Cooperative Monitoring Evaluation and Research Committee (CMER)
June 25, 2019
Hal Holmes Community Center, Teanaway Room, Ellensburg, WA 98926

Attendees	Representing
§Baldwin, Todd	Kalispel Tribe of Indians
§Bell, Harry	Washington Farm Forestry Association
§Dieu, Julie (ph)	Rayonier
Gibbs, Heather	Department of Natural Resources
chesney, charles	Member of Public
Craken, Tony	Washington Farm Forestry Association
Davis, Emily (ph)	Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission – CMER Staff
Haemmerle, Howard	Acting Adaptive Management Program Administrator
Halabisky, Meghan	University of Washington
Hernandez, Emily (ph)	Department of Natural Resources
Hough-Snee, Nate	Meadow Run Environmental
§Kay, Debbie (ph)	Suquamish Tribe
§Knoth, Jenny	Green Crow – CMER Co-Chair
Krauz, Eric	Colville Confederated Tribes
§Kroll, AJ	Weyerhaeuser
§Martin, Doug (ph)	Washington Forest Protection Association
§Mendoza, Chris	Conservation Caucus
Murray, Joe	Washington Forest Protection Association
Ojala-Barbour, Reed (ph)	Department of Fish & Wildlife
Roorbach, Ash (ph)	Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission
Schuett-Hames, Dave	Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission - CMER Staff
Shramek, Patti	Department of Natural Resources – CMER Coordinator

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

*Indicates Decision

Science Session:

- **FWEP** – *Wetlands Literature Synthesis/Data Base/Web Map*
  Nate Hough-Snee, Meadow Run Environmental, gave a presentation on the updated Wetlands Literature Synthesis and answered questions.

- **WetSAG** – Wetland Intrinsic Potential Tool – *presentation and discussion*
  Meghan Halabisky, University of Washington, gave a presentation on the Wetland Intrinsic Potential Tool and answered questions.

Decisions:

LWAG

- ***Hard Rock Extended Report –** ***final approval to send to ISPR***
  Heather Gibbs reviewed the SAG request and remarked that the SAG is aware that there are many changes and they are prepared to give CMER members extra time to review before voting. Howard Haemmerle pointed out that this is the second time CMER has seen this report.

  Jenny Knoth asked the voting members who were present if they were ready to vote. Harry Bell and Doug Martin replied that they were not ready to vote and would like more time to review.

  Mendoza remarked that if an item is on the agenda for a vote, members saying that they are not ready to vote is no reason to not vote. They can certainly vote no, but there should still be a vote and have it put on the record that they did not have time to review. Knoth remarked that LWAG originally requested extra time for review before asking for approval, but at the agenda-planning meeting, it was decide to ask for a vote in case there was a chance to get an approval earlier.

  Mendoza motioned to approve, Baldwin seconded

  Kroll - abstain
  Mendoza – yes
  Dieu - absent
  Kay – yes
  Martin – nay – not enough time to review, less than 30 days
  Bell – nay – not enough time to review, needs more discussion on technical issues (his comments weren't adequately addressed)
  Knoth – yes
  Hayes (Reed Ojala-Barbour – proxy) – yes, but reiterated that LWAG was okay with more time to review
  Hicks – via email – yes
  Mobbs –absent
  Baldwin - yes

  Mendoza remarked that Bell will need to work with authors to make sure his previous comments were adequately addressed, but can't submit new comments. Bell replied that he is concerned that the changes to sections he commented on might affect others comments, so a few reviewers may need to be involved. Mendoza remarked that the authors will only work with Harry on his comments and not presuppose that other's

comments will change. Gibbs remarked that she would help facilitate the meeting with Bell and the authors. Bell remarked that he could submit his issues with the response to his concerns by July 9, 2019. Martin remarked that he would do the same. Mendoza reiterated the nature of comments should not counter what has already been approved. Gibbs remarked that if there is a non-consensus vote, the next time it will need to go to dispute resolution. Ojala-Barbour reported that Stable Isotopes was included as an appendix in original report, as well as in extended report. He said that reviewer comments recommended removing Stable Isotopes from the extended report, and asked for guidance on how to move forward. The decision was made to find out more about it before moving on. LWAG will come back with clarification.

Next Steps: Bell and Martin will submit concerns regarding comment incorporation to Gibbs by July 9, 2019. LWAG will provide clarity and suggested direction regarding Isotopes.

UPSAG

- ***UPSAG Budget Revision – *approval***
  Emily Hernandez reported that UPSAG has revised their schedule on a couple projects and are requesting to have $35,000 moved from FY 20 to FY 21.

  Knoth asked if there needs to be a vote on change in budget. Baldwin remarked that he has never seen it, especially since it's a reduction in the budget.

  It was determined that no vote was needed and that it will be addressed in the updated charter.

  Murray remarked that this is a good example of how to do this in the future to avoid having unspent funds at the end of the biennium. Mendoza replied that the project tracking sheets can help with this.

Discussion:

- **Continued Work on Water Typing**
  Haemmerle reviewed the Board motion for the Adaptive Management Program Administrator (AMPA) to work with CMER and Policy to see if they could find funds for the Adaptive Management Program improvements facilitation and Water Typing and come back to them at their August meeting with recommendations. He remarked that he will not be the AMPA in August and he is just trying to set the stage for the new AMPA to make sure CMER and Policy have the chance to discuss recommendations. He also said the recommendation can be there is no recommendation. Mendoza agreed with Haemmerle's assessment and remarked that ISAG is discussing this. Knoth replied that

this could be the opportunity for ISAG to bring forward projects that fit within the Water Typing area.

