

Cooperative Monitoring Evaluation and Research Committee (CMER)
March 26, 2019
Northern Quest Casino and Resort – Chief Victor Boardroom, Spokane, WA

Attendees	Representing
§Baldwin, Todd	Kalispel Tribe of Indians
§Bell, Harry (ph)	Washington Farm Forestry Association
Berge, Hans	Adaptive Management Program Administrator
chesney, charles (ph)	Member of Public
§Dieu, Julie (ph)	Rayonier
Gibbs, Heather	Department of Natural Resources
Haemmerle, Howard	Department of Natural Resources
§Hayes, Marc (ph)	Department of Fish & Wildlife
Hernandez, Emily	Department of Natural Resources
§Hicks, Mark (ph)	Department of Ecology
Hooks, Doug	Washington Forest Protection Association – CMER Co-Chair
Hough-Snee, Nate	Meadow Run Environmental
§Kay, Debbie (ph)	Suquamish Tribe
§Knoth, Jenny	Green Crow – CMER Co-Chair
Krauz, Eric	Colville Confederated Tribes
§Martin, Doug (ph)	Washington Forest Protection Association
§Mendoza, Chris	Conservation Caucus
McCrea, Chad	Spokane Tribe of Indians
§Mobbs, Mark (ph)	Quinalt Nation
Murray, Joe	Washington Forest Protection Association
Roorbach, Ash (ph)	Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission
Schuett-Hames, Dave	Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission - CMER Staff
Shramek, Patti	Department of Natural Resources – CMER Coordinator
Stephens, Rob	Spokane Tribes of Indians
Swanson, Scott (ph)	Washington State Association of Counties
Walter, Jason	Weyerhaeuser

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

*Indicates Decision

Assignments log:

Fire Workshop: Paul Hessburg will give presentation at the May 16, 2019 SAGE meeting. SAGE will decide after that whether or not to move forward with a workshop. Todd Baldwin will send the SAGE May meeting information to Patti Shramek for distribution to the CMER mailing list.

ENREP charter and communication plan is with SAGE for review and comments. They may be ready for CMER approval in April.

Jenny Knoth reported that she and Doug Hooks are working with Policy Chairs to put together training for walking a project through the entire process.

Decisions:

CMER

◆ ***January and February 2019 Meeting Minutes – approval**

January Minutes: Patti Shramek requested approval of the January minutes: Baldwin moved to approve the minutes, Chris Mendoza seconded – **Approved**

February Minutes: Shramek reviewed the minor edit made by LWAG to the February minutes and asked for approval. Baldwin moved to approve the minutes as revised, Mendoza seconded - **Approved**

SAGE

◆ ***Eastside RMZ Response to Fire – approval to move forward**

Baldwin reviewed and gave background for the request and answered questions. He reported that there is no cost associated at this time

SAGE is asking for approval of no-cost GIS project. SAGE will come back to CMER in June with a proposal.

Motioned to approve the GIS pre-scoping – Mark Hicks moved to approve, Harry Bell seconded - **Approved**

RSAG

◆ **Type N Effectiveness in Incompetent Lithologies Project (Soft Rock) – Request for reviewers**

Joe Murray asked for reviewers. Bell, Mendoza, Knoth, Hicks, Doug Martin, and Julie Dieu will review. Draft should be ready to go out for review around April 10. Comments are due to Howard Haemmerle on May 10, 2019. Depending on extent of comments the final report may be ready for CMER review and approval at the May 2019 meeting.

◆ ***Extensive Monitoring Strategy – approval**

Murray gave an overview of the project and asked for approval. Discussion revolved around the highlighted items in the strategy that were in non-consensus at RSAG and how to revise them for approval.

Bell moved to approve the document with edits to Number 13 and keep Number 5 as is, Martin seconded.

Discussion revolved around how to amend #5 that would provide TFW Policy with extensive monitoring data that will provide context at the landscape level for effectiveness monitoring projects given that status and trends monitoring does not show causation between forest practices and their effects on riparian and aquatic resources. Mendoza suggested a friendly amendment to Numbers 13 and 5 to the motion.

Friendly amendment: Bell moved to approve, Knoth seconded - **Approved**

UPSAG

- ◆ ***Mass Wasting Landscape-Scale Effectiveness Project** – *request for removal from CMER Work Plan*

Julie Dieu gave the background of the project and the reasoning for removing it from the CMER Work Plan.

Hicks moved to approve removal from the CMER Work Plan, Hayes seconded - **Approved**

Next Steps: Project is expected to be removed from the MPS now, and removed from the CMER Work Plan at next update.

LWAG

- ◆ ***Buffer Integrity-Shade Effectiveness Project** – *approval of Findings Report*

Marc Hayes reviewed the request and said that Harry Bell sent him an email stating he would not approve it because of an issue with last bullet on page 6. Hayes explained that this was a comparison with Hard Rock. He said that agreed there was some ambiguity and he had no problem with deleting this bullet. Bell raised his concerns about the last four bullets of the shade and temperature sections of the Findings Report. Specifically, he asked about how to present the study findings in a more clear and understandable way. Mendoza replied that the comparison would still be useful if it were moved to question #6 asking for other related CMER projects and provide context for how other Type N basins compare.

