

Cooperative Monitoring, Evaluation and Research Committee

Tuesday, February 25, 2025 // 9:00AM – 2:05PM

Virtual: Zoom

Motions	
Motion	Move/Second (Vote)
<p>January 2025 Meeting Minutes</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> Mark Meleason moved to approve the January 2025 meeting minutes.</p> <p>The motion passed</p>	<p>Seconded: A.J. Kroll</p> <p>Up: Welles Bretherton, Mark Mobbs, Mark Meleason, Hans Berge, Aimee McIntyre, Debbie Kay, Chris Mendoza, Danielle Miles, A.J. Kroll, Julie Dieu, Harry Bell, and Doug Martin.</p> <p>Abstain: Jenny Knoth</p>
<p>Riparian Function Literature Review</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> Chris Mendoza moved to approve the Riparian Function Literature Review.</p> <p>The motion passed</p>	<p>Seconded: Mark Mobbs</p> <p>Up: Chris Mendoza, Aimee McIntyre, Mark Mobbs, Doug Martin, Debbie Kay, Welles Bretherton, Mark Meleason, A.J. Kroll, Julie Dieu, Harry Bell, and Hans Berge</p> <p>Abstain: Jenny Knoth, Danielle Miles (Not part of this review before)</p>
<p><u>Motion:</u> Chris Mendoza moved to draft the CMER answers to 6 questions for the Riparian Literature Review for TFW Policy transmittal.</p> <p>The motion passed.</p>	<p>Seconded: Hans Berge</p> <p>Up: Chris Mendoza, Aimee McIntyre, Mark Mobbs, Doug Martin, Debbie Kay, Welles Bretherton, Mark Meleason, A.J. Kroll, Danielle Miles, Julie Dieu, Harry Bell, Jenny Knoth, and Hans Berge.</p>
<p>Disclaimer ("Inside cover letter") for Riparian Function Literature Review</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> Jenny Knoth moved to postpone the vote for the inside cover letter for the Riparian literature review to the march 2025 CMER meeting or until the 6Q to Policy has been developed and approved by CMER.</p> <p>The motion passed</p>	<p>Seconded: Chris Mendoza</p> <p>Up: Chris Mendoza, Aimee McIntyre, Mark Mobbs, Doug Martin, Debbie Kay, Welles Bretherton, Mark Meleason, A.J. Kroll, Danielle Miles, Julie Dieu, Harry Bell, Jenny Knoth, and Hans Berge.</p>
<p>Type N Hard Rock Phase III Final Report</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> Debbie Kay moved to approve the Type N Hard</p>	<p>Seconded: Danielle Miles</p> <p>Up:</p>

<p>Rock Phase III final report.</p> <p>The motion failed</p>	<p>Welles Bretherton, Debbie Kay, Mark Mobbs, Danielle Miles</p> <p>Down: Doug Martin (disagree with conclusion), Jenny Knoth (hear that there are unresolved issues from the commenters and this discussion.) Chris Mendoza (Changing previously approved language used by authors In January “likely explain” results to “may” in response to Doug’s “red” comments is inappropriate given the results), Mark Meleason (disagree with the conclusion "specifically, the three buffer treatments did not prevent negative effects of timber harvest on coastal tailed frog larvae"), Harry Bell (have not seen discussion of temp data collected)</p> <p>Abstain: Aimee McIntyre (PI of project), A.J. Kroll (co-author), Hans Berge (not to hold it up. However, I think the results section could be improved before we have a final report. I also feel that there are some additional data that should be included in an appendix), Julie Dieu (not familiar with the details of the debate and don't feel sufficiently informed to take a side.)</p>
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<p>Type N Hard Rock Phase III Final Report—ISPR</p> <p>Motion: **** moved to</p> <p>The motion passed/failed</p>	<p>Seconded:</p> <p>Up:</p> <p>Down:</p> <p>Abstain:</p> <p>Absent:</p>
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Action Items

