

**Cooperative Monitoring Evaluation and Research Committee
July 22, 2008
DNR Compound Large Conference Room
Draft Notes**

Attendees	Representing
*Almond, Lyle	Makah Tribe, RSAG Co-chair
*Baldwin, Todd (v)	Kalispel Tribe, SAGE Co-Chair
Black, Jenelle	NWIFC
*Butts, Sally	USFWS, CMER Co-Chair
Cramer, Darin	DNR, Adaptive Management Administrator
*Dieu, Julie	Rayonier, UPSAG Co-Chair
Furman, Kira	Simon Fraser University
Haque, Sarah	Squaxin Island Tribe
Heckel, Linda	DNR, CMER Coordinator
*Jackson, Terry	WDFW, CMER Co-Chair
Kurtenbach, Amy	DNR, CMER Project Manager
*Martin, Doug	WFPA Contractor
*MacCracken, Jim	Longview Timber
*Mendoza, Chris	Conservation Caucus Contractor
Moon, Teresa	DNR, CMER Project Manager
O'Sullivan, Alison	Suquamish Tribe
*Sturhan, Nancy	NWIFC, CMER Co-chair
*Veldhuisen, Curt (v)	Skagit River System Cooperative

* indicates official CMER members and alternates

v indicates attended via video-conferencing; ph indicates attended via phone

Agenda Review - Butts

Sally stated that Steve McConnell will not be at the meeting and he had requested the UCUT items, regarding ISPR review of CMER reports, be taken off the agenda. The Peer Review discussion was also taken off the agenda. The group decided to discuss the DFC prescription concept and related riparian functional elements during the science session.

Science Session - DFC

Nancy and Chris gave a brief update of the DFC alternatives presentations and discussions that had taken place at the workshop on Monday, July 21. Following that was a discussion about: (1) the DFC concept, (2) what are the riparian functional elements we need to provide to maintain or restore stream conditions and fish habitat, and (3) what CMER studies have been done and what should be pursued in the future.

Doug and Chris will pull together approximately 6 relevant wood recruitment papers and send them to Linda. Linda will then forward the papers to CMER members for review. CMER

participants should read these papers and be prepared to discuss how they inform the Type F streams research strategy. This discussion will occur at the September CMER science session.

SAG Requests – Butts

LWAG – Dunn’s Salamander Study

Teresa Moon presented the request for approval of the Dunn’s Salamander Study final report. Revisions have been incorporated as requested at last month’s CMER meeting. There was discussion about a couple of additional clarifying edits to the six questions document. Suggested language was inserted and agreed upon. CMER approved the six questions document and the final report. This will go to Policy at their August meeting.

LWAG - Intermittent Streams Study, Phase I (of three phases)

Teresa Moon presented the request to approve the final report of the Intermittent Streams Study Phase I screening process. Sally mentioned that there were still minor grammatical edits that needed to be addressed. CMER agreed that those edits should be incorporated into the final Phase I report. With the understanding that the edits will be addressed, CMER approved the final report and six questions. Policy will receive a notification that Phase I has been completed.

In the future, all documents submitted to CMER for review should have dates, file name, and page numbers. It was also strongly suggested that a response matrix be completed by the author (with assistance from the PM) to capture reviewer comments and author responses.

RSAG - Riparian Hardwood Conversion Study

Lyle Almond presented the request for CMER reviewers of the interim draft report “Draft Case Study Reports”. Dick Miller, Nancy Sturhan, Terry Jackson and Chris Mendoza will be the reviewers. Doug Martin will find a WFPA representative to review the report. Lyle will forward the report to Sally, and she will send it to the reviewers and to CMER. The due date is the next CMER meeting, August 26th. Reviewers will send their comments back to Lyle and Ash.

4th Quarter Progress Reports

No issues with the progress reports.

Policy Meeting - Cramer

Darin reported the items of interest from the July Policy meeting:

- Mark Hicks updated Policy about the CWA working group;
- Policy delayed acting on the Eastside Type F Channel Wood Study and the Eastside Riparian Conditions Assessment Phase I document until Todd’s presentation at the August Policy meeting.
- The Wetland Mitigation Study report was approved to move ahead with option B;
- Sally Butts reminded everyone that this was her last Policy meeting, she will be missed;
- Miguel suggested a policy meeting on the eastside, coordinated with a field visit to Eastside Study sites. Linda is working with Todd and Chase on this possibility;
- The Fish Passage Policy subgroup recommended neither the culvert test bed nor stream simulation studies move forward at this time. The subgroup did suggest keeping the group together, adding the local government and tribal representatives, and continuing work on the fish passage strategy;

- The Conservation Caucus mentioned their newest member, the Sierra Club - NW Chapter.

ISPR - Butts

RMZ Resample will be next in line for ISPR review, once the grammatical issues have been resolved, pending the hiring of technical editing services.

UPSAG's accuracy and bias study design may soon be ready for ISPR review.

SAG Items - Butts

Nancy Sturhan had planned for NWIFC folks to come today and present a proposal for the CMER information management system. Since today's meeting is ending early, she will send the information out via email that was going to be presented. The presentation will be scheduled for next month.

Sally said goodbye and how wonderful it was to work with everyone.

Jenelle was asking why Sierra Pacific has not been very responsive lately regarding potential CMER studies sites. Curt mentioned they have been pretty focused on the fires down in California and protecting their land.

Science Session for August

Next month's science session will be a discussion on Type N Soft Rock. Sally will look at the notes from the CMER meeting that was held at the United Churches in Sept. 2007 to see if these notes would be useful to send out to CMER again. Curt will put together a draft strategy on how to get the work done and to get the conversation rolling.

Meeting was adjourned.

Future Meetings

CMER 2008 Regular Meetings: August 26 Spokane, September 23 NWIFC, October 28 DNR Compound, November 25 DNR Compound and December 16 DNR Compound.