

Cooperative Monitoring, Evaluation and Research Committee

Tuesday, May 28, 2024 // 9:00AM – 1:35PM

Virtual: Zoom (Link Listed Below)

Motions	
Motion	Move/Second (Vote)
<p>April 2024 Meeting Minutes</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> Welles Bretherton moved to approve the April 2024 meeting minutes.</p> <p>The motion passed</p>	<p>Seconded: Aimee McIntyre</p> <p>Up: Jenny Knoth (Harry Bell proxy), Mark Meleason, Debbie Kay, Aimee McIntyre, Chris Mendoza, Hans Berge, Harry Bell, A.J. Kroll, Welles Bretherton, and Joe Murray (proxy for Julie Dieu).</p> <p>Absent: Doug Martin and Mark Mobbs</p>
<p>Eastside Type N Riparian Effectiveness Project (ENREP) Limited Extension Prospective 6 Questions</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> Aimee McIntyre moved to approve the request to send the ENREP study extension prospective 6Q to Policy.</p> <p>The motion passed</p>	<p>Seconded: Harry Bell</p> <p>Up: Jenny Knoth (Harry Bell proxy), Doug Martin, Mark Meleason, Chris Mendoza, Debbie, Welles Bretherton, A.J. Kroll, Harry Bell, Joe Murray (proxy for Julie Dieu), Aimee McIntyre, Hans Berge (Aimee McIntyre proxy), and Mark Mobbs.</p>
<p>ISPR Approved Westside Type F Exploratory Report</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> Mark Meleason moved to approve the ISPR approved westside type f exploratory report with minor corrections</p> <p>The motion passed</p>	<p>Seconded: Welles Bretherton</p> <p>Up: Jenny Knoth (Harry Bell proxy), Aimee McIntyre, Harry Bell, Doug Martin, Mark Meleason, Hans Berge (Aimee McIntyre proxy), Debbie Kay, Welles Bretherton, A.J. Kroll, Mark Mobbs, Chris Mendoza, Joe Murray (proxy for Julie Dieu)</p>

Action Items	
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CMER co-chair vote at June meeting.	Natalie Church
Riparian Function Literature Synthesis comments/edits due June 27 th .	CMER Reviewers will be Jenny Knoth, A.J. Kroll, Welles Bretherton.
CMER Science Conference workgroup volunteers, reach out to Lori Clark	CMER Members

September 24 th CMER meeting in Spokane	CMER Members
Bring forward science session ideas to CMER co-chairs	CMER Members

Welcome, Introductions, & Old Business

A.J. Kroll, CMER co-chair

Natalie Church took roll call

Ground Rules

- A.J. Kroll read “Be well prepared: Be familiar with agenda and objectives.”
- Mark Meleason “Stay on topic.”

Staff Updates

- The September 24, 2024, CMER meeting will be held in Spokane. It will be the same as it was last year, CMER will meet in the morning and TFW Policy will meeting in the afternoon. The second day has not officially been decided on whether we do a field trip or Structured Decision-Making.
- Forest Practices Application Review System (FPARS) will be unavailable on May 30th and 31st due to essential server migration. This will allow us to transfer all Forest Practice Applications PDFs to a newer server with improved security. The external FPARS Search site will also be down during this period. A "Site Under Maintenance" notice will be posted to inform users.
- 2025-2027 Work Plan updates will be starting soon. Staff are getting ready for this effort. Lori let CMER know that we will be moving the projects that were marked obsolete on the Spreadsheet to an Appendix to make the work plan more relevant. SAG co-chairs should plan to have time on their agendas to work on their sections beginning in August.
- Lori announced that we need a CMER conference committee to begin planning the 2025 CMER Conference.
- Aimee McIntyre requested that members reach out to the co-chairs with ideas for science sessions for CMER meetings.

Public Comments

No public comments.

TFW Policy Updates

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

CMER Co-chair Nominations

The expectation is that if the individual accepts the nomination, they will need to talk to their caucus to verify that they can serve the full term. Jenny Knoth nominated Debbie Kay and Debbie explained that she is unable to accept the nomination. Joe Murray on behalf of Julie Dieu nominated A.J. Kroll and A.J. accepted the nomination. Debbie Kay nominated Ash Roorbach and Ash accepted the nomination. Chris Mendoza explained that he is confused by A.J.’s nomination because he was under the impression that A.J. accepted the one-year position to give the Westside tribes another year to find someone to serve and

to stagger the terms. He brought up that the SAG co-chairs are expected to rotate out every 2 years. Lori explained that as for the SAG co-chairs it is expected to give the option it is not a requirement to replace the SAG co-chairs. Others pointed out that many co-chairs in the past have served multiple consecutive terms.

Roads Project Team Monthly Update

Alexander Prescott gave a brief update on the Roads project. The project team is busy working on the interim report expected to be brought to CMER in August. Amanda Alvis defended her dissertation successfully and plans on staying on the project team as a post doctorate. The student on the team created a story mapping. The work order with Neptune is with them to create an algorithm for the traffic camera classification. Reviewed the annual maintenance.

Eastside Type N Riparian Effectiveness Project (ENREP) Limited Extension Prospective 6 Questions

Anna Toledo explained that the request is for CMER to approve the ENREP proposed extension prospective 6 questions and gave a brief explanation of what has been done to this point. Rachel Rubin reviewed the updates to the document. She explained the rationale for the extension is to capture both the direct effects of harvest (2 years post harvest) and indirect effects of harvest (7 years post harvest) and that there have already been inconsistent responses across the ENREP sites. Lori explained her plan on what is going to be sent to TFW Policy along with her AMPA memo.

