

# Cooperative Monitoring, Evaluation and Research Committee

Tuesday, October 22, 2024 // 9:00AM – 4:10PM

Virtual: Zoom (Link Listed Below)

Motions	
Motion	Move/Second (Vote)
<p><b>September 2024 Meeting Minutes</b></p> <p>Chris Mendoza moved to approve the August 2024 meeting minutes as amended.</p> <p>The motion passed.</p>	<p><b>Seconded:</b> Mark Mobbs</p> <p><b>Up:</b> Joe Murray (proxy for Mark Meleason), Aimee McIntyre, Chris Mendoza, A.J Kroll, Hans Berge, Mark Mobbs, Harry Bell, Harry Bell as proxy Jenny Knoth, Welles Bretherton, Ash Roorbach (proxy for Debbie Kay), Julie Dieu, Doug Martin.</p>
<p><b>Riparian Function Literature Synthesis</b></p> <p><u><b>Motion:</b></u>  <del>Aimee moved to approve acceptance of the Riparian Function Literature Review from the authors, with the understanding that we are not accepting the product as final. We will discuss what we need to finalize the report at the November meeting, to include disclaimer and edits to factually incorrect information.</del></p> <p>Hans made a motion to return the draft Riparian Function Literature Synthesis to the authors with comments and information necessary for the authors to be able to make the necessary improvements, particularly for CMER studies.</p> <p>The motion passed.</p>	<p><b>Seconded:</b> Chris Mendoza</p> <p><b>Up:</b> Joe Murray (proxy for Mark Meleason), Aimee McIntyre, Chris Mendoza, Hans Berge, Mark Mobbs, Harry Bell, Harry Bell as proxy Jenny Knoth, Welles Bretherton, Ash Roorbach (proxy for Debbie Kay), Julie Dieu, Doug Martin.</p> <p><b>Abstain:</b> Doug Martin – putting more effort into this than necessary. The report will not provide a lot of help.</p> <p>Harry Bell - putting more effort into this than necessary. The report will not provide a lot of help.</p> <p>Harry Bell as proxy Jenny Knoth - putting more effort into this than necessary. The report will not provide a lot of help.</p> <p>Joe Murray (proxy for Mark Meleason) - did not get information from Mark on how he wanted Joe to vote.</p> <p><b>Absent:</b> A.J Kroll</p>
Action Items	
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<p>The draft Hard Rock Phase 3 report is available in the <a href="#">CMER Review folder</a> on SharePoint Online. Concurrent review period: October 22- November 21, 2024. <a href="#">CMER reviewers:</a> Doug Martin, Harry Bell, Chris Mendoza, Hans Berge, Welles Bretherton</p>	<p>CMER voting members</p>

<p>CMER to provide feedback/edits to draft PSM edits to address CMER voting and Project Team members participation requirements and expectations, and CMER reform issues. The PSM edits are available in the <a href="#">CMER Review folder</a> on SharePoint Online. SAGs have access to this document to review/provide feedback.</p> <p>Review period: Oct 15-Nov 12, 2024.</p>	<p>CMER &amp; SAG members</p>
<p>CMER to form eDNA workgroup. Those who are interested in participating should contact Lori by November 8<sup>th</sup>. eDNA study can be found on SPO: <a href="#">Fish Habitat Detection Using eDNA</a>. An eDNA folder was created on SPO: <a href="#">eDNA Workgroup</a></p>	<p>CMER voting members</p>
<p>Provide suggested edits on Board Manual Revision Project to Julie/Theryn prior to UPSAG meeting (Nov 5<sup>th</sup>).</p>	<p>Chris Mendoza</p>

### Welcome, Introductions, & Old Business

- Lori shared that the agenda that was sent out had a mistake with the timing for lunch. The agenda was adjusted to accommodate a 30-minute lunch break.
- Joe Murray is proxy for Mark Meleason.
- Harry Bell is proxy for Jenny Knoth.
- Ash Roorbach is proxy for Debbie Kay.

### Ground Rules

- Welles: Pursue win-win solutions
- Aimee: Have action items assigned to you at prior meetings completed.

