20Monitoring.pdf> in the chat box. Chris Mendoza asked about the charter and the problem statement and purpose statement. He said that there is language inconsistent with the WAC's language defining SEPA and DNR forest practices rules defining Class IV Special that may not have been brought from the older charter in 2015. Lori Clark will work with Chris Mendoza and Julie Dieu and will bring back to CMER next month. Charter will not be voted on this month and it was moved to next month.

Project Management Plan: Unstable Slope Criteria Project:

Chris Mendoza stated that this has the same issue with the WAC language as the charter. Need to look at previous alternative and BAS.

Comments to be sent to Lori Clark by June 16th. It was explained that the project management document is a living document. June is likely to be a busy month for the CMER meeting, these documents could be brought forward in July as this is not holding anything up at this time.

CMER Co-Chair Rotation Discussion:

Jenny Knoth explained that we are looking for nominations at this meeting. Saboor Jawad explained part of the process and how nominations have to be approved by CMER, we must follow the PSM guidelines in this process. The process has not been followed in the past based on what is in the PSM. The nominations are: Harry Bell nominated Jenny Knoth to continue as the CMER co-chair, Doug Martin nominated A.J. Kroll, and Debbie Kay nominated Chris Mendoza to finish the remaining year he committed to. Saboor Jawad explained that the vote will take place at the June CMER meeting. Aimee McIntyre asked about staggered rotations and asked for the day to day of the CMER co-chair. Jenny Knoth explained that Chris Mendoza completed his day-to-day activities and that she will need to do hers and then will send it out to everyone. Jenny Knoth also explained that the day-to-day of a CMER co-chair is subjective as each person will spend a different amount of time to complete each item that is required of a CMER co-chair. Aimee McIntyre explained that she would like to have the day-to-day document to be able to show to her agency as they will most likely ask for one to inform the decision about participation. Debbie Kay asked if it is a majority/minority or consensus. Saboor explained that if there

are more than three per position it would be sent to a TFW Policy and CMER select committee, but that is not the case given there are 3 nominations. Chris Mendoza did update the rotation table and said there is a need to have the caucus' stakeholders rotate instead of rotating through the same few.

SAG Co-Chair Rotation Discussion:

Jenny Knoth said that this is a reminder that the SAG is designed to have a co-chair rotation and encourages the community to be kind by giving relief to the SAG co-chairs.

2024-2025 CMER Work Plan

CMER will send out for approval in December and will plan on approving in January, then will go to TFW Policy with the plan of getting the package to the Forest Practices Board in May 2023. May 2023 is opportunity to adjust the Master Project Schedule if there are changes in the work plan. There is an ad hoc workgroup for work plan decisions. There is an idea of having two CMER Work plans – one that will be focused on the next biennium and the other is the more historical document that has been used in the past. If approved Saboor Jawad will work with the Project Managers to create the template. The sequence of approval is at the SAG level, to simplify the process and make it more efficient it is easier to have the SAG review and edit before sending to CMER for approval. Ideally, the revisions to the work plan will come in “waves” as they get revised by each SAG, as opposed to all of the updates coming for approval at one meeting. CMER Discussed setting up a workgroup to work on the work plan and be able to set up a ranking of projects and program. Possibly starting this process at the June meeting. A workshop may be needed in July or August to complete the ranking of projects by scientific uncertainty and risk. This would update the relevant table in CMER Workplan that was initially completed in 2002.

CMER Arbitration Contract/Smart Buffer Dispute:

Saboor gave an update on the arbitration contract on the Smart Buffer study design project dispute that started last year. There were three position papers from 1) Doug Martin, A.J. Kroll, Harry Bell, 2) Chris Mendoza, and 3) Patrick Lizon, in response to A.J. Kroll calling formal dispute resolution. A.J. Kroll later withdrew from the dispute resolution process. An arbitration contract was signed with the University of Washington. Once the panel is formed, they will have two weeks to review the package of documents and then will bring forward to CMER. Meetings are for dispute parties but CMER can join the meetings. Contract can be used for mediation as well. Stephanie Estrella will take over for Patrick Lizon since it is an Ecology dispute.

Policy Update:

Meghan Tuttle gave an update on disputes and what took place at the last TFW Policy monthly meeting.

CMER SAG Updates:

SAG co-chairs updated the live SAG update document with help from PMs.

Public Comments:

Chesney Comment

Suggestion, for performance improvement.

Change co-chair rotations to 3 to 6 months duration, rather than 1-2 years. This change may reduce reluctance to commit to a co-chair role.

Conclusion/Review/Action Items

List of Attendees

Attendees	Representing
Austin, Brandon	Department of Ecology
§Bell, Harry	Washington Farm Forestry Association – Small Forest Landowners
Black, Jenelle	CMER staff scientist
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Church, Natalie	DNR – Adaptive Management Program Administrative Assistant
Clark, Lori	DNR Lead Project Manager
§Dieu, Julie	Rayonier - UPSAG
Ehinger, William	Department of Ecology
Estrella, Stephanie	Department of Ecology (Proxy for Patrick Lizon)
Hawkins, Tracey	DNR Staff
Jawad, Saboor	AMPA – DNR Adaptive Management Program Administrator
§Kay, Debbie	Suquamish Tribe
§Knoth, Jenny	Washington Farm Forestry Association, CMER Co-Chair
§Kroll, A.J.	Weyerhaeuser
§Martin, Doug	Washington Forest Protection Association
§McIntyre, Aimee	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife
§Meleason, Mark	County Caucus
§Mendoza, Chris	Conservation Caucus – CMER Co-Chair
§Mobbs, Mark	Quinalt Indian Nation
Murray, Joe	Washington Forest Protection Association, RSAG Chair
Penn, Keith	
Prescott, Alexander	DNR Project Manager
Roorbach, Ash	Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission
Schofield, Jenny	DNR Project Manager
Stewart, Greg	CMER staff scientist
Dr. Patrick Tobin	Guest Speaker
Toledo, Anna	DNR Project Manager
Walls, Caroline	Nisqually Indian Tribe
Walter, Jason	Weyerhaeuser ISAG Chair
Williamson, Tanner	CMER staff scientist

(§CMER Voting Member)

Joe Murray proxy for Julie Dieu from 10:00-11:00AM

Article shared:

<https://www.opb.org/article/2022/05/24/how-opb-propublica-analyzed-salmon-steelhead-survival-data/>