

Cooperative Monitoring, Evaluation and Research Committee

Tuesday, July 23, 2024// 9:00AM – 1:50PM

Virtual: Zoom

In-Person: WA State Light Industrial Park at 801 88th Ave. SE, Tumwater, WA 98512

Motions	
Motion	Move/Second (Vote)
<p>June 2024 Meeting Minutes</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> Jenny Knoth moved to approve the June 2024 meeting minutes.</p> <p>The motion passed</p>	<p>Seconded: Welles Bretherton</p> <p>Up: Jenny Knoth, Aimee McIntyre, Welles Bretherton, Ash Roorbach (Proxy for Debbie Kay), Hans Berge, Harry Bell, Doug Martin, Mark Mobbs, Chris Mendoza, Mark Meleason.</p> <p>Absent: Julie Dieu</p>
<p>Scoping Template</p> <p>Moved to next Month</p>	
<p>Westside Type F Exploratory Report – Final 6 Questions Document</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> Aimee McIntyre moved to approve the timeline/process for concurrent review.</p> <p>The motion passed</p>	<p>Seconded: Welles Bretherton</p> <p>Up: Welles Bretherton, Aimee McIntyre, A.J. Kroll, Jenny Knoth, Doug Martin, Mark Meleason, Ash Roorbach (Proxy for Debbie Kay), Mark Mobbs.</p> <p>Absent: Julie Dieu, Harry Bell, Hans Berge, and Chris Mendoza</p>
Action Items	
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<p>Np Discontinuous Flow Scoping Document review closes July 25th. The document is in the CMER review folder.</p>	<p>CMER Reviewers</p>
<p>Send Np Discontinuous Flow PowerPoint presentation to CMER members.</p>	<p>Natalie Church</p>
<p>2025-2027 Work Plan updates on August Agenda</p>	<p>Natalie Church</p>
<p>2025-2027 Work Plan 2025-2027_workplan_working draft 2024.docx: sections 3.1 CMER Prioritization Process, 5.4 Channel Migration Zone, and 5.8 Pesticides comments/edits due August 13, 2024. (CMER > Work Plan > 2025-2027 Workplan > 2025-2027_workplan_working draft 2024.docx)</p>	<p>CMER Members</p>

Clarification from UPSAG on whether they are willing to be the oversight committee of the Roads Strategy.	Theryn Henkel
Ask SAGs for recommendations for best fit for projects that fall into multiple rule groups and to recommend which rule group it should fall under.	Project Managers/SAGs
Roads Project Team to attend UPSAG to support the discussion about CMER Work Plan edits.	Roads Project Team / Alexander Prescott
Scoping Template and Guidance Document comments/edits due by end of day August 6 th . Files are in the CMER Review Folder: DRAFT PSM Guidance Scoping BAS.docx Scoping Paper Template 07_24.docx	CMER/SAG/CMER Scientists

Welcome, Introductions, & Old Business

A.J. Kroll, CMER co-chair

Natalie Church took roll call

Ground Rules

- Welles Bretherton read “Stay on Topic”.
- Ash Roorbach read “Read or gather background information ahead of time”.

Staff Updates

- The Deep-Seated Landslide Mapping and Classification Study Design Implementation Request for Qualifications and Quotations (RFQQ) was posted on July 15th and will run through August 30th.
- Lori reminded CMER members that all CMER review materials that are open for edits/comments are in the CMER review folder. Project Managers will not combine comments/documents due to issues of losing edits/comments and having duplicative edits after combining multiple documents. This is the platform that the AMP is using. Project Managers have provided multiple trainings on how to comment in SPO and Natalie is available for any issues that may come up for CMER members. Natalie is working with DNR IT to troubleshoot the SPO desktop app issue some are experiencing. Providing edits on SPO online works for most documents.
- Np Discontinuous Flow Scoping Document comment timeframe June closes July 25th. The document is in the [CMER review folder](#).

Public Comments

No public comments

TFW Policy Updates

Cody Thomas gave an update on what was discussed at the July 2024 Timber Fish and Wildlife (TFW) Policy Committee meeting.

Np Discontinuous Flow Scoping Document – Presentation

Welles Bretherton gave a presentation on the scoping document of Np Discontinuous Flow. He explained that this is a Clean Water Act Assurance project. Natalie Church will send out his PowerPoint presentation after the meeting. Welles and the project team answered questions after his presentation.

