

June 28th CMER meeting summary for Policy

The **Literature Review and Synthesis on the Effects of Forest Practices on Glacial Deep Seated Landslides and Groundwater Recharge** was approved. UPSAG will be responsible for writing the findings report (including the 6 questions) for Policy. UPSAG will seek CMER approval in July or August, so Policy should anticipate it in August or September.

CMER has progressed through the backlog of **meeting minute** approvals. The backlog will be complete at the July meeting.

CMER elected to utilize the entire October 25th CMER meeting for the **Forest Chemicals Science Session**. There will be a 2nd CMER meeting in October, either the 24th or 26th to address decision items that are anticipated. The objective is for CMER to gain a better understanding of how chemicals are used and the associated risks to aquatic ecosystems and vegetation as well as how they are permitted for use. Questions regarding this topic were collected from all associated SAGs. 10 speakers are on the agenda. The venue has yet to be set, but Policy will receive an invitation to attend.

The **Buffer Shade Integrity Report** is back from ISPR. One author is no longer in the area and will be addressing the comments this fall. It will not likely be before Policy until the end of the year.

Ash Roorbach is leading the revisions to chapter 7 of the **Protocols and Standard Manual** related to project development and management. CMER members have commented on the draft revisions. The next draft is expected to be reviewed by CMER in September and potentially approved in October.

The **ENREP** dispute resolution related to process, raised by Ecology, has been resolved. A comment matrix and revised study design will be discussed by the TWIG and commenters on July 12th. The study design is anticipated to come before CMER at the July meeting for approval to send to ISPR.

The **CMER Information Management System** has been updated. The Commission is updating the platform so it is accessible with multiple devices. They are also working on improving its accessibility to the public and CMER members.

CMER is forming a subgroup to begin updated the **17-19 (FY18-19) Work Plan**. The objective is create a schedule for SAG updates for work that is anticipated to be in progress during the FY18-19 biennium, so that they may efficiently discussed by CMER. The Work Plan is to be approved in January or February of 2017.

Howard Hammerle is leading an effort to review the **LEAN** process. He has solicited volunteers to review the 5 TWIG pilot projects. The process itself has been modified since it was first developed, so each the pros and cons of the process for each project will be informative.

Charlene provided a schedule for reviews of each **Hard Rock** chapter to achieve final approval of the report by July 2017. 3 chapters are anticipated to be back from ISPR in early July. The AMPA, co-chairs and PI's are developing a plan for delivering the Findings Report and 6 questions to Policy (by chapter or just 1 for the report).

SAGE has new a co-chair. Jerry BigEagle with the Spokane Tribe has replaced Kodi-Jo Jaspers. SAGE will now begin looking for a replacement for Joel Adams.

The **Eastside Modeling Evaluation Project** is nearing completion and has SAGE approval. Comments from CMER members will be received through July 15th. A presentation will be provided at the July CMER meeting by Mark Teply.

The **Hardwood Conversion Study** has completed the 10 yr re-sample. RSAG is developing a Scope of Work that will include incorporating these results so that a lead author may be contracted. CMER elected to include an ISPR into the SOW for the contract.

The **BMP Roads Effectiveness** TWIG is working on the study design and anticipates providing it to CMER in Nov/Dec 2016.

The 1st draft of the **Forested Wetlands Effectiveness Project** BAS and alternatives is complete. It has been distributed to WETSAG for comments. A presentation on the document may occur in July or August to begin a 30 day CMER comment period.

The first draft of the **Unstable Slopes Criteria** BAS document is complete. The TWIG will meet again in August to finalize the draft and begin review periods through UPSAG. A presentation at CMER will likely occur in September to begin a 30 day review period.

The **Type F Riparian Prescriptions** TWIG is meeting every other week working on the study design. Statistician consultation is needed. Currently, there is no timeline for completion.