

**Cooperative Monitoring Evaluation and Research Committee
(CMER)
July 28, 2015
DNR/DOC Compound/Tumwater, WA**

Attendees	Representing
§Baldwin, Todd	Kalispel Tribe – CMER Co-Chair
Beckett, Leah	Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission – CMER Staff
Berge, Hans	Department of Natural Resources - AMPA
Cooke, Andrew	UW
§Dieu, Julie	Rayonier
Haemmerle, Howard	Department of Natural Resources
§Hicks, Mark	Department of Ecology, CMER Co-Chair
Hooks, Doug	WFPA
§Kay, Debbie (ph)	Suquamish Tribe
§Kroll, AJ	Weyerhaeuser
§Martin, Doug	Washington Forest Protections Association
§Mendoza, Chris (ph)	Conservation Caucus
Miller, Dick	Washington Farm Forestry Association
§Mobbs, Mark	Quinalt Indian Nation
Moskal, Monika	UW
Murray, Joe	Merrill Ring
Roorbach, Ash	Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission – CMER Staff
Schuett-Hames, Dave	Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission - CMER Staff
Shramek, Patti	Department of Natural Resources – CMER Coordinator
Stewart, Greg	Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission - CMER Staff
§Sturhan, Nancy	NWIFC
Woodsmith, Rick (ph)	Consultant

§Indicates official CMER members and alternates; ph indicates attended via phone.

*Indicates Decision

Science Session:

◆ **Vegetation Monitoring Literature Review**

Dr. Monika Moskal, University of Washington, gave a presentation highlighting the results and recommendations of the literature synthesis and answered questions.

RSAG:

◆ ***Extensive Vegetation Remote Sensing Pilot Project – Approval**

Joe Murray requested approval to send report and matrix to Policy so they can make a decision on whether or not to move forward with it. Mark Hicks moved to approve – Nancy Sturhan seconded - **Approved**

TWIG:

ENREP – Presentation on Best Available Science (BAS)

Gregg Stewart gave a presentation on treatment response in regards to temperature and answered questions.

Hans Berge reported that he reached out to Dr. Chuck Hawkins to see if he would be interested in participating with the TWIG and he is. He asked if anyone has an issue with adding him. Doug Martin asked why bring in new person (biology) until we know what we are doing. Why are we trying to confuse the picture before we know what we are studying? Berge said it was missing in the first place, when it gets to study design phase it is appropriate to bring in additional expertise. Dave Schuett-Hames said that Stewart is developing a document to present to Policy that will identify missing components and how they could be addressed. Howard Haemmerle said that since ENREP is in this position it's in it is a good time to bring in new expertise. Martin said he is fine with adding him, just that usually there is a list of people with credentials brought forward and voted on. Todd Baldwin said that he is fine with bringing other people with qualifications forward for consideration.

Decisions:

CMER:

- ◆ ***Nomination and approval of new Co-Chair**
Baldwin nominated Doug Hooks to replace Mark Hicks as the new CMER Co-Chair. Nancy seconded, no opposition. - **Approved**

TWIGS:

- ◆ ***BMP Roads Effectiveness Project TWIG – Best Available Science and Alternatives Study Design – Approval to send to Policy**
Julie Dieu gave background information on BAS and Roads (quantifying effectiveness of road Best Management Practices [BAS]), summarized the BAS and Alternatives Study Design documents, and answered questions. Discussion revolved around what else there is that can go in this document and how limited (or not) the parameters are for this topic. She requested review and that comments be submitted by August 3rd. Request for approval to move to Policy may come to CMER at the August meeting.

Updates:

Report from Policy – July 9 meeting

- ◆ A lot of discussion about schematic to move forward on the Type F issue.
- ◆ Discussion on ENREP. Commitment from Policy to set aside time at their next meeting to discuss issues.

CMER

- ◆ **Protocols and Standards Manual (PSM) – update**

Haemmerle reported that a meeting was held the previous week to work on Chapter 7, and to discuss what should be included in the chapter and how to organize it. Ash Roorbach is taking the lead role on organizing it. The next meeting is August 27, 2015. The group will also look at rest of PSM and see if anything else needs to be revised.

UPSAG

- ◆ **Glacial Deep-Seated Landslide Project – Literature Synthesis – update**

Sturhan reported that there is no new news. Haemmerle reported that UPSAG is working on refining the scope of work before moving forward on the contract. Sturhan will schedule another UPSAG meeting soon.

SAGE

- ◆ **EWRAP – update**

Haemmerle reported that there was discussion at the last SAGE meeting on next steps for the project. They worked on what the final report will look like. It is an exploratory report, relying on statistics. Not all of the original 14 questions will be addressed. Authorship of final report moving from Roorbach to Dave Schuett-Hames. Schuett-Hames is putting together the structure of what document will look like. SAGE won't see the document for a least a couple more months at the earliest.

TWIG

- ◆ **Forested Wetlands Effectiveness Project TWIG – update**

Leah Beckett reported that they are still working on the problem statement and critical questions. Their next phone conference is August 6, 2015. They will be on the Olympic Peninsula August 24 and 25, 2015 to look at a variety of sites. She has been working on a Forest Practices Application Review System (FPARS) survey to see where wetlands are being harvested.

- ◆ **Unstable Slope Criteria TWIG – update**

Stewart reported that TWIG Problem Statement and Critical Questions are finished and have been approved by Policy. Haemmerle reported that he has reached out to Wendy Gertzel to see if she would be interested participating in the TWIG. This will help the TWIG move forward.

- ◆ **Type F Riparian Prescription – update**

Schuett-Hames reported that have modified BAS documents. Will be meeting sometime in the next couple of weeks to finalize the revised document. Hope to have document ready to present at August or September CMER meeting.

Project Communication

Haemmerle reported the need to have communication among group members on directions for projects and that any direction to contractors in regards to projects need to go through the Project

Manager. Sturhan said CMER members need to pay attention to Landowner changes when contemplating site visits.

Public Comment Period

No public comment.

CMER/SAG Recap of Assignments/Decisions

- ◆ Remote sensing pilot recommendations approved to go to Policy.
- ◆ Dr. Moskal will give Extensive Vegetation Remote Sensing Pilot Project presentation at the August Policy meeting.
- ◆ Comments on Roads BMP and Alternative Study Designs documents due to Julie Dieu or Howard Haemmerle August 3, 2015.
- ◆ Future agenda item – how to handle adding TWIG members as project moves forward.

Adjourned