

**Cooperative Monitoring Evaluation and Research Committee
(CMER)
October 22, 2013
DNR/DOC Compound**

Attendees	Representing
Acker, Marty	US Fish & Wildlife Service
*Baldwin, Todd (ph)	Kalispel Tribe of Indians
Beach, Eric	Green Diamond Resource Company
Bernath, Stephen	Department of Ecology
chesney, charles (ph)	Department of Natural Resources
*Dieu, Julie	Rayonier
*Ehinger, Bill	Department of Ecology
Gauthier, Marc (ph)	Upper Columbia United Tribes
Haemmerle, Howard	Department of Natural Resources
Hayes, Marc	Department of Fish and Wildlife
*Hicks, Mark	Department of Ecology, CMER Co-Chair
Hotvedt, Jim	Department of Natural Resources, AMPA
*Kay, Debbie	Suquamish Tribe
*Kroll, A.J.	Weyerhaeuser
Kurtenbach, Amy	Department of Natural Resources
*Martin, Doug	Washington Forest Protections Association
McFadden, George	Bureau of Land Management
*Mendoza, Chris	Conservation Caucus, CMER Co-Chair
*Mobbs, Mark	Quinault Indian Nation
Murray, Joe	Merrill & Ring
Peters, Jim	Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission
Pierce, Ken	Department of Fish & Wildlife
Ratcliff, Marc	Department of Natural Resources
Schuett-Hames, Dave	Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission – CMER Staff
Scurlock, Mary	Conservation Caucus
Shramek, Patti	Department of Natural Resources – CMER Coordinator
Stewart, Greg	Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission – CMER Staff
*Sturhan, Nancy	Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission
Terwilleger, Karen	Washington Forest Protection Association

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

Agenda – Nancy Sturhan requested to add a CMER Information Management System (IMS) update.

CMER Monthly Science Session:

National Agriculture Imagery Program (NAIP) Presentation. Dr. Ken Pierce, Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW), gave a presentation on the high-resolution change detection system WDFW has developed using NAIP Data.

Next steps for remote sensing presentation. Discussion revolved around what topics CMER would like to have covered in the remote sensing presentation. George McFadden explained that the presentation would cover various types of remote sensing, LiDAR being one. CMER members requested the following subjects be covered in the presentation:

- Mass wasting
- Riparian conditions
- Site selection
- Stand characteristics
- Stream temperature change

And, answer these four questions:

- What are the data needs?
- What can you get out of it?
- What are the limitations?
- What is the cost?

The presentation is scheduled for the afternoon of the November 19th meeting.

Business Session:

***Decisions:**

***Coordinator's Corner**

- ◆ Approval of February CMER Meeting Minutes – **Approved**

***TWIG**

- ◆ **Type N Riparian Effectiveness Best Available Science Alternatives** – *Request for Approval of Recommendation - Non-Approval*

Gregg Stewart gave a PowerPoint presentation on where the Type N TWIG process is at. He reported that changes had been made to the Eastside Type N Riparian Effectiveness Research Alternatives document based on comments received the previous week and reviewed the changes.

The TWIG identified a two-part approach that (1) provides for the evaluation of rule effectiveness on Type Np streams with spatially-continuous flow while (2) facilitating the development of a study design to evaluate effectiveness on spatially-discontinuous Type Np streams.

1. Develop a version of the westside Type N experimental study design modified for use on eastside Type Np basins with spatially-continuous stream flow, and
2. Conduct follow-up research on eastern Washington Type Np basins with spatially discontinuous surface flow.

Discussion about the document recommendations revolved around whether or not there was enough substance to back them up.

Nancy Sturhan moved to send the document to Policy with the reviewed edits. Mark Hicks seconded. Doug Martin opposed, saying he would like more substance in the document. Mark Hicks suggested that Doug meet with the TWIG to see if revisions could be made to add the substance he is looking for. Amy Kurtenbach asked if a conditional approval could be made to keep the project moving forward. She expressed concern that the coming field season will be missed if it gets tied up and delayed. Several members rejected the request, stating that they want to see any revisions before approving the recommendations.

Decision: non-approval. Doug Martin will meet with the TWIG to work on getting to the substance he would like to see included the document. The revised draft will be presented at the November meeting for approval.

- ◆ Roads Prescriptions/Scale Effectiveness Monitoring– ***TWIG Recommendation-Approved***
Jim Hotvedt submitted the recommendations for members of the Roads Prescription/Scale Effectiveness Monitoring TWIG and asked for CMER approval.