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PowerPoint Presentation and recording of science session on SharePoint. Presentations and Recordings	Natalie Church
Create Riparian Literature Function Review 6 Questions	Ash Roorbach and Chris Mendoza
Send template for 6 questions to Ash Roorbach and Chris Mendoza	Lori Clark
Riparian Literature Function Review 6 Questions on March CMER meeting agenda	Natalie Church
Send calendar invite for dispute informal meeting on March 14, 2025, 10:00AM-12:00PM	Natalie Church

Welcome, Introductions, & Old Business

Aimee McIntyre, CMER co-chair facilitated

Natalie Church took roll call

Aimee welcomed Danielle Miles as FPB- approved DNRs representative on CMER.

Ground Rules

- Welles Bretherton read ‘Pursue Win-Win situations.’
- A.J. Kroll read “Stay on topic.”

Staff Updates

- DPC Study Design was returned from ISPR, and the authors are working to respond to comments. The revised Study Design is due back to ISPR by March 24th.
- Aimee reminded CMER members to remain professional during the CMER meetings. She welcomed CMER participants to contact AMP staff supervisors or CMER co-chairs if there are any issues that need resolved/addressed in a productive way.
- Next month’s CMER meeting will be a hybrid meeting with in-person at the NWIFC.

Review Last Month Action Items

- Factual inaccuracy edits of the Riparian Function Literature Review are due Thurs., January 30.
 - Completed and on this month’s agenda
- Feedback on potential impacts of FPAR data access being limited to 2-5 years and how important the search function is.
 - Feedback was sent to Lori Clark.
- Put recording of science sessions on SharePoint and give access to Mary Murdock, Mariah Holmes, and Ashley Coble.
 - Available on SharePoint Online here: [Presentations and Recordings](#)
- Send out PowerPoint presentations from science sessions.
 - Available on SharePoint Online here: [Presentations and Recordings](#)
- Gather Schedule L-1 memos/information and share link.
 - Available on SharePoint Online here: [Relevant SL1 Memos](#)
- Send email with Hard Rock Phase 3 instructions and schedule a meeting with reviewers that have issues.
 - This meeting was completed
- Hard Rock Phase 3 Study Design on February CMER Meeting agenda.
 - On this month’s agenda

Public Comments

No public comment

TFW Policy Updates

Cody Thomas gave an update on what was discussed at the February 2025 Timber Fish and Wildlife (TFW) Policy Committee meeting.

Science Session – Watershed Health Unit

Chad Larson with the Department of Ecology’s Watershed Health Unit gave a presentation on the Watershed Health Unit information. He gave permission to be recorded. Natalie Church will put his PowerPoint presentation and recordings on SharePoint.

FPAR and FpOnline

Donelle Mahan from the Department of Natural Resources gave a presentation on FPAR and FpOnline.

Riparian Function Literature Review - CMER approval

Anna Toledo explained that the Riparian Function Literature Review is up for approval and gave a brief context of the decision. Chris Mendoza thanked Aimee McIntyre and Welles Bretherton for the time that they put into this. There was discussion on whether the motion should include the disclaimer as well as the report. There was a motion made before that discussion, so it was decided to go through with the motion made. Anna clarified that this is not going to be sent ISPR.

Chris shared that BM22 leaves the option to not send Lit Reviews through ISPR. This review was prompted by TFW Policy.

Anna reminded CMER that they decided the Riparian Function Lit Review would not have answers to the 6 questions document. Anna also explained that this was discussed at an RSAG level.

Lori Clark suggested that CMER should decide if there should be 6 questions or she can write a transitional memo to be sent to TFW Policy, but she explained that this is at CMER and should not go back to RSAG at this point. She shared her screen with the 6 questions template, and they reviewed the requirements.

Disclaimer ("Inside cover letter") for Riparian Function Literature Review

It was decided to move the vote and agenda item for the inside cover letter for the Riparian literature review to the March 2025 CMER meeting or until the 6Q to Policy has been developed and approved by CMER.