ISPR Approved Westside Type F Exploratory Report

Alexander Prescott explained that the ISPR approved Westside Type F was sent out a couple months ago to be reviewed. Jenelle Black explained that in the ISPR letter said that it needed to be reviewed for copy edits and while doing that she found a change that she would like to make and get CMER's approval. She proposed another round of copy edits and removal/shifting of Type N paragraph. Chris asked Aimee and Welles if the original language misrepresents the Type N and if it is then he is okay with the change but if not, he would keep it as is since you don't change after ISPR has approved the document. Welles explained that he is okay with the change if they don't go into further detail of the Type N study.

Lori congratulated Jenelle, Doug, and Chris for completing the author responses to the ISPR. The AE, Jeremy Groom, provided an approval of the report noting tremendous improvement and stating that the authors made the report more understandable. In addition, Kent Wheeler shared that the authors did a great job and that the cover letter explaining the changes was very helpful. Lori also thanked Alexander for his diligence in supporting the authors over the past year to get this report finalized. The next step will be for the Project Team to complete the Final 6 Questions document. CMER approval of the answers to the Six Questions should occur within 3 months of CMER approval of a final report. The Project Team should be prepared to send this to CMER for the July 23rd meeting (mailing will be July 16th, due to Project Manager no later than July 12th).

CMER Outside Science Dispute Update

The CMER co-chairs initiated the task of clarifying outside science that assigned by the Board by developing a draft memo for evaluating outside science to serve as a launching point for CMER review and discussion. The memo was initially shared at the January 2024 CMER meeting to start a CMER 30-day review to get feedback and begin the collaborative review process outlined in the PSM. Only one CMER member provided feedback on the memo but several shared hesitations around the process and a desire for more discussion. At the February 27th CMER meeting, A.J Kroll invoked dispute resolution regarding CMER's inability to reach consensus on continuing to develop guidance for the use of non-CMER science using the co-chair authored memo, "Evaluation Process for incorporation of non-CMER Science into the Forest Practices Adaptive Management Program." On March 21st, an informal meeting was held in an attempt to resolve the dispute. There were several potential solutions discussed, yet the

informal meeting ended without resolution or a consensus to continue deliberations. Disputing parties were invited to submit position papers articulating their interpretation of the issue and their positions by Thursday, April 11, 2024. Lori received 6 position papers. She characterized the dispute as a CMER Process Dispute and provided resolution to the dispute. TFW Policy is currently engaged in clarifying the process for outside science within the AMP Proposal Initiation (PI) process. CMER will halt efforts to work on the outside science guidance document until TFW Policy completes its guidance on outside science. Once this clarity is achieved, CMER will reconvene to establish a workgroup to return to the task of using the 2024 memo to further refine the PSM guidelines to clarify the process for the objective evaluation of outside science.

Riparian Function Literature Synthesis

Anna Toledo explained what was sent out in the mailing and that reviewer comment/edits due date is June 27th. The CMER Reviewers will be Jenny Knoth, A.J. Kroll, Welles Bretherton.

Lori announced that we will need CMER reviewers for the Criteria project, Object Based Landform Mapping report in August.

Feedback/Discussion on the Structured Decision-Making (SDM) Workshop

A.J. Kroll asked for any feedback on the structured decision-making workshop. Joe Murray said that he told RSAG that he figured we might as well try it and see what works and what doesn't. Chris Mendoza explained that he feels that CMER already has SDM built into the CMER process. There is a clear disconnect between Policy's perception of the issue and they approve the documents that come from CMER. Ash Roorbach explained that he agrees with Chris for the most part and he feels excited that SDM has potential to help the AMP. Lori explained that there will be a SDM work plan sent out in the TFW Policy mailing and that she will remind TFW Policy that SDM is in the CMER process. There was discussion on how Policy should actively review the documents from CMER.

CMER SAG Updates

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

List of Attendees

Attendees	Representing
§Bell, Harry	WFFA– Small Forest Landowners (Proxy for Jenny Knoth)
§Berge, Hans	UCUT – Eastern Washington Tribes
§Bretherton, Welles	Department of Ecology
§Kay, Debbie	Suquamish Tribe
§Kroll, A.J.	CMER Co-Chair
§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
Belleveau, Lisa	Skokomish Tribe
Black, Jenelle	NWIFC CMER Scientist
Church, Natalie	DNR – CMER Coordinator
Clark, Lori	Adaptive Management Program Administrator
Greenwood, Emma	Spokane Tribes

Hawkins, Charles	ENREP PI
Hawkins, Tracy	DNR
Henkel, Theryn	DNR Supervisory Project Manager
Heimburg, John	WDFW Habitat Program
Holy, Shae	Skokomish Tribe
Hooks, Doug	WFPA
Link, Tim	University of Idaho
Lower, Adam	Chehalis Tribe
Mitchell, Robert	Member of the Public
§Murray, Joe	Washington Forest Protection Association (Proxy for Julie Dieu)
Prescott, Alexander	DNR Project Manager
Robbins, Jeff	Department of Ecology
Roorbach, Ash	Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission
Rubin, Rachel	CMER Scientist
Schofield, Jenny	DNR Project Manager
Toledo, Anna	DNR Project Manager
Thomas, Cody	TFW Policy Co-chair
Walter, Jason	ISAG co-chair

§CMER Voting Member