

**Cooperative Monitoring Evaluation and Research Committee  
January 27, 2009  
Natural Resources Building Room 175  
Draft Notes**

<b>Attendees</b>	<b>Representing</b>
*Almond, Lyle (ph)	Makah Tribe, RSAG Co-Chair
*Baldwin, Todd (ph)	Kalispel Tribe, SAGE Co-Chair
Black, Jenelle (ph)	CMER Staff, NWIFC
Cahill, Candice	Rayonier, WETSAG Chair
Cramer, Darin	DNR, Adaptive Management Administrator
*Dieu, Julie	Rayonier
Heide, Pete	WFPA
*Hicks, Mark	Ecology
Hitchens, Dawn	DNR, CMER Coordinator
*Jackson, Terry	WDFW, CMER Co-Chair
Kurtenbach, Amy	DNR, Project Manager
*Martin, Doug	WFPA Contractor
*McConnell, Steve (ph)	UCUT
*James MacCracken	Longview Timber Company, LWAG Chair
*Mendoza, Chris	Conservation Caucus Contractor, CMER Co-Chair
*Miller, Dick	WFFA
Moon, Teresa	DNR, Project Manager
Osullivan, Alison (ph)	Suquamish Tribe
Roorbach, Ash	CMER Staff, NWIFC
Schuett-Hames, Dave	CMER Staff, NWIFC
*Sturhan, Nancy	NWIFC

\* Indicates official CMER members and alternates; ph indicates attended via phone

DNR's organizational changes were identified during introductions of those in attendance; Linda Heckel promoted up to executive level with Lenny Young; Dawn Hitchens assumes CMER Coordinator role with upgrade within FPD.

**Agenda**

Jenelle requested to add landowner data request(s) for CMER studies as an agenda item.

On behalf of UCUT, Todd Baldwin requested to remove from the agenda the \$20,000 reimbursement request from Rayonier Forest Resources for post-mortem work and for this request to be "clearly" documented in the CMER notes. Todd's justification for the UCUT's request was they felt that because Rayonier was not under contract to do this work, and that CMER as the scientific arm of the AMP, was not the appropriate place to discuss non-contractual requests. DNR – FPD management discussed what to do with the request and decided to let CMER determine if it should be considered for payment due to the extenuating circumstances regarding the post-mortem project and did not agree that it should be removed from the agenda.

After additional discussion Terry Jackson stated that since there was not consensus within CMER to remove the request from the agenda then it should stay on the agenda. During the lunch hour Pete Heide officially motioned to remove the reimbursement request from the agenda and CMER's consideration and it was removed without further discussion by CMER.

The original agenda for the science session changed due to a cancellation from the scientists slated to present on the aquatics conservation strategy of the NW Forest Plan. The science session was replaced with the 2010 CMER Work Plan & Format Guidelines.

**Meeting Minutes**

December meeting notes were approved. Dawn will ask to get these posted to the website.

**2010 Work Plan Revisions & Format Guidelines**

Jackson identified that the on-call editor/writer will assist CMER in the formatting, grammatical and logical edits after the content and substance work is completed by the SAGs.

Last year's work plan format was stripped and revised to be used as a template, so as to make it easier for the SAGs to insert their respective pieces; the intent is for the SAGs to concentrate on content. The 2010 Work Plan Format Guidelines were developed to assist the SAGs in their approach for making revisions, especially in regards to consistency in content for specific sections.

Terry Jackson, Chris Mendoza, & Darin Cramer will work on the draft content for the upper level sections of the Work Plan, with assistance from others as needed. Terry, Chris and Darin will also help to provide direction and assistance to the SAGs in revising their specific sections.

Discussion focused on including a section for linking the specific Rule Groups to Policy and Decision-making. This section could include: uncertainties, CMER work done to-date, what we have learned so far, and next steps, etc. Time is limited for attempting to include this section in each rule group in time for the Work Plan to be finalized prior to Policy's Budget Retreat in April. However, a section title will be inserted into the Work Plan as a placeholder for each Rule Group. Darin will try to draft an example for one of the rule groups, if time allows. This section will be developed further (most likely in the 2011 CMER Work Plan, as progress is made with Policy on the overall CMER strategy.

