

Cooperative Monitoring Evaluation and Research Committee (CMER)
September 22, 2017
DNR/DOC Industrial Park, Tumwater WA

Attendees	Representing
§Bell, Harry	Washington Farm Forestry Association
Berge, Hans	Adaptive Management Program Administrator
§Dieu, Julie	Rayonier
Ehinger, Bill	Department of Ecology
Gibbs, Heather	Department of Natural Resources
Haemmerle, Howard	Department of Natural Resources
§Hicks, Mark	Department of Ecology
Hooks, Doug	Washington Forest Protection Association – CMER Co-Chair
Johnson, Angela	Department of Natural Resources
§Kay, Debbie (ph)	Suquamish Tribe
§Knoth, Jenny	Green Crow
§Martin, Doug	Washington Forest Protection Association
§Mendoza, Chris	Conservation Caucus
Murray, Joe	Washington Forest Protection Association
Regmi, Netra	Northwest Indian Fisheries Commissions – CMER Staff
Roorbach, Ash	Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission
Schuett-Hames, Dave	Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission - CMER Staff
Shramek, Patti	Department of Natural Resources – CMER Coordinator
Stewart, Greg	Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission - CMER Staff
Swanson, Scott (ph)	Washington State Association of Counties
Walter, Jason	Weyerhaeuser

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

*Indicates Decision

Science Session:

Unstable Slopes TWIG – *presentation for Study Designs for Compare/Contrast Landslide Hazard Zonation Mass Wasting Map Units with RIL and Object-based Landform Mapping with High-Resolution Topography*

Netra Regmi gave a PowerPoint presentation and answered questions.

Decisions:

Unstable Slopes TWIG

***Unstable Slope Criteria Project / Study Designs for Compare MWMU/RIL** – *request for reviewers*

Doug Hooks asked for reviewers for the document. Mark Hicks, Chris Mendoza (or someone from the Conservation Caucus), Doug Martin, and Jenny Knoth will review the document. Comments are due to Angela Johnson October 23, 2017.

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- ◆ ***June 2017 CMER meeting minutes**

Hooks asked for a motion to approve the June 2017 CMER meeting minutes. Julie Dieu moved to approve, Doug Martin seconded - **approved**

- ◆ ***July 2017 CMER meeting minutes**

Hooks asked for a motion to approve the July 2017 CMER meeting minutes. Knoth moved to approve, Debbie Kay seconded - **approved**

LWAG

- ◆ ***Type N Experimental Buffer Project Post-harvest Amphibian Genetics Report – approval of Chapters 7 & 17 (Summary and Discussion) and Executive Summary**

Hooks asked for a motion to approve Chapters 7, 17, and the Executed Summary. Hicks moved to approve, Mendoza seconded - **approved**

Howard Haemmerle thanked everyone on behalf of LWAG for all the hard work it took to review the report.

RSAG

- ◆ ***Riparian Extensive Monitoring Pilot Study Findings Report – final CMER approval**

Joe Murray asked for approval of the Findings Report. Knoth moved to approve, Harry Bell seconded - **Approved**

Next Steps: The report will be sent to Policy

- ◆ **Bull Trout Overlay Add-on Report – request for reviewers**

Murray requested reviewers for the Report. Hans asked if anyone from the Eastside is available to review. Mendoza replied that SAGE had the chance to review, and no one provided comments. Julie Dieu, Bell, Knoth, and Todd Baldwin will review the report. Comments are due to Howard Haemmerle October 23, 2017.

SAGE

- ◆ ***Fire Salvage Literature Review and Synthesis – final CMER approval**

Angela Johnson gave an overview of the review process and asked for final approval of the document. Martin commented that he felt they missed a significant piece of literature and expressed concern about section that included opinions from SAGE and CMER

reviewers. Berge suggested that authors add the missing literature remove the reviewer opinions and have the document come back to CMER in October for approval.

Next Steps: Johnson will send the report back to the authors to add one piece of literature and remove SAG/CMER opinions. The revised report will come back to CMER for approval at October meeting.

UPSAG

◆ ***Non-Glacial Deep-Seated Landslides and Groundwater Recharge Literature Synthesis** – *approval of findings report*

Johnson requested approval of the findings report. Mendoza moved to approve, Hicks seconded - **Approved**

Next Steps: The report will be sent to Policy

Updates:

Report from the Board – *August 8 & 9, 2017 meeting*

Hans Berge reported on the August 8 meeting on Adaptive Management Program improvements and the August 9 Board meeting. The meeting minutes can be found on the Department of Natural Resources web page at <https://www.dnr.wa.gov/about/boards-and-councils/forest-practices-board>.

Report from Policy – *August 3 and 31, 2017 meetings*

Hans Berge and Doug Hooks reported on the August 3 and August 31 Policy meetings. The meeting minutes can be found on the Department of Natural Resources web page at <http://www.dnr.wa.gov/about/boards-and-councils/forest-practices-board/tfw-policy-committee>.

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DNR CMER Website Updates – *discussion*

Heather Gibbs reviewed the different documents for the CMER webpage and asked for feedback. Hicks requested that DNR add description of studies that are in progress.

2018 CMER Science Conference

Gibbs asked if CMER would like to hold a Science Conference in 2018 conference. March was discussed as the month to hold it. Berge will check with the Board, and Hooks with Policy, to see if should hold in conjunction with one of their meetings.

Ongoing and Upcoming Reviews

Johnson remarked that there are not any reviews going on other than the current three (Unstable Slope TWIG Study Design, Wetland Mapping Tool, and the Bull Trout Overlay Add-On Report). Martin asked for automatic emails when ISPR results are available. Berge replied that he is fine with that once the ISPR comments have been addressed between the authors and ISPR reviewers. Martin replied that he felt CMER needs to be informed throughout the process, it is professional courtesy, since they need to make a decision in a few weeks about whether or not to approve the report. Hicks replied that he likes the new process as it keeps everything clean. Hooks remarked that ISPR is part of PSM Chapter 8, and if anyone wants to be involved in the revisions of Chapter 8 then they should participate on the committee.

SAG and TWIG Updates – *answer questions on written updates*

WetSAG – Wetland Mapping Tool coming to CMER in October

RSAG – Hardwood Conversion coming to CMER in October

RSAG – Remote sensing scoping proposal will be presented to CMER in October

Type N Hardrock – Findings report delivered to CMER in November

LWAG – Berg reported that WDFW, as a cooperator, will complete these in house.

Public Comment

Recap of Assignments/Decisions approved

- ◆ Unstable Slopes TWIG Study Design review comments due to Angela Johnson October 23, 2017
- ◆ June and July CMER meeting minutes approved
- ◆ Type N Chapters 7, 17, and Executive Summary approved.
- ◆ Riparian Extensive Monitoring Pilot Study Findings Report approved to go to Policy
- ◆ Bull Trout Overlay Add-on Report comments due to Howard Haemmerle October 23, 2017 and presentation at October CMER meeting
- ◆ Fire Salvage Literature Review – back to authors to add one piece of literature and remove SAG/CMER opinions. Back to CMER for approval at October meeting.
- ◆ Non-Glacial Deep-Seated Landslides and Groundwater Recharge Literature Synthesis findings report approved to go to Policy

Adjourned