Mendoza asked that the actual shade values for treatments that were applied listed in footnote #2 be incorporated into Table 1 since they are substantially different and will likely confuse the reader. Table 1 lists treatments as 70, 30, and 0% for intermediate, low, and no shade, respectively. Actual shade levels were 77, 61, and 40% for intermediate,

low and no shade, respectively, when data was collected during leaf on (footnote 2). Marc Hayes agreed to incorporate actual shade levels into Table 1.

The following actions were suggested:

Action Item #1 – move footnote 2 into table 1.

Action Item #2 – delete last bullet in section in shade and temperature results (page 7).

Action Item #3 – add graphics from page 40 in final report (to support bullets 3, 4, and 5).

Non-consensus was reached to move for approval.

Next Step: Bell will work with Hayes to revise the bullets and it will come back to CMER for approval in April. Hicks remarked he hopes it's just a simple explanation. Hayes will move actual shade levels applied in the treatments from footnote 2 into table 1.

Discussion:

Budget and Project Abstracts for active projects

Knuth requested that each SAG go over the budget and project abstracts every meeting and update the status and budget. Berge suggested sending these to Policy twice a year. He suggested that the SAGs put together a bullet list of updates for projects at every meeting and present them to CMER every month in the CMER Updates document. Discussion revolved around what details should be in the project updates.

Action item: CMER members can send edits/suggestion to the budget and projects to Haemmerle.

CMER Co-Chair Rotation

Baldwin remarked that CMER always waits until someone is on their way out the door to have a discussion about Co-Chair rotation, so he asked to have this put on the agenda. He remarked the Co-Chair term is supposed to be two years, and that hasn't happened in years. Hooks is now in his fourth year. He added that if you become a CMER core member you have a responsibility to be a Co-Chair. He thinks CMER needs to start looking at Co-Chair rotation to prevent burn-out. Shramek suggested putting a two year rotation schedule in place. Bell remarked that there is an extra commitment and it may need a financial incentive. Mendoza stated that the Conservation Caucus has approved him filling the CMER co-chair position starting in July 2019 since it's been 7 years since he last served.

Next Steps: Baldwin, Knoth, Mendoza will work on CMER Co-Chair rotation recommendations and bring back to CMER in April. Mendoza will send past Co-Chair and PSM information to Baldwin and Knoth, but will not participate in the group beyond that.

Prioritization of projects below the line on the Master Project Schedule

Hayes remarked that CMER is always in a scramble when end of year extra budget comes around and he would like to have prioritization and timing for the projects below the line. If this is done, when funding becomes available it's easy to move on implementing them. Berge remarked that this can be accomplished through the project update documents. It was suggested that the below line projects should be scoped out and prioritized so that they are shovel ready when budget becomes available.

Updates:

Report from Timber, Fish and Wildlife Policy Committee (Policy) – March 7, 2019 Meeting

Berge reported that the main thing discussed at the last meeting was the WFFA template. Hooks reported that the Policy/CMER Extended Monitoring sub-group was formed and that they have two meetings already, with three more scheduled in April. They hope to have report to CMER in April.

Timber, Fish and Wildlife Policy meeting minutes are located 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 and SAG updates – *answer questions on written updates*

ISAG – Jason Walter provided the following report:

- Marc Gauthier is no longer Co-Chair and that Rob Stephens is the new Co-Chair.
- Phil Roni gave a presentation on the 'Default Physicals' study design and update on LiDAR Modeling. Walter will work with Roni, Emily Hernandez and Howard Haemmerle to facilitate the creation of a table to help compare the study designs, field implementation strategies, and analytical plans for the PHB, LiDAR Model, and Physicals studies to bring back to ISAG for further discussion.
- ISAG is now in an active edit period for the PHB Validation Study Communication Plan and Charter. This round of edits will follow the following schedule:
 - Edits due back to Emily Hernandez by Friday, March 29
 - Emily will return edited docs back to Jason by Friday, April 12, for circulation to ISAG
 - Further discussion at the April 22 ISAG meeting

- eDNA: Haemmerle will check with Brooke Penaluna to see if she can still present in April on the 'new' meeting date.

Please contact Howard Haemmerle if have comments or questions on the other SAG updates.

Public Comment Period

charles chesney provided public comment

Recap of Assignments/Decisions

- ◆ January meeting minutes approved.
- ◆ February meeting minutes approved with edits.
- ◆ Eastside RMZ Response to Fire approved.
- ◆ Soft Rock reviewers: Bell, Mendoza, Knoth, Hicks, Martin, Dieu. Report will be sent out for review around April 10. Comments due to Howard Haemmerle by May 10.
- ◆ Removal of the Mass Wasting Landscape-Scale Effectiveness Project from the CMER Work Plan approved.
- ◆ Extensive Monitoring Strategy approved with edits.
- ◆ Todd Baldwin, Jenny Knoth, and Chris Mendoza will work on CMER Co-Chair rotation recommendations and present to CMER in April.
- ◆ Harry Bell will work with Marc Hayes on revising bullet in Buffer Shade findings report and bring it back to CMER in April.

Hans Berge reported that this is his last CMER meeting, and that Howard Haemmerle is stepping in as the acting AMPA while DNR recruits for a new AMPA.

Adjourned @ 2:15 pm.