

**Cooperative Monitoring Evaluation and Research Committee  
(CMER)  
September 22, 2015  
DNR/DOC Compound/Tumwater, WA**

<b>Attendees</b>	<b>Representing</b>
Andrade, Charlene	Department of Natural Resources
§Baldwin, Todd (ph)	Kalispel Tribe – CMER Co-Chair
Beckett, Leah	Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission – CMER Staff
§Bell, Harry	Green Crow
Berge, Hans	Adaptive Management Program Administrator
Dieu, Julie	Rayonier
Haemmerle, Howard	Department of Natural Resources
§Hicks, Mark	Department of Ecology
Hooks, Doug	WFPA – CMER Co-Chair
§Kay, Debbie	Suquamish Tribe
Knoth, Jenny	Green Crow
§Kroll, AJ	Weyerhaeuser
§Martin, Doug	Washington Forest Protections Association
§Mendoza, Chris (ph)	Conservation Caucus
Murray, Joe	Merrill Ring
Roorbach, Ash	Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission – CMER Staff
Schuetz-Hames, Dave	Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission - CMER Staff
Shramek, Patti	Department of Natural Resources – CMER Coordinator
Stewart, Greg	Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission - CMER Staff
§Sturhan, Nancy	NWIFC

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

\*Indicates Decision

**Science Session:**

◆ **Discussion on Lean Process: modification of process language**

Mark Hicks reviewed the modifications to the Lean document and reviewed comments he received from CMER members. Discussion revolved around different ways to help streamline the process:

- What elements go into the problem statement?
- Context in terms of the rule.
- Needs to be interaction up front with CMER/SAG and Policy before forming Initial Writing Team.
- Add charter in sections 1 and 3.
- Include note that subcontracting may occur.
- Disclaimer that if the TWIG doesn't stay together tasks are passed off to SAG/TAG/Sub-group.

- Add language that TWIG members may be added or removed depending on how the study is progressing/changing.
- Change review time for study designs to 30 days.
- Questions that aren't captured in the study plan need to be re-added to the CMER Work Plan.
- Re-order sequence in statements in section 1.4.
- Need to educate Policy.
- Disconnect between Work Plan and study design.
- Process for modifying TWIG structure/participation

## **Decisions:**

### **RSAG**

- ◆ **\*Westside Type F Extensive Temperature Study – approval to send to ISPR**  
Joe Murray requested approval to send the report to ISPR - **Approved**

## **Updates:**

### **Report from Policy – September 10 & 11 meeting**

Day 1 – Doug Hooks reported:

- ❖ Report to Board.
- ❖ Board manual discussion.
- ❖ Discussion on off channel habitat.
- ❖ Type F discussion. Recommendation to be delivered to the Board at their November 2016 meeting.

Day Two – Berge reported:

- ❖ Berge gave a presentation on the Adaptive Management Program process.
- ❖ SFLO template was presented.
- ❖ Policy Co-chair selection discussion.
- ❖ Public Disclosure training – Policy is working on behalf of Board and their communications are subject to the Public Disclosure rules.
- ❖ Discussion about how to move things forward on the Master Project Schedule if money is available.

### **CMER**

- ◆ **Protocols and Standards Manual Chapter 7 – update**  
Nancy Sturhan reported they are meeting September 24 and they are moving along on the updates.
- ◆ **Budget – discussion**  
Berge reported that as part of the General Fund State (GFS) request one half of the biennial allotment goes to each fiscal year. There is a zero carry over balance for both fiscal years. The Forests and Fish Support Account budget has a carry over, but the funds for projects that are in GFS don't carry over. DNR will be asking for monthly budget updates for the projects to see how much money is left over in order to queue up short projects to use leftover funds by end of FY 16. (scoping documents, literature reviews,

pilot projects). Howard Haemmerle and Charlene Andrade will be working with the SAGS to get lists together of these types of projects (Time frame, details, price tag, etc.), then CMER will prioritize and send to Policy. LiDAR or equipment would be good things to purchase, as well.

- ◆ **CMER Information Management System (IMS) Data** – *internal and external sharing of data*

Berge reported that the IMS TAG will be meeting to discuss the types of data that will be entered into IMS on October 30.

## LWAG

- ◆ **Type N Experimental Buffer Treatment Study – Basalt Lithologies (Hard Rock)** – *update*

Howard Haemmerle reported that site visits are going well and Aimee McIntire provided chapters 16 & 17 to Berge for ISPR review. They are working on one additional CMER approved chapter (5) to go to ISPR. They are still revising chapters 6 and 15. There are two chapters to come back to CMER for review and four are coming back from ISPR.

