

Cooperative Monitoring Evaluation and Research Committee
April 24, 2007
9am – 4pm
DNR Compound
Minutes

Attendees:

Baldwin, Todd	Kalispel Tribe, SAGE co-chair
Black, Jenelle	NWIFC, CMER Staff
Butts, Sally	USFWS, BTSAG co-chair
Cramer, Darin	DNR, AMPA
Dieu, Julie	Rayonier, UPSAG Co-Chair
Ehinger, Bill	Ecology, RSAG Co-Chair
Heide, Pete	WFPA
Hicks, Mark	Ecology
Hunter, Mark	WDFW, RSAG
Jacobsen, Deanna	Suquamish Tribe
Jackson, Terry	WDFW, BTSAG Co-chair
MacCracken, Jim	Longview Fiber, LWAG co-chair
Mendoza, Chris	ARC, RSAG Tri-Chair
Miller, Dick	WA Farm Forestry Association
Mobbs, Mark	Quinault Indian Nation
Moon, Teresa	DNR Project Manager
Robinson, Tom	WSAC
Schuett-Hames, Dave	NWIFC, CMER Staff
Sturhan, Nancy	<u>DNR, CMER Co-chair</u>
Vaugeois, Laura	DNR, UPSAG co-chair

Minutes from last meeting: Sturhan

Revisions in response to comments are not ready for review. Will be completed and presented at the next CMER meeting. Sturhan has had trouble getting all the comments incorporated into the minutes for the past few meetings, and will review and correct the minutes from Jan, Feb, and March as well, and bring them corrected to June CMER.

Assignments:

Finish revising March CMER minutes, catch-up on Jan, Feb, Mar minutes	Sturhan
Take budget request for roads project to Policy	Sturhan/Martin
Take budget request for BTO temp/shade coordinator to Policy	Sturhan/Martin
Update status tracker	RSAG, LWAG, UPSAG
Revise Intensive Monitoring plan, update policy group	Work group
Review WDOE temperature modeling report	CMER Reviewers
Find reviewers for RMZ resample project	CMER

Forward CMER co-chair nominations to Policy	Sturhan/Martin
Review CMER workplan, be prepared to discuss projects priorities, etc.	CMER at May afternoon session
BT Add-on: The variability report and the SAG request need to be appended to the study plan to document and support the change in the sampling procedures.	Schuett-Hames/Moon

Policy Meeting Report: Cramer

- The following assignments need to be completed for the May Policy Meeting:
- Roads Project Budget Request- Needs to be presented at the May Policy Meeting
- Status report on of Type N Soft Scoping
- Budget request for the Bull Trout Overlay Project Coordinator

Assignments from last meeting: Cramer and Sturhan

- Need to address prioritization of CMER work plan- will be scheduled for next month
- Roads project update to policy- done
- Protocol & Standards Manual - Nancy is in the process of updating the manual. Send suggestions to Nancy.
- Remote sensing meeting- done

ISPR Update: Cramer

UPSAG study design for the prescription-scale mass wasting effectiveness monitoring (post-mortem) study was delivered to the UW. Should be done in about 8 weeks.

SAG Requests

Recommendation that CMER forward a request to the FFR Policy Committee to fill the CMER Coordinator position: Sturhan

Sturhan has taken on all the duties of the CMER coordinator in the absence of a coordinator. She provided an estimate of time required and the list of duties from the P&S Manual. CMER agreed to forward the request to the FFR Policy Committee.

RSAG Request to move forward with collection of BTO-Add on Study data with change to a 50% sampling of standing tree data: Schuett-Hames and Mendoza

The request was approved after extensive discussion of the variability analysis report, which was handed out at the CMER meeting. The variability report and the SAG request need to be appended to the study plan to document and support the change in the sampling procedures. Dick Miller suggested collecting additional shade data at intervals moving out from the stream to better document the effect of treatments on shade conditions and scheduled water temperature and light attenuation measurements. This issue was remanded to RSAG and BTSAG for further evaluation.

UPSAG Request for an additional \$200K in Tier 1 of the FY08 budget to complete the initial sampling event: Dieu and Vaugeois

CMER approved sending a recommendation to policy committee to approve the preferred alternative (reduced block size- 60 blocks of 4 sq. mi). Sally Butts expressed concern about changing study designs that had been through the peer review process in order to save money. Others suggested that CMER should be conducting analyses such as this to improve sampling efficiency. This concern would be addressed in future studies by incorporating a pilot phase in the original study design to address variability and costs, then revise the sampling plan accordingly.

Status Tracker: BTSAG, SAGE and WETSAG sent in. Still need LWAG, RSAG, and UPSAG or a note saying no changes.

Intensive Monitoring Project Update: Sturhan

8 people attended the intensive monitoring meeting last week. Bill E and Curt V will develop a set of critical questions for sediment and present to UPSAG. Doug will incorporate revisions in the draft document and present to CMER in May.

DOE temperature modeling for hardwood conversion. Sturhan and Ehinger.

Nancy has received revised document from DOE. The document is heavily revised. The initial CMER reviewers need to look at the revised document (Hunter, Butts, Jackson, McConnell, and Miller). The document will be sent out to the previous reviewers who will submit comments back to Bill E. by May 15th. Bill will report on the status of finalizing the document at the May and/or June CMER meeting.

Remote sensing methods (Grotefendt) Report: Mendoza.

Final report received, will be reviewed by RSAG and brought to next CMER meeting for final approval.

RMZ Resample Report: Sturhan.

Nancy has received report. CMER reviewers will be requested at the May CMER meeting. Nancy wanted to give folks some lead time because of the length of the document (360 pages), and this review will require wildlife expertise. Sally Butts volunteered to be a reviewer, Terry Jackson will try to find a reviewer at WDF. Nancy will call the NWIFC and ask if there is a tribal wildlife bio who would be able to review the document.

WETSAG meeting with Policy wetlands subgroup: Sturhan.

A small group of policy and WETSAG members met to get policy guidance on wetland research and monitoring. Various wetland project ideas were discussed. The Policy subgroup recommended that WETSAG focus their efforts on a study of wetland mitigation effectiveness. The Policy sub-group will report to Policy at the May meeting. We can assume that Policy will support the sub-group's recommendation.

CMER Co-chair Nominations: Sturhan

Mark Hunter nominated Mark Mobbs, Quinault Tribe. Mark said he will talk to his supervisor. Chris Mendoza nominated both Curt Velhuisen, Skagit River System Coop

and Sally Butts, USFWS. Jim McCracken nominated Doug Martin, Martin Environmental. Doug Martin stated that he has support from his employer (WFPA) to continue to fill the co-chair position. These four names will be forwarded to the Policy Committee.

Monthly Report to Policy: Sturhan

- Request to fill CMER coordinator position.
- UPSAG budget request for prescription-scale mass wasting effectiveness project.
- BTSAG budget request for BTO temperature/shade study coordinator.
- Intensive Monitoring Project scoping.
- CMER Co-chair nominations

Web Site: Sturhan

Jenelle is putting documents on to the FTP site to put on the web site. She would like to keep the FTP site for transferring documents. Teresa will check into further use of the FTP site, and will work with Jenelle on transferring files if the FPT site is no longer available.

May Afternoon Science Session: CMER project prioritization