Baldwin asked where Fire and other priorities fit in with finding additional funding. Haemmerle replied that those are not Board priorities at this time. Water Typing is the Boards priority since they feel it is bad optics to not have any funding for Water Typing when there has been such a big deal made about it. He also remarked that CMER could make recommendations for what projects they think any extra funding should go towards. He said that only the Board and the AMPA (in a limited capacity) can move funds around. He will not be making the decision to move funds for the remainder of his term (through July) and feels no decisions should be made until after the Board meeting in August.

Mendoza reminded everyone about how in the past there was a two-day budget retreat with CMER/Policy to discuss project prioritization, and thinks it would be a good idea to get back to doing those.

Next Steps: SAGS will provide recommendations on projects and budget to CMER at the July meeting for the AMPA to present to the Board at their August meeting. The AMPA is the final decision maker on what recommendations will go forward.

- **CMER Co-Chair Nomination(s)** – *discussion to address nomination/approval of replacement for Doug Hooks*
  Haemmerle reviewed the process CMER just went through to vote for Mendoza to replace Knoth, and that Hooks' term is up and there needs to be a nomination for someone to replace him, or a vote to extend his term. Mendoza's term is two years. CMER could vote to extend Hooks' term until June 2020 and vote for new co-chair spring 2020. If a new Co-Chair is elected, they will serve until June 30, 2020 to keep the rotation of a new Co-Chair on a yearly basis. The vote for a new Co-Chair occur in the spring of 2020 to start July 1, 2020.

  Action Item: Add co-chair nomination for spring of each year on CMER assignment log.

Updates:

Report from the Board – *June 4, 2019 meeting*
The meeting focused on one topic, how to move forward with the rule making.

Forest Practices Board meeting minutes are located on the Department of Natural Resources web page at https://www.dnr.wa.gov/about/boards-and-councils/forest-practices-board.

Report from Policy – *June 6, 2019 meeting*
Ash Roorbach reported on the PSM workshop that he gave to Policy at the June meeting. There was discussion about what came out of the workshop and the difference between CMER and Policy's understanding of the PSM.

Gibbs gave an update on the Type N Technical Advisory Workgroup. Caucus nominations for the workgroup were due June 24.

Timber Fish & Wildlife Policy meeting minutes are located on the Department of Natural Resources web page at http://www.dnr.wa.gov/about/boards-and-councils/forest-practices-board/tfw-policy-committee.

Roads Updated Project Charter

Gibbs reported that she is the new Project Manager for this project.

Julie Dieu gave an update on the Roads project and informed CMER of the change in pipe length in a few sites due to site restrictions. One of the sites needed to be thrown out because of site restrictions. Haemmerle asked if the loss of sites will affect the study results. Dieu replied that project team would be discussing this in a conference call the following week. They may be able to find additional sites to replace them. Mendoza asked what level of authorization they need to put in a different size pipe; the answer was the forester could make the decision. Mendoza asked what the implication is to the study design: the answer was it would not make a big difference.

AMP Positions – *update on AMPA, EP5 and CMER Scientists recruitments*
Haemmerle gave an update of status of the AMPA, EP5, Eastside Scientist, and Administrative Assistant open positions. The AMPA interviews are completed and they are waiting for Stephen Bernath to make an offer. The EP5 interviews will be conducted soon, and the hope is to have the new AMPA on the interview panel. DNR is waiting for the new AMPA to be on board before moving forward with recruitments for the Eastside Scientist and Administrative Assistant.

Dave Schuett-Hames gave an update of the status of the CMER Lead Scientist, Geologist, and Wetlands Scientist positions at the Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission. Interviews fare completed, the Lead Scientist recruitment was extend to mid-July, and the Wetland Scientist position will go out for recruitment after Lead Scientist is hired.

Mendoza asked if the delay in hiring staff relates to the request for extra funds for the Board request; the answer was no.

CMER Ground Rules – *update on revision process*
Schuett-Hames reported that Mendoza was the only one who provided comments. Committee has not had time to make the revisions. Haemmerle replied that it is still okay to summit comments if anyone wishes to do so.

CMER and SAG updates
There were no questions about the updates. Murray replied that he felt they were well written.

Public Comment
charles chesney asked questions about the ENREP sites and provided comments.

Recap of Assignments/Decisions

- Hard Rock Extended report not approved. Bell and Martin will submit concerns regarding comment incorporation to Gibbs by July 9, 2019. LWAG will provide clarity and suggest direction regarding the Isotopes appendix. Report will be on the July meeting agenda for approval.
- SAGS will provide recommendations on projects and budget to CMER at July meeting to give to AMPA to present to the Board at their August meeting. The AMPA is the final decision maker on what recommendations will go forward.
- Co-Chair nominations will be added to the CMER Assignment log for spring of each year.
- Nomination for new co-chair to replace Hooks, or to extend his term to June 2020 with be on the agenda for the July meeting, or nomination for Hooks to serve until June 2020. If a new Co-Chair is elected, they will serve until June 30, 2020 to keep the rotation of a new Co-Chair on a yearly basis. The vote for a new Co-Chair occur in the spring of 2020 to start July 1, 2020.

Adjourned @ 3:30