

**Cooperative Monitoring Evaluation and Research Committee
(CMER)
October 26, 2015
DNR Southeast Region Office/Ellensburg**

Attendees	Representing
Andrade, Charlene	Department of Natural Resources
§Baldwin, Todd	Kalispel Tribe – CMER Co-Chair
Beckett, Leah	Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission – CMER Staff
§Bell, Harry (ph)	Green Crow
Berge, Hans	Adaptive Management Program Administrator
chesney, charles (ph)	Member of Public
Dieu, Julie (ph)	Rayonier
Haemmerle, Howard	Department of Natural Resources
§Hicks, Mark	Department of Ecology
Hooks, Doug	WFPA – CMER Co-Chair
§Kay, Debbie (ph)	Suquamish Tribe
Knoth, Jenny (ph)	Green Crow
§Martin, Doug	Washington Forest Protections Association
§Mendoza, Chris (ph)	Conservation Caucus
Murray, Joe (ph)	Merrill Ring
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
Woodsmith, Rick (ph)	Private Consultant

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

*Indicates Decision

Science Session:

***Type F TWIG - Best Available Science Presentation – Approval**

Dave Schuett-Hames gave a presentation on the report and answered questions. Howard Haemmerle discussed the next steps for approval of the document. He asked if CMER wanted to have a 30 day review or would like to approve it to move to Policy. Harry Bell said he felt they should approve the document and move on with the project. Hicks said he had a few comments, but they were minor and he would not hold up approval of the document. It was suggested that CMER approve the document with the understanding that the TWIG address Hicks’ comments and that Schuett-Hames would add budget information regarding the cost of the proposal. Todd Baldwin moved to approve the document. - **Approved**

Next steps: The TWIG will give a presentation at the November Policy meeting and Schuett-Hames will prepare the six questions that will go to Policy for approval at their December meeting.

Decisions:

SAGE

◆ ***Eastern Washington Forest Hydrology Study – final approval**

Hans Berge reported that the study has come back from ISPR and all comments have been incorporated by the author. The revised report went out for concurrent review to SAGE and CMER. Comments were received from Todd Baldwin and Doug Martin and the report is now ready for final CMER approval. Baldwin proposed that the report be approved as final. Martin seconded. – **Approved**

Next steps – Howard Haemmerle and Greg Stewart will work with Dan Miller and SAGE to write the six questions that will go along with the report to Policy for their approval.

◆ ***EWRAP – final approval**

Baldwin reported that the document had gone through the SAGE review and that CMER members of SAGE had been reviewers. He asked if there were any other CMER members who wanted to review and comment on the document or if it should be approved. There were questions about having enough CMER reviewers. Doug Martin, Chris Mendoza, Mark Hicks, and Todd Baldwin reviewed the document. No one else was interested in reviewing it. Schuett-Hames suggested that Hicks, Baldwin, and Martin be assigned as reviewers and to allow another week for review.

The report will come back to CMER in November for approval along with six questions.

Next steps: Comments are due November 2, 2015 to Dave Schuett-Hames and Howard Haemmerle, with a cc to Kodi Jo Jaspers and Joel Adams. The report and six questions will come to CMER for approval in November.

CMER

◆ ***Surplus Budget – prioritize and approve projects for surplus budget**

Berge gave a summary of the budget surplus issue and the process to address it. Discussion revolved around the list that Charlene Andrade provided of suggested projects to utilize the budget surplus. She worked with the SAGs and TWIGs to put the list together. Berge asked for any other suggestions that were not on the list. The suggestions were prioritized by what projects could be completed by June 30, 2015 and the top three were chosen. Berge will put together a proposal to present to Policy at their November meeting, and then it will go to the Board at their November meeting.

Approved with condition that the projects will follow the CMER process.

***2016 Meeting Locations – decision on what meetings will be held in Eastern Washington and where.**

The 2016 Ellensburg meetings will be in March, May, and September at the DNR Southeast Region office.

Updates:

CMER

- ◆ ***LEAN** – *approval*

Mark Hicks asked for approval of the revised lean document. Todd Baldwin moved to approve the document, Doug Martin seconded. **Approved**

LWAG

- ◆ **Van Dykes Salamander** – *update*

A study design proposal will be presented to CMER at the November meeting.

TWIG

- ◆ **ENREP** – *update*

Gregg Stewart reported that he will be distributing the report today and requested comments ASAP. The report will come to CMER in November for approval. Comments are due by the November CMER meeting.

Public Comment Period

charles chesney remarked that he felt the FHS assumptions were false and he would like to see the ISPR comments. Hans Berge replied that he will send the ISPR comments to chesney.

CMER/SAG Recap of Assignments/Decisions

- ◆ EWRAP - Comments due to Dave Schuett-Hames, with a cc to Kodi Jo Jaspers and Joel Adams by November 2. The report be on the November agenda for approval.
- ◆ Howard Haemmerle and Greg Stewart will work with Dan Miller and SAGE to write the six questions for the Forest Hydrology Study that will go to Policy along with the report for their approval.
- ◆ Hans Berge will send the ISPR comments to charles chesney.

Adjourned