### Staff Updates

- Reed Ojala-Barbour has successfully published a paper that used Phase I pre-treatment amphibian data (2006-2007) in an analysis. CMER/LWAG were acknowledged.
- Working on another publication based on Phase 2. It is being revised and will be submitted in November.
- SL-1 – group formation. Kent Wheeler is still finalizing ISPR groups to start the SME Process. Close to completion. The hope is that first meeting will occur before the holidays.

### Public Comments

No public comments

### TFW Policy Updates

Rico Vinh, TFW Policy co-chair, provided the TFW Policy September 24<sup>th</sup>, meeting update.

### WDFW Aquatic Biodiversity Program

Marie Winkowski, WDFW Statewide Aquatic Biodiversity Program, presented on the WDFW Aquatic Biodiversity Program. The presentation will be shared on SPO following the meeting.

Chris suggested that CMER form an eDNA workgroup to better coordinate CMER eDNA efforts and align with the Board's direction to investigate eDNA as a tool. The workgroup could make sure that we are not duplicating efforts. Do we need to establish guidance for using this technology in AMP projects?

Lori suggested that CMER members who are interested in participating should contact Lori by November 8<sup>th</sup>. Pull together the information that was completed from previous efforts. Ash suggested CMER members review the eDNA report: "[Identifying distribution boundaries at the upper extent of fish in streams using environmental DNA](#)" by Brooke Penaluna. Harry and Joe shared that they feel that this work should be discussed at the SAGs. Jason agreed to present the eDNA study at an upcoming meeting. An eDNA workgroup folder has been created on SharePoint Online and has the documents associated with the completed study copied there [eDNA Workgroup](#) (CMER>Workgroups)

### **Hard Rock Phase 3 Presentation**

Jenny Schofield, Project Manager, shared that the concurrent review for the Hard Rock Report was requested because: there is precedent for joint review with Hard Rock specifically, the Project Team is under pressure to meet a deadline (due to contracts ending at the end of biennium), most of the LWAG participants who would have commented on the draft are members of the Project Team, remaining LWAG members are also CMER members, and since this is an ongoing project there is very little in the way of “new” material, except the results and discussion (background and study design and methods are largely redundant with previous efforts). For all materials prior to results, discussion and recommendations, the information was pulled from the prior report (Phase II) and made all updates/change in track changes. So, for anything not in track changes in introduction, study design and methods, it is language previously approved by ISPR and CMER.

The draft Hard Rock Phase 3 – Amphibian Demographics report is available in the [CMER Review folder](#) on SharePoint Online.

Concurrent review period: October 22- November 21, 2024. [CMER reviewers](#): Doug, Chris, Harry, Welles, Hans. Given that this is a concurrent review, SAGs will have access to the CMER review folder for the duration of the review period.

### **Riparian Function Literature Synthesis**

Anna shared that CMER review was initiated in May. The three CMER reviewers - Jenny Knoth, AJ Kroll, and Welles Bretherton - provided comments, which included some concern that the document lacked elements of synthesis. In August, CMER decided to have the authors wrap up the document without addressing the comments referencing the need for more synthesis. The reviewers indicated which comments the authors should address. The authors have addressed those comments in the version that is before CMER today. Welles had two areas of clarification in the sections addressing the Hard Rock and Soft Rock studies. Jenny Knoth requested that the title be changed to Riparian Function Literature Review. There was extensive discussion about next steps. Given some of the inaccuracies with how the findings from some of the CMER studies were interpreted in the review, there was trepidation that other studies and documents were mis-interpreted. One option suggested was to accept the Literature Review from the author and then CMER can revise the factual inaccuracies on the CMER studies and add disclaimer about the original author initiating the report and revised by CMER. Some felt that this was not a fair to the original authors (to release a document with changes they didn't approve, even with a disclaimer). Others were concerned with the appearance of releasing this document with some of the caveats discussed. Discussion ended with the document going back to the authors with further comments as indicated in Hans' motion below. Discussion will be resumed at the November CMER meeting to determine a timeline for returning the document to the authors with further comments.

Harry made a motion to approve acceptance of the report from the authors. Harry withdrew his original motion.

Aimee made a motion to approve acceptance of the report from the authors, with the understanding that we are not accepting the product as final. We will discuss what we need to finalize the report at the November meeting, to include disclaimer and edits to factually incorrect information. This motion was withdrawn.