Decision: Approved. The TWIG members are: Dr. Robert Danehy, Dr. Erkan Istanbuluoglu, Charles Luce, and Julie Dieu.

Next steps - Julie Dieu will get the group together to coordinate who will do what.

***WetSAG**

- ◆ Wetland Literature Synthesis – ***Request for Review and Comment - Approved***
Amy Kurtenbach requested CMER reviewers for the Synthesis and for CMER approval for the revised synthesis to be forwarded to ISPR for review. Only two people, Marc Hayes and Julie Dieu signed up to review. The CMER PSM states that reports should have at least three CMER reviewers.

It was noted that the document had already gone through WetSAG review and that there are several core CMER members in WetSAG (Chris M. Mark H. and Doug M.) who had already provided comments to the report so could not volunteer as CMER reviewers. After discussion, CMER agreed to allow this document to proceed with only two reviewers, but noted that this was an exception, not a change to the PSM.

Amy Kurtenbach requested approval to only have two CMER reviewers for this document – Request approved for this project only.

Updates:

CMER

- ◆ **General CMER Review Workload and Coordinated Review**

Amy Kurtenbach went over the general CMER review table and highlighted the various reports that will be done and ready for review soon. She asked for reviewers for the following upcoming reports:

Eastside Hydrology – Mark Hicks, Chris Mendoza and Nancy Sturhan
RMZ Re-Sample – Doug Martin and Mark Hayes

Amy suggested that there is a need to find new reviewers or change protocols to account for the lack of enough reviewers for all the documents that are being completed. Dave Schuett-Hames suggested that the combined review process set up for Type N Hard Rock Study is good and better for the authors because they only have to deal with one set of questions.

- ◆ **CMER Task List Review** – The task list was reviewed and changes suggested. Patti Shramek will make the changes and distribute the revised task list when it is completed.
- ◆ **CMER Information System (IMS)** - Nancy Sturhan reported that the current IMS agreement expires at the end of December. She has sent an email out to set up a TAG to talk about renewing the agreement and what needs to be added to IMS. The TAG will bring back recommendation to next CMER meeting for what to include in the contract. Chris Mendoza recommended that members check out the IMS site to see how much information has been added.

Report from Policy – October 3rd Meeting

Mendoza – No CMER related topics were addressed at the October Policy meeting.

SAGE

- ◆ EWRAP

Howard Haemmerle reported that first two of four chapters have been completed and gone through SAGE review. Ash Roorbach is finishing chapter 3. SAGE will review that chapter then discuss it at the November or December meeting, depending on when Ash completes it.

TWIG

- ◆ Western Washington Type F Buffer Effectiveness

Chris Mendoza reported that a request for TWIG membership is being drafted. The request will come to CMER in November for approval.

RSAG

- ◆ Hardwood Conversion Study - Status update of first draft RSAG review document
Howard Haemmerle reported that the initial draft of the report went out for RSAG review. He has received reviewer comments and there are a lot of red comments about what should be in certain sections. Dick Miller recently submitted rewritten sections. Howard will be meeting with Dick, Ash Roorbach, and Joe Murray to go over the revisions and they will be discussed at next RSAG meeting.

LWAG

- ◆ **Westside Type N Experimental Buffer Treatment in Hard Rock Lithologies Study**

Amy Kurtenbach reminded reviewers that the deadline for comments on chapters for 5, 6, 8, and 9 is October 31st. She requested that reviewers let her know if they can't make the deadline. She said that the review process is going well. She will bring the review table to next meeting and mentioned that dates for upcoming chapters may change.

◆ **Buffer Integrity – Shade Effectiveness**

Amy Kurtenbach reported that ISPR comments have come back and Julie Tyson is working on revising the document according to the comments. The ISPR matrix will go out with next CMER mailing.

◆ **RMZ Re-Sample**

Amy Kurtenbach reported that the document is in the final writing stages and will be ready for review around January.

CMER/SAG Recap of Assignments/Decisions

- ◆ Patti Shramek will send out link to the WRC Paired Watershed 2013 conference and Dr. Pierce's PowerPoint presentation.
- ◆ Doug Martin will meet with Type N Riparian Effectiveness TWIG to see if concerns about substance in the Best Available Science Alternatives document can be addressed. The revised document will be presented for approval at the November meeting.
- ◆ Science session starts at 12:30 next meeting.