

# CMER SAG UPDATES

March 2026

## WetSAG

Co-Chairs: Debbie Kay & Harry Bell

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AMP Project Manager: Jenny Schofield (WMZ/FWEP)

### Forested Wetlands Effectiveness Project

- Field work is complete
  - Data downloads, data QA/QC from instrumented sites has concluded after 2 years of data collection.
- Project team will continue data analysis over the next several months and begin final report writing with estimated delivery to WetSAG early 2027.
- Preliminary discussions on a summer field trip have begun. Details TBD.

### Wetlands Management Zone Effectiveness Monitoring

- Policy approved the WMZ Charter at the May 2023 meeting, with the expectation that any lingering questions and comments be addressed during the scoping process.
- WetSAG has reviewed the first draft.
- WMZ is on hold until completion of SL-1 updates has been completed.

## UPSAG

Chairs: Jennifer Parker & Mike Maudlin

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AMP Project Manager: Theryn Henkel

### Deep-Seated Landslide Research Strategy

Project Team: Julie Dieu, Anne Weekes, Elise Freeman, Jennifer Parker, Michael Maudlin, Jason Hinkle, Adam Booth

AMP Project Manager: Theryn Henkel

- Landslide mapping and classification project implementation is underway and on schedule.
- The groundwater working group is working on refining critical questions and developing a Charter.

### Unstable Slope Criteria Project

Project Team: Julie Dieu, Dan Miller, Jeff Keck, Elise Freeman, Tiffany Justice

AMP Project Manager: Theryn Henkel

- The Object-Based Landform Mapping with High-Resolution Topography Study final report received final CMER approval at the January meeting. It was presented to Policy at their March meeting, with a final vote on action at their April meeting.
- Working on a Criteria Charter update, to CMER in April
- Implementation is underway on the Study Design for Empirical Evaluation of Shallow Landslide Susceptibility and Frequency by Landform (Project 3) and Empirical Evaluation of Shallow Landslide Runout (Project 4).

## SAGE

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Chair: Todd Baldwin

AMP Project Manager: Anna Toledo (ENREP), Jenny Schofield (ETHEP, Eastside Forest Health)

### Eastside Timber Habitat Evaluation Project (ETHEP)

- ETHEP Final Report has been completed first round review by ISPR. The Authors are responding to questions and concerns.
  - Due back to ISPR on Monday March 16, 2026

### Eastside Forest Health Strategy

- SAGE has reconvened a workgroup to continue development of the ESFHS.
  - Rachel, with the help of the workgroup is currently working on a first draft of the strategy.
    - First draft

### Eastside Type N Riparian Effectiveness Project (ENREP)

- The project team is working on data QA/QC and coordinating with landowners to plan for the spring field season.

## RSAG

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Co-Chairs: Joe Murray & Jenny Knoth

### Riparian Characteristics and Shade (RCS) Response Study

- Rachel has confirmed two sites for implementation this summer: one Merrill & Ring site in Clallam County and one Rayonier site in Grays Harbor County.
- Rachel and Anna are working with contractors to setup contracts for the layout and LiDAR work, as well as coordinating with the landowners to plan for implementation.

### Westside Type F Experimental Buffer Treatment Project

- The CMER/TFW Policy joint workgroup has been paused following an email from Cody and Lori in February. TFW Policy conversation about next steps and future goals is ongoing.

## Extensive Riparian Status and Trends Monitoring Project (ExMo)

- The revised project charter was approved at TFW Policy in March, completing the series of approvals previously cleared at RSAG and CMER.
- The Project Team is continuing preliminary Study Design development; in part by learning from other related monitoring program managers, doing preliminary data availability assessments, and methodology refinement processes. The project team is also focusing on the development of a budget estimate for TFW Policy add-on decision making.

## ISAG

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Chair: Jason Walter

AMP Project Manager: Anna Toledo

## Anadromous Fish Floor (AFF)

- The AFF Project Team continues to work on the scoping and BAS document. The Project Team expects to have the document ready to be delivered to ISAG in June to initiate SAG review.