Hans made a motion to return the draft Riparian Function Literature Synthesis to the authors with comments and information necessary for the authors to be able to make the necessary improvements, particularly for CMER studies. Chris seconded the motion.

### **CMER PSM edits - Participation and Project Team Expectations**

Lori shared that the CMER voting and Project Team members' participation requirements and expectations draft additions to the PSM are in response to both the Forest Practices Board discussion in August about CMER reform needs as well as upcoming changes to participation contracts. CMER is welcome to provide feedback/edits to draft PSM edits, available in the [CMER Review folder](#) on SharePoint Online. Note that the CMER Participation section is proposed language for a new section. The Project Team members participation section is an existing section in the PSM, so the revised language is in track changes for consideration. With the upcoming biennium contract there will be required deliverables and timelines therefore the content of these changes is non-negotiable, however we welcome editorial suggestions. Review period: Oct 15-Nov 12, 2024. SAGs have access to the CMER review folder for the duration of the review period.

### **Work Plan updates**

CMER reviewed SAG-approved edits and provided guidance where comments existed.

UPSAG – Theryn presented proposed edits. Chris had edits for the Board Manual Revision Project. He and Hans will work together to provide draft changes to Julie prior to next UPSAG meeting, Nov 5<sup>th</sup>.

LWAG – Aimee presented proposed edits. Most edits were to make consistent with current status for projects/strategies as well as project add-ons. Provided details on project additions.

SAGE – Anna presented proposed edits. Most edits were to make consistent with current status for projects/strategies.

ISAG – Jason and Anna presented proposed edits to reflect edits to update current status for projects/strategies with approved language.

WetSAG – Debbie presented proposed WetSAG edits to reflect status updates.

RSAG – Joe presented proposed RSAG edits to reflect edits and shared that there are several items that were added to the parking lot for future discussion. Additionally, RSAG discussed adding an additional section on projects that cover multiple SAGs. Chris suggested that a paragraph be added to the CMER work plan about the current efforts to update Schedule L-1. Chris requested that we add the new Performance Target section (5.2.2)

RSAG Workplan edits were not completed and will continue at the next CMER meeting as well as Roads and Appendices.

### **CMER SAG Updates**

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

## List of Attendees

<b>Attendees</b>	<b>Representing</b>
§Bell, Harry	WFFA– Small Forest Landowners
§Berge, Hans	UCUT – Eastern Washington Tribes
§Bretherton, Welles	Department of Ecology
§Dieu, Julie	Rayonier
§Kay, Debbie	Suquamish Tribe
§Kroll, A.J.	Large Industrial Landowners
§Martin, Doug	Washington Forest Protection Association
§McIntyre, Aimee	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife/CMER Co-Chair
§Mendoza, Chris	Conservation Caucus
§Mobbs, Mark	Western Washington Tribes
Belleveau, Lisa	Skokomish Tribe
Black, Jenelle	CMER Scientist
Bowens, Wes	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife
Clark, Lori	Adaptive Management Program Administrator
Freeman, Elise	CMER Scientist
Greenwood, Emma	Spokane Tribe
Hage, Vaughn	CMER Science Technician
Henkel, Theryn	DNR Supervisory Project Manager
Heimburg, John	WDFW Habitat Program
Hooks, Doug	WFPA
Holy, Shae	Skokomish Tribe
Mitchell, Robert	Member of the Public
Murray, Joe	Washington Forest Protection Association
Ojala–Barbour, Reed	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife
Pavlik, Rob	CMER Science Technician
Miles, Danielle	DNR Forest Regulation
Prescott, Alexander	DNR Project Manager
Robbins, Jeff	Dept of Ecology
Roorbach, Ash	CMER Co-Chair/Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission
Rubin, Rachel	CMER Scientist
Schofield, Jenny	DNR Project Manager
Toledo, Anna	DNR Project Manager
Walter, Jason	Weyerhaeuser, ISAG co-chair
Winkowski, Marie	WDFW Statewide Aquatic Biodiversity Program
Williamson, Tanner	CMER Scientist

§CMER Voting Member