

CMER SAG UPDATES

April 2026

WetSAG

Co-Chairs: Debbie Kay & Harry Bell

AMP Project Manager: Jenny Schofield (WMZ/FWEP)

Forested Wetlands Effectiveness Project

- Field work is complete after 2 water 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.
 - Analysis methods used to link hydrology and wetland plant communities was presented at the April meeting by Rob Pavlik and Tanner Williamson
- 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

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

- Landslide mapping and classification project implementation is underway and on schedule.
- BGC gave a thorough update on the project at the April UPSAG meeting.
- BGC expects to have a draft of the final report to the Project Team by the end of April.
- 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

- The Object-Based Landform Mapping with High-Resolution Topography Study final report received final TFW Policy approval at their April meeting with a vote of no-action.
- Working on a Criteria Charter update at April CMER
- 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

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 approved at ISPR.
- Requesting CMER Final Approval at April Meeting

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.
 - Rachel and SAGE Work Group are finalizing first draft, and it will be delivered to SAGE for review soon.

Eastside Type N Riparian Effectiveness Project (ENREP)

- The project team is planning for the spring/summer field season and preparing initial analyses on the data from the original study timeframe (two years pre- and two years post-harvest).

RSAG

Co-Chairs: Joe Murray

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 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 and subsequent discussion at TFW Policy. TFW Policy internal conversation about next steps and future goals is ongoing.

Extensive Riparian Status and Trends Monitoring Project (ExMo)

- The project team is prioritizing the development of a preliminary budget estimate, requested by TFW Policy for their selection of add-ons. We anticipate starting the series of RSAG, CMER, TFW

- review of the document starting in May.
- The project team is continuing study design development.

ISAG

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 early summer 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 is collecting data for the spring/summer 2026 season, which runs from March 1 – July 15. They have surveyed over 90 sites as of mid-April.

LWAG

Co-Chairs: AJ Kroll & Aimee McIntyre

AMP Project Manager: Jenny Schofield

Type Np Hard Rock Phase III- Amphibian Demographics

- LWAG has delivered Final 6 Questions to CMER for review and approval at the April CMER meeting.

Temperature and Amphibians in Discontinuously Flowing Np Reach

- Study Design is currently at ISPR for open/interactive review. Expected back to the Project Team by 4/23/2026
- Interactive meeting scheduled between the Project Team and ISPR on 5/6/2026
- 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 fully completed.
- The project team and contractors continue to make significant progress towards data processing, analysis, visualization, and interpretation necessary for the development of the final report later this calendar year.

Schedule L-1 Revision

3 Groups:

Wetlands

Riparian – Shade, Riparian Condition, Litterfall, Instream LWD

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

- Compass Resource Management is developing a process to continue to review and revise performance targets.

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>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>Unstable Slopes Criteria</i>	<i>Charter</i>	<i>Henkel</i>	<i>Theryn Henkel</i>	<i>UPSAG</i>	<i>April 26</i>	
<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>Potential Habitat Breaks (PHBs) Validation Study</i>	<i>Project Management Plan update</i>	<i>Toledo</i>	<i>Phil Roni</i>	<i>ISAG</i>	<i>Jun 26</i>	
<i>Default Physical Criteria (DPC) Validation Study</i>	<i>Project Management Plan</i>	<i>Toledo</i>	<i>Phil Roni</i>	<i>ISAG</i>	<i>Jun 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>	
* Policy Initiated Items- Not following CMER' Protocols and Standards Manual						