Type N Hard Rock Phase III Final Report

Jenny Schofield gave a brief background: a meeting was held on February 11th for CMER reviewers and Project Team to discuss remaining unresolved comments. Aimee McIntyre gave a brief description of changes made to the report since it last went to CMER for approval in January 2025. Chris Mendoza mentioned that the edits made to the last draft in response to reviewer comments need to be reviewed by CMER. He explained that the language in the executive summary had been previously approved in previous reports. Aimee explained that the project authors updated the language in the executive summary to reflect the current effort. Chris pointed out that language that was previously presented in the January 2025 version as “likely” was changed to “may be” in response to the meeting between reviewers and project team. A.J. Kroll explained that there were less samples in the current phase and that the language were updated to reflect this change. Chris Mendoza disagreed with the language change. Harry Bell expressed concerns with the conclusions drawn, felt the authors were biased. Aimee responded to Harry with an that the study was done consistent with the study design, and consistently with the previously CMER and ISPR approved Phase I and II reports. Aimee expressed disappointment in Harry’s comment that implied the study authors were biased. Doug Martin explained that he didn’t want the Project Team to change language he asked for and reiterated his request for authors to provide an explanation for the treatment response and show a road map to how they got there. Lori explained that the ISPR process includes 8 review questions that will directly address any issues with study design, analysis and interpretation. Hans Berge explained that he did not participate as a CMER reviewer but that he did have some recommendations for ideas he had that he felt would improve the report. Mark Meleason said that he has an issue with conclusions that he feels are overstated.

Lori Clark as the AMPA invoked dispute and explained that the document that was shared today is the document that will be disputed. The next step is an informal meeting or CMER can decide to move directly to position papers. Since there was a meeting on February 11th where agreement was not made. Doug Martin explained that he would recommend that CMER has a scientific discussion on this and can come to an agreement.

CMER SAG Updates

Each SAG reviewed the CMER SAG updates document, which was updated live as needed.

List of Attendees

Attendees	Representing
§Bell, Harry	WFFA– Small Forest Landowners
§Berge, Hans	UCUT – Eastern Washington Tribes
§Bretherton, Welles	Department of Ecology
§Dieu, Julie	Rayonier
§Kay, Debbie	Suquamish Tribe
§Knoth, Jenny	Washington Farm Forestry Association
§Kroll, A.J.	Large Industrial Landowners
§Martin, Doug	Washington Forest Protection Association
§McIntyre, Aimee	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife/CMER Co-Chair
§Meleason, Mark	Counties Caucus
§Mendoza, Chris	Conservation Caucus
§Miles, Danielle	Department of Natural Resources
§Mobbs, Mark	Westside Tribes
Belleveau, Lisa	Skokomish Tribe
Black, Jenelle	NWIFC CMER Scientist
Church, Natalie	DNR – AMP Coordinator
Clark, Lori	Adaptive Management Program Administrator
Henkel, Theryn	DNR Supervisory Project Manager
Heimburg, John	WDFW Habitat Program
Holy, Shae	Skokomish Tribe
Hooks, Doug	WFPA
Kautz, Kyle	Nisqually Tribe
Mahan, Donelle	DNR
Mitchell, Robert	Member of the Public
Mullendore, Zoe	DNR
Murray, Joe	Washington Forest Protection Association
Prescott, Alexander	DNR Project Manager
Robbins, Jeff	Department of Ecology
Roorbach, Ash	CMER Co-Chair/Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission
Rubin, Rachel	CMER Scientist
Schofield, Jenny	DNR Project Manager
Terry, Christopher	Quileute Tribe
Thomas, Cody	UCUT/TFW Policy Co-chair
Toledo, Anna	DNR Project Manager
Venneman, Nikki	Suquamish Tribe
Vinh, Rico	Conservation/TFW Policy Co-chair
Walter, Jason	ISAG co-chair
Williamson, Tanner	CMER Scientist

§CMER Voting Member