- ◆ **Buffer Integrity/Shade Effectiveness Study** – *update*

Charlene Andrade reported that the final draft is back to the CMER sub-group and is going through review. The report should be back to CMER for final review and approval at the October meeting.

## RSAG

- ◆ **Remote Sensing Pilot Project** – *update*

Joe Murray reported that the proposal was received from Dr. Moskal September 22 and sent to RSAG. RSAG is meeting at the Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission October 14. The proposal and budget will come to CMER for review and comment on proposal.

## SAGE

- ◆ Doug Hooks reported that he is searching for a co-chair for SAGE.

- ◆ **FHS Report** – *update*

Berge reported that the report is back from ISPR. He will distribute the report with the response matrix and recommendations from the associate editor. It will go out soon for review and decision at the October CMER meeting.

- ◆ **EWRAP** – *update*

Haemmerle reported that the newest revision was completed by Dave Schuett-Hames the week of September 14 and forwarded to SAGE members for review and comment. Comments are due back to Schuett-Hames October 7. Discussion of the report will be on the SAGE October agenda. The report could be ready for CMER approval at the December meeting.

## UPSAG

- ◆ **Glacial Deep-Seated Landslide Project – Literature Synthesis – update**

Sturhan reported that Mike Maudlin is working on the RFQQ and it should be ready to go out for solicitation in October.

## TWIG

- ◆ **Forested Wetlands Effectiveness Project TWIG – update**

Leah Becket reported that the TWIG had a two day meeting in August to work on the problem statement and critical questions document. They discussed the CMER comments on the memo. They will be presenting to Policy in October.

- ◆ **Unstable Slopes Criteria TWIG – update**

Haemmerle reported that two of the five members have dropped out due to scheduling issues. There is a need to address the structure of TWIG itself and the make-up. They don't have a list of potential members. He asked if they should new members or continue on at the current size. It was decided to move forward with old list to try to find new members.

- ◆ **Type F Riparian Prescription – update**

Schuett-Hames reported that the BAS document is finished and is being reviewed by the TWIG members. They have a conference call scheduled for October 5 to look over the final document. They will try to get it to CMER a couple weeks before the October meeting for review. He will give a presentation at October meeting.

- ◆ **BMP Roads Effectiveness Project – update**

Julie Dieu reported that she and Bob Danahey are taking the lead on getting the BAS document finalized. They are working on having the document ready for presentation to CMER at the October meeting.

- ◆ **ENREP – update**

Greg Stewart reported that the TWIG is drafting a revised study design for submittal for CMER review at the October meeting. The design will target looking at the relationship between effective shade and stream temperature. Other criteria (sediment, nutrient transport, macroinvertebrates, woody debris, wood loading, etc.) are still being discussed within the TWIG on which ones would be included in the proposed study.

### **Other Business:**

Dave Schuett-Hames reported that Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission is currently advertising in house for the Geologist/Hydrologist CMER staff position. He does not anticipate getting any internal applicants and will be advertising externally soon. He asked for suggestions on where to advertise. He would like CMER members on the interview panel.

**Public Comment Period** – no comments

### **CMER/SAG Recap of Assignments/Decisions**

- ◆ Future Science Session topics – suggestions at next meeting.

- ◆ Commenters will work with Mark Hicks to incorporate their comments into the Lean document. The revised document will be ready for review at the October meeting.
- ◆ Extensive Temperature Report approved to go to ISPR.
- ◆ SAGS/CMER members will put together suggestions on projects, equipment, specific sections-areas of LiDAR, and projects for expending the budget surplus before June 30 2016. Comments to be sent to Todd Baldwin, Doug Hooks, Hans Berge, and Patti Shramek by September 30 for presentation to Policy at their Oct 1 meeting.
- ◆ October meeting:
  - Two Type N chapters for approval.
  - Type F TWIG presentation.
  - FHS Report Final Approval
  - Roads/BMP Effectiveness BAS document approval.
  - RSAG Remote Sensing pilot proposal approval.
  - Buffer/Integrity Final Report approval.
  - ENREP Study Design presentation/November Decision.
- ◆ December meeting:
  - EWRAP Report approval.
- ◆ Patti Shramek will send out Nancy Sturhan's email address.

Adjourned