

**Cooperative Monitoring Evaluation and Research Committee
November 18, 2008
DNR/DOC Conference Room
Draft Notes**

Attendees	Representing
*Almond, Lyle	Makah Tribe, RSAG Co-Chair
Baldwin, Todd (v)	Kalispel Tribe
Black, Jenelle	CMER Staff, NWIFC
Cramer, Darin	DNR, Adaptive Management Administrator
*Dieu, Julie	Rayonier
Haque, Sarah	Squaxin Island Tribe
Heckel, Linda	DNR, CMER Coordinator
*Hicks, Mark	DOE
*Jackson, Terry	WDFW, CMER Co-Chair
Jones, Bruce	NWIFC
Koschak, Marilu	NWIFC
Kurtenbach, Amy	DNR, Project Manager
MacCracken, Jim	Longview Timberlands
*Martin, Doug	WFPA Contractor
*McConnell, Steve	UCUT
McGinnis, Mike	Shoalwater Bay Tribe
*Mendoza, Chris	Conservation Caucus Contractor, CMER Co-Chair
Miller, Dan	M2 Environmental
*Miller, Dick	WFFA
Moon, Teresa	DNR, Project Manager
Osullivan, Alison	Suquamish Tribe
Roorbach, Ash	CMER Staff, NWIFC
*Sturhan, Nancy	NWIFC
*Veldhuisen, Curt	Skagit River Systems Cooperative

* indicates official CMER members and alternates

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

Science Session - SSHIAP Information Management Presentation

Bruce Jones and Marilu Koschak (NWIFC) provided a presentation and project proposal for the CMER Information Management Pilot Project. This project manages information associated with CMER projects. Marilu updated CMER on the seven CMER projects she has been assembling. There was discussion that Marilu does not have all of the documents and/or sites that she needs to complete the pilot. Marilu will continue gathering information from SAGs to add to this system. CMER agreed to allow SSHIAP to work with the documents/information

they currently have, and then it will be reviewed to make sure they have the most current CMER approved documents. It was also decided by the group to include Final Reports for both pre- and post ISPR. Marilu then described their next steps, including: document preparation, document conversion, linkage to the sites, enhancements and training and technical support.

The following is a list of who will help Marilu with the QA/QC for the projects:

Last Fish Habitat Prediction Model	Chris Mendoza and Doug Martin
Last Fish Habitat Annual	Chris Mendoza and Doug Martin
Seasonal Variability	Chris Mendoza and Doug Martin
PIP Perennial Stream Survey Pilot Project	Curt Veldhuisen, Jenelle Black, Chris Mendoza and Bob Palmquist
Eastside Riparian Current Conditions Type F	Jenelle Black
Extensive Riparian Temperature Monitoring Project	Jenelle Black
Bull Trout Overlay Temperature Project	Terry Jackson
Type N Buffer Characteristics, Integrity Westside	Teresa Moon, Dave Schuett Hames, and Ash Roorbach

Linda will email this information to Marilu with copies to Terry and Chris.

This proposal has been approved to move forward.

There was discussion on moving the TFW/CMER documents from the DNR website to the NWIFC website because of the difficulties in accessing the information. This issue needs to be elevated to Policy. It was suggested that the funding be pulled from DNR and allocated to NWIFC for maintaining CMER document on a website. Doug Martin and Mark Hicks will draft a memo to Policy. This draft will be coming to the December CMER meeting for review and approval.

Type N Forest Hydrology Characterization Study Presentation – Dan Miller

Dan Miller presented the above Study Design. Amy presented a SAG Request from SAGE for CMER review of the Study Design.

Reviewers need to get their comments to Todd, copy to Amy, by December 16, 2008. Chris, Curt, Julie, and Doug will be the official reviewers (commit to review and submit comments to the author, and respond to the authors’ responses to your comments within the timeline), but everyone should review the document. Dick also agreed to review.

Policy Meeting Update – Darin and Chris

- UCU Windthrow Proposal – Policy decided to not go forward with the proposed efforts at this time, and instead agreed with the majority (non-consensus) opinion of RSAG to withhold further work until RSAG begins scoping the Westside Type F effectiveness study.
- Softrock Study – Group is meeting November 19, room 177 at the NRB

- Workload Allocation – Nancy handed out a CMER Capacity Study memo. It described how much time SAG members spend on issues, estimate of effort needed to perform adequately, and SAG membership list. Policy was interested in doing this process for their own committee. Policy also asked for a work allocation form completed for each CMER member. Linda will send out the form.
- Policy approved sending the Desktop Analysis and the Field Validation study on to ISPR for peer review. The other two add-on reports are being sent along for background information only. RSAG needs to decide on who the PI is going to be for this review.

ISPR Update – Darin

No new information.

SAG Items – Darin

- CMER Final Reports Inventory – This matrix needs to be reviewed to make sure all final reports are included. The brief results summary for each report also needs to be reviewed for accuracy. Gaps identified need to be given to Darin by December 5, 2008.
- Discussed the interim reports and comment matrix completion. How should these be used, when are they to be completed. CMER should continue to think on this for further discussion at a future CMER meeting.
- RSAG – Hardwood Conversion Annotated Bibliography and White Paper completion – PNW was going to contract to do this but Paul Anderson’s bid exceeded the budgeted amount – RSAG will be submitting an RFQ to whoever expressed an interest in doing the work with the condition that it is under \$20,000. **CMER Approved.**

2009 Science Conference – Linda

- Reviewed a list, to date, of presentations and posters
- Will bring a list of due dates to the December CMER meeting
- Talk with DNR State Lands about their two studies (headwater streams and windthrow)
- Talk with Policy about their interest in the UW videotaping again
- UPSAG will do a dry-run of the Post-Mortem Study at the CMER February meeting

Future Meetings

CMER 2008 Regular Meetings: December 16 DNR/DOC Compound

CMER 2009 Regular Meetings: January 27, February 24, March 24, April 28, May 26, June 23, July 28, August 25, September 22, October 27, November 17, December 15