Roads Project Update

Alexander Prescott gave an update on the sediment trap experiment that was done. Interim report will be presented in August. Working with Neptune and should have a final product from them within the next month. Westfork completed end of season tub measurement/cleaning. Working to find staff and equipment available in October for grading.

2025-2027 Work Plan Updates

Lori Clark explained that CMER was asked to review 2025-2027 Work Plan sections and provide suggested edits (in document on SPO) July 16- July 23rd: [2025-2027_workplan_working_draft_2024.docx](#): sections 3.1 CMER Prioritization Process, 5.4 Channel Migration Zone, 5.6 ROADS, and 5.8 Pesticides.

CMER revised the CMER strategy for setting priorities and initial project ranking process (PSM 6.4.1-6.4.2) to reflect the original CMER strategy for ranking/prioritizing program strategies and projects. Lori suggested that this language could replace the 3.1 CMER Prioritization Process section and the current process for updating the Work Plan could be included. Lori will provide these edits before the next CMER meeting.

Lori discussed a recommendation to group projects/strategies that cover multiple rule groups (e.g., Extensive Monitoring, Eastside Riparian Forest Health Strategy). Jenny Knoth suggested that they are nested under the rule group that is most closely aligned with and reference them in other sections that are applicable. Aimee McIntyre suggested we ask SAGs which projects have multiple rule groups and to recommend which rule group it should fall under. CMER decided to ask SAGs for recommendations for best fit for projects that fall into multiple rule groups and to recommend which rule group it should fall under.

CMER members asked for more time to provide edits/comments to the following sections (3.1 CMER Prioritization Process, 5.4 Channel Migration Zone, and 5.8 Pesticides). Comments/edits are due August 13th. CMER members should review all suggested edits/revisions prior to the September meeting so that these sections can be reviewed and finalized.

Scoping Template

Alexander Prescott explained that he brought this forward to CMER last year, but CMER wanted to finish the PSM update before reviewing the scoping template. CMER did not make any significant changes to the PSM guidance for the Scoping Document in the most recent PSM editing cycle.

Natalie Church explained that she only received comments from Jenelle Black. Alexander explained that BAS document is not well defined, and he suggested that CMER suggest/develop guidance. Chris explained the reason is because it is part of the scoping document not a stand-alone, but that it could and should be defined. It was decided to give a 2-week review timeframe for the scoping Document and Guidance Document, comments/edits due August 6, 2024.

Westside Type F Exploratory Report – Final 6 Questions Document

Jenelle Black discussed the timeline and process for the RSAG/CMER concurrent review of 6 Questions Document. Comment timeframe is July 16 – 30th. Document located here:

[WestsideTypeF_Exploratory_F6Qs_2024-07-11.docx](#)

Jenny Knoth explained that she is concerned about the turn around time for the comment/edits. Jenelle asked if you are making edits do so in the comments. There was a motion made to approve the timeline for the concurrent review, which was approved.

CMER SAG Updates

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

List of Attendees

Attendees	Representing
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§Bell, Harry	WFFA– Small Forest Landowners
§Berge, Hans	UCUT – Eastern Washington Tribes
§Bretherton, Welles	Department of Ecology
§Knoth, Jenny	Washington Farm Forestry Association
§Kroll, A.J.	CMER Co-Chair/Large Industrial Landowners
§Martin, Doug	Washington Forest Protection Association
§McIntyre, Aimee	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife/CMER Co-Chair
§Meleason, Mark	Counties Caucus
§Mendoza, Chris	Conservation Caucus
§Mobbs, Mark	Quinault Tribe
Black, Jenelle	NWIFC CMER Scientist
Church, Natalie	DNR – AMP Coordinator
Clark, Lori	Adaptive Management Program Administrator
Greenwood, Emma	Spokane Tribe
Henkel, Theryn	DNR Supervisory Project Manager
Hooks, Doug	WFPA
Lower, Adam	Chehalis Tribe
Murray, Joe	Washington Forest Protection Association
Ojala-Barbour, Reed	WDFW
Penn, Keith	Tribe
Prescott, Alexander	DNR Project Manager
Robbins, Jeff	Department of Ecology
Roorbach, Ash	Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission (Proxy for Debbie Kay)
Schofield, Jenny	DNR Project Manager
Toledo, Anna	DNR Project Manager
Thomas, Cody	UCUT/TFW Policy Co-chair
Walter, Jason	ISAG co-chair

§CMER Voting Member