Suggested Plan of Action & Timeframe:

<b>What</b>	<b>Who</b>	<b>When</b>
Insert Format Changes in 2009 Work Plan	CMER Co-Chair	January 27, 2009
Send reformatted Work Plan to SAGs	CMER Co-chair	January 30, 2009
SAGs return revisions to CMER Co-Chairs	SAGs	February 17, 2009
Incorporate SAG revisions into one DRAFT working document.	CMER Co-chair	February 20, 2009
CMER Check Content SAG Co-chairs report on their sections	CMER	February 24, 2009
Send unedited version to Editor/Writer; Send Draft Work Plan to CMER for		

Review	CMER Co-chairs /AMPA	February 27, 2009
CMER comments due	CMER	March 13, 2009
CMER Approve Work Plan	CMER	March 24, 2009

**SAG Requests – Terry**

- ❖ ISPR Questions of Desktop Analysis and Field Check - Approved
- ❖ AMPA - Post-Mortem Budget Request - Withdrawn
- ❖ SAGE - Forward Type N Forest Hydrology Characterization study plan to ISPR - Approved
- ❖ SAGE - Budget request (\$1,000) for CMER Science Conference - Approved  
Discussion focused on use & purpose of the Project Development Fund.
- ❖ LWAG - Budget request for Buffer Integrity/Shade Effectiveness (moving \$5,935 from FY2010 to FY 2009) – Approved
- ❖ RSAG/UPSAG - Budget request (\$1,500) for Type N Soft Rock Effectiveness project for Project Development Funds to cover preliminary GIS analyses - Approved  
Discussion focused on the process of scoping documents - inconsistencies were identified and clarification was emphasized as to following the CMER review process for scoping documents.

**Policy Meeting Update – Darin**

Items from the January Policy Meeting:

Policy reviewed the Adaptive Management Program strategic goals, objectives and tasks document dated 10/6/08, the rule group charts & their connection to L-1/L-2 crosswalk.

Policy also discussed the PIP/DFC “Post-Mortem” work list project. They want to conduct an evaluation of the processes and rename post-mortem so as not to confuse it with the current CMER study.

Items from the January 22<sup>nd</sup> Special Policy Meeting:

Policy is continuing the work on the strategic plan. Policy went through the charts & had a good discussion. Policy may devote the whole February meeting to the strategic plan. The next special policy meeting is scheduled for February 19<sup>th</sup>.

**ISPR Update – Darin**

Update - Eastside Type N Characterization Forest Hydrology Study Design Draft will be ready for ISPR review.

Intermittent Streams Study – McCracken said the study design will be ready for ISPR soon as CMER review comments have been addressed.

ISPR Subgroup - The subgroup had a meeting on the calendar to make further progress on defining “CMER funded final reports”. However, meeting attendance was too low to have a productive meeting. Calendars are currently extremely busy with CMER Work Plan, CMER strategy, and other efforts. However, another meeting will be set up as soon as possible to continue progress on this issue.

## **SAG Items –**

Jenelle identified that a landowner who has participated in a CMER study has requested raw data for their own purpose and that DNR state lands is interested in the post-mortem data (field identification and GPS points). CMER needs to decide how to respond to these two requests. There is no question about actually sharing final data with landowners and others; however, the issue primarily pertains to timing of the release of data (prior to final analyses, etc.). Several identified the importance of landowners granting access to their lands and the value of their participation in CMER studies. Discussion focused on the language within the contract template. The language reflects that the DNR owns the data when the contractor hands the data over, as once this is done the data is immediately open to public disclosure. Discussion also focused on the PSM section 10.2.1 about data release and the CMER access permit used for CMER studies. The PSM section identified that a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with landowners should be developed prior to accessing land. The MOU will clearly identify data sharing. A concern was raised about how raw data can be misused and misunderstood.

CMER agreed that consistency is important in how data is shared among all projects and the importance of landowners as collaborators in CMER studies. CMER agreed that data sharing is possible after it has gone through QA/QC, but CMER needs a formal yet operational tool. A workgroup comprised of Jenelle Black, Terry Jackson, Chris Mendoza, Amy Kurtenbach, Dick Miller and Darin Cramer will work on drafting a MOU and establishing a formalized arrangement for data sharing with landowners (large and small). Chris Mendoza will draft a memo to Policy (describing the issues, pros and cons, etc.) and distribute to the rest of the group for input. After bringing to the March CMER meeting for approval, this memo will be shared with Policy at the March 5<sup>th</sup> meeting.

## **2009 Science Conference – Terry**

Terry shared a draft of the presentation schedule. Currently, there is adequate room for all presentations as requested. Everyone was reminded that the science conference will be on Wednesday, March 18<sup>th</sup> at OB 2 Auditorium. Any comments on the conference schedule are due to Dawn and Terry by February 9<sup>th</sup>. Abstracts are due to Dawn Hitchens on February 18<sup>th</sup>.

## **Items Going to Policy**

Updates on:

- Data sharing with landowners (March Policy Meeting)
- 2010 Work Plan

Meeting was adjourned.

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## Future Meetings

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