Cooperative Monitoring Evaluation and Research Committee (CMER)
July 24, 2018
DNR/DOC Industrial Park, Tumwater WA

Attendees	Representing
§Bell, Harry (ph)	Washington Farm Forestry Association
Berge, Hans	Adaptive Management Program Administrator
chesney, charles (ph)	Private Citizen
Davis, Emily (ph)	Northwest Indian Fish Commission – CMER Staff
Ehinger, Bill	Department of Ecology
Gibbs, Heather	Department of Natural Resources
Haemmerle, Howard	Department of Natural Resources
§Hicks, Mark	Department of Ecology
Hooks, Doug	Washington Forest Protection Association – CMER Co-Chair
Hough-Snee, Nate	Meadow Run Environmental
Johnson, Angela	Department of Natural Resources
Kiffney, Peter	National Oceanic Atmospheric Agency
§Knoth, Jenny (ph)	Green Crow - CMER Co-Chair
§Martin, Doug	Washington Forest Protection Association
McIntyre, Aimee	Department of Fish & Wildlife
§Mendoza, Chris	Conservation Caucus
Murray, Joe	Washington Forest Protection Association
Roorbach, Ash (ph)	Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission
Schuett-Hames, Dave	Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission - CMER Staff
Shramek, Patti	Department of Natural Resources – CMER Coordinator
Stephens, Robert (GoTo)	Spokane Tribe of Indians
Stewart, Greg	Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission – CMER Staff
Swanson, Scott (ph)	Washington State Association of Counties
Turner, Ted	Weyerhaeuser
Walter, Jason	Weyerhaeuser

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

*Indicates Decision

<u>Decisions:</u>

FWEP TWIG

- ***Forested Wetlands Effectives Project Chronosequence Study Plan** – *approval to go to ISPR*

  Haemmerle reviewed the process up to this point and asked Nate Hough-Snee to give details of the request. Hough-Snee reviewed the changes that were made in the document, and the thinking of the TWIG member regarding the changes, since the last CMER meeting.

Baldwin motioned to approve to send to ISPR, Martin seconded – **Approved**
Hicks sideways (via email)

Next steps: Nate will email Hans a clean copy to send to ISPR

RSAG

- ***Extensive Vegetation Remote Sensing –** *approval of scoping document and findings report*

  Joe Murray reported that all CMER and RSAG reviewers have approved all the changes.

  Scoping Document – Martin motioned to move to Policy, Hicks seconded, Baldwin sideways - **Approved**

  Baldwin remarked that his comments were not addressed, but he is not going to hold it up.

  Perspective Findings Report – Martin moved to approve the findings report, Hicks seconded. Mendoza – no, Baldwin - sideways

  Mendoza remarked that he is not prepared to approve the findings report and he sent out his comments to RSAG this morning. RSAG needs to work with Policy to see which metrics Policy wants to measure and is willing to work with RSAG on the document. It is not a huge time commitment. Mendoza remarked that the findings report is typically sent the month after the final report is approved, so he took offence to the comment that his comments were late. (Jenny had remarked that it would be nice to have comments before the day of the meeting. (Joe's comments as to process on prospective findings reports? Add to PSM?)

  Next step: Will not go to Policy until findings report is revised.

LWAG

- ***Van Dyke's Salamander Literature Review** – *approval of findings report*
  Aimee McIntyre reported that CMER had not reviewed the findings report, so LWAG is changing the request to a request a request for reviewers. However, they are happy to have a vote for approval is CMER members are willing. Hicks had a couple questions that were answered by McIntyre.

Hicks moved to approve findings report for transmittal to Policy, Mendoza seconded - **Approved**

Discussion:

- **Scheduling a field trip to coincide with the September CMER meeting in Spokane**

Rob Stephens reviewed the document he sent out with potential field trips for September. Haemmerle remarked that ISAG and CMER have all talked about having a September field trips. Marc Gauthier is comfortable with the different topics. Discussion revolved around the different topics and which one makes more sense. Martin would prefer to focus on Eastside specific studies since the meeting is on the Eastside. Rob will focus on options #3 (Eastside Type N Riparian Effectiveness Project (ENREP)) & #4 (Eastside Timber Habitat Evaluation Project (ETHEP)). Final head count will be determined at August 2018 CMER meeting.

Public Comment Period

No public comment

Recap of Assignments/Decisions

- Future agenda topics – process on projects

Adjourned – 10:20 am