CMER SAG UPDATES

May 2026

WetSAG

Co-Chairs: Debbie Kay & Harry Bell

- Called for nominations for Co-Chair elections
    - Vote at June meeting

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.
- At the May meeting Tanner continued to share preliminary data with the group.

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

- UPSAG held Co-Chair Elections – Jennifer Parker will remain and Gus Seixas will replace Micheal Maudlin.

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 expects to have a draft of the final report to the Project Team in May.
- 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

- Dan Miller presented The Object-Based Landform Mapping with High-Resolution Topography Study final report to the Forest Practices Board at their May meeting.
- 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

- Emma Greenwood was voted to be a new SAGE Chair; she will begin in July.

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

Eastside Timber Habitat Evaluation Project (ETHEP)

- The ETHEP PT has delivered a draft of the Final 6 Questions to SAGE

Eastside Forest Health Strategy

- SAGE has reconvened a workgroup to continue development of the ESFHS.
- Rachel presented to SAGE at the May meeting and delivered the first draft of the ESFHS for review and comment.
    - Expected delivery to CMER this summer

Eastside Type N Riparian Effectiveness Project (ENREP)

- Sampling has begun for the spring/summer field season. University of Idaho and Utah State University are also preparing initial analyses on the data from the original study timeframe (two years pre- and two years post-harvest).

RSAG

Co-Chairs: Joe Murray

- RSAG held Co-Chair elections. Joe Murray and Bill Vogel were voted to be Co-Chairs. Bill will start his term in July.

AMP Project Managers: Anna Toledo (RCS), Alexander Prescott (ExMo)

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.
- Layout and pre-harvest photos have been completed for the first site, which is scheduled for implementation in June.

Extensive Riparian Status and Trends Monitoring Project (ExMo)

- The project team shared the ExMo preliminary budget estimate, requested by TFW Policy, to RSAG for their review and approval in the May RSAG meeting. It was approved and now the

document is going to CMER for their review and approval to transmit the memo to TFW Policy.

- The project team is continuing study design development.

ISAG

Chair: Jason Walter

- ISAG held Chair elections. Jason Walter will remain as Chair.

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 about 150 sites as of mid-May.

LWAG

Co-Chairs: AJ Kroll & Aimee McIntyre

- Called for Co-Chair nominations. No new nominations were made. A vote was made to retain current Co-Chairs.

AMP Project Manager: Jenny Schofield

Type Np Hard Rock Phase III- Amphibian Demographics

- Final 6 Questions delivered to CMER with a request for approval in April.
- Several CMER members had comments. After discussion at the CMER meeting it was decided that the CMER CO-Chairs and AMPA would review the comments for those that have already been settled through the Arbitration process. They delivered all comments to the authors and explained what had been identified as having been settled and therefore did not require a response.
- The Authors have provided a revised document in track changes in response to CMER comments.
- The document was distributed to CMER on 13 May 2026 for review and will be delivered to CMER again at the May meeting with another request for approval

Temperature and Amphibians in Discontinuously Flowing Np Reach

- ISPR reviewers returned their review and comments for the Study Design to the Project Team.

- The Project Team met with ISPR Reviewers as part of the CMER approved Open Review process.
- The authors felt it was a very valuable meeting and believe their revisions based on reviewer input will improve the Study Design.
- The Project Team will return the revised Study Design to Reviewers by 5/20/26.
- 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 Istanbulluoglu, Amanda Alvis, Jenelle Black.

AMP Project Manager: Alexander Prescott

- The project team and contractors continue to make significant progress on data processing/analysis/visualization/interpretation necessary for the development of the final report later 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 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**
Type Np Hard Rock Phase III- Amphibian Demographics	*Final 6 Questions*	*Schofield*	*Aimee McIntyre*	*LWAG*	*April 26*	
Unstable Slopes Criteria	*Charter*	*Henkel*	*Theryn Henkel*	*UPSAG*	*April 26*	
Water Temperature and Amphibian Use in Type Np Waters with Discontinuous Surface Flow in Western Washington Project	*Charter Update*	*Schofield*	*Aimee McIntyre*	*LWAG*	*July 26*	
Water Temperature and Amphibian Use in Type Np Waters with Discontinuous Surface Flow in Western Washington Project	*PM Plan*	*Schofield*	*Aimee McIntyre*	*LWAG*	*July 26*	
Potential Habitat Breaks (PHBs) Validation Study	*Project Management Plan update*	*Toledo*	*Phil Roni*	*ISAG*	*Jun 26*	
Default Physical Criteria (DPC) Validation Study	*Project Management Plan*	*Toledo*	*Phil Roni*	*ISAG*	*Jun 26*	
DSL Mapping and Classification	*Final Report*	*Henkel*	*BGC Engineering*	*UPSAG*	*Sep 26*	
Anadromous Fish Floor (AFF) Validation Study	*BAS and Scoping Document*	*Toledo*	*Jenelle Black (CMER)*	*ISAG*	*Sep 26*	
Roads Prescription-Scale Effectiveness Monitoring Project (Roads)	*Final Report*	*Prescott*	*Charles Luce (USFS)*	*CMER*	*Dec-26*	
Extensive Monitoring	*Study Design*	*Prescott*	*Jenelle Black (CMER)*	*RSAG*	*Jan-27*	
*** Policy Initiated Items- Not following CMER' Protocols and Standards Manual**						