## Water Typing Strategy

- Projects currently included in the Water Typing Strategy are: Potential Habitat Breaks (PHB), Default Physical Criteria Assessment (DPC), LiDAR Based Water Typing Model (LiDAR), and Fish/HabitatDetection Using eDNA (eDNA).
- DNR is working with Cramer Fish Sciences (CFS) on the implementation of the PHB and DPC studies. The data for both studies are being gathered simultaneously at shared sites.
- CFS has initiated data collection for the spring 2026 season.

## LWAG

Co-Chairs: AJ Kroll & Aimee McIntyre

AMP Project Manager: Jenny Schofield

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## Type Np Hard Rock Phase III- Amphibian Demographics

- Arbitration is for the final stage of dispute is complete. Arbiters have returned their arbitration memo. (sent out by the AMPA)
- Project team has delivered Final 6 Questions to LWAG for review.

## Temperature and Amphibians in Discontinuously Flowing Np Reach

- CMER failed to approve to send the Study Design to ISPR at the February meeting due to disagreement on whether or not to send as a double-blind review or open review.
- Project Team and SAG have written a justification for their request for open review for the March CMER meeting.
- Charter update and Project Management Plan can be expected to CMER upon approval of Study Design.

## Road Prescription-Scale Effectiveness Monitoring Project (Roads)

Project Team: Julie Dieu, Charlie Luce, Tom Black, Erkan Istanbuluoglu, Amanda Alvis, Jenelle Black.

AMP Project Manager: Alexander Prescott

- The decommissioning of project sites has been completed in all but one site, MEL-14 where we conducted additional short time scale data collection this winter. The project team plans to remove the equipment this spring.
- The project team and contractors continue to make significant progress towards data processing, analysis, visualization, and interpretation.
- We are on track for all end of project deliverables, including a draft final report to CMER by the end of this calendar year.

## Schedule L-1 Revision

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3 Groups:

Wetlands

Riparian – Shade, Riparian Condition, Litterfall, Instream LWD

Instream – Pool Frequency, Pool Depth, Peak Flows, Fines in Gravel

- Compass Resource Management is presenting at the March meeting with an update

### Anticipated Documents for CMER Consideration/Review Next 12 Months

Project Name	Document Type	Project Manager	Science Lead/PI	Oversight Committee	Original Anticipated Date	Actual Date of Delivery
<i>Water Temperature and Amphibian Use in Type Np Waters with Discontinuous Surface Flow in Western Washington Project</i>	<i>Charter Update</i>	<i>Schofield</i>	<i>Aimee McIntyre</i>	<i>LWAG</i>	<i>May 26</i>	
<i>Water Temperature and Amphibian Use in Type Np Waters with Discontinuous Surface Flow in Western Washington Project</i>	<i>PM Plan</i>	<i>Schofield</i>	<i>Aimee McIntyre</i>	<i>LWAG</i>	<i>May 26</i>	
<i>Unstable Slopes Criteria</i>	<i>Charter</i>	<i>Henkel</i>	<i>Theryn Henkel</i>	<i>UPSAG</i>	<i>April 26</i>	
<i>Type Np Hard Rock Phase III- Amphibian Demographics</i>	<i>Final 6 Questions</i>	<i>Schofield</i>	<i>Aimee McIntyre</i>	<i>LWAG</i>	<i>April 26</i>	
<i>DSL Mapping and Classification</i>	<i>Final Report</i>	<i>Henkel</i>	<i>BGC Engineering</i>	<i>UPSAG</i>	<i>Sep 26</i>	
<i>Anadromous Fish Floor (AFF) Validation Study</i>	<i>BAS and Scoping Document</i>	<i>Toledo</i>	<i>Jenelle Black (CMER)</i>	<i>ISAG</i>	<i>Sep 26</i>	
<i>Roads Prescription-Scale Effectiveness Monitoring Project (Roads)</i>	<i>Final Report</i>	<i>Prescott</i>	<i>Charles Luce (USFS)</i>	<i>CMER</i>	<i>Dec-26</i>	
<i>Extensive Monitoring</i>	<i>Study Design</i>	<i>Prescott</i>	<i>Jenelle Black (CMER)</i>	<i>RSAG</i>	<i>Jan-27</i>	
<b>* Policy Initiated Items- Not following CMER' Protocols and Standards Manual</b>						