

# Cooperative Monitoring, Evaluation and Research Committee

Tuesday, January 28, 2025 // 9:00AM – 2:50PM

Virtual Only

Motions	
Motion	Move/Second (Vote)
<p><b>December 2024 Meeting Minutes</b></p> <p><u><b>Motion:</b></u> Mark Meleason moved to approve the December 2024 meeting minutes.</p> <p>The motion passed</p>	<p><b>Seconded:</b> Debbie Kay</p> <p><b>Up:</b> Aimee McIntyre, Mark Mobbs, Mark Meleason, Welles Bretherton, Debbie Kay, Doug Martin, Julie Dieu, Hans Berge, A.J. Kroll, Harry Bell, and Jenny Knoth (Harry Bell proxy).</p>
<p><b>Deep-Seated Landslide Updated Project Team Approval</b></p> <p><u><b>Motion:</b></u> Debbie Kay moved to approve the Deep-Seated Landslide Updated Project Team.</p> <p>The motion passed</p>	<p><b>Seconded:</b> Aimee McIntyre</p> <p><b>Up:</b> Jenny Knoth, Mark Meleason, Harry Bell, Debbie Kay, Mark Mobbs, Welles Bretherton, Hans Berge, Aimee McIntyre, A.J. Kroll, Julie Dieu, Chris Mendoza, and Doug Martin.</p>
<p><del><b>Hard Rock Phase 3 Study Design</b></del></p> <p><del><u><b>Motion:</b></u> *** moved to approve the Hard Rock Phase 3 Study Design.</del></p> <p><del>The motion passed/failed</del></p>	<p><b>Moved to future meeting</b></p>
<p><del><b>Hard Rock Phase 3 Study Design to ISPR</b></del></p> <p><del><u><b>Motion:</b></u> *** moved to approve the Hard Rock Phase 3 Study Design be sent to ISPR.</del></p> <p><del>The motion passed/failed</del></p>	<p><b>Moved to future meeting</b></p>
Action Items	
Action Items	Responsibility
<p>Factual inaccuracy edits of the Riparian Function Literature Review are due Thursday, January 30. The document is available in the <a href="#">CMER Review</a> folder.</p>	<p>CMER Members</p>
<p>Feedback on potential impacts of FPAR data access being limited to 2-5 years and how important the search function is. Provide feedback by 8am on February 4<sup>th</sup>. Send feedback to Lori Clark.</p>	<p>CMER Members/CMER scientists</p>

Put recording of science sessions on SharePoint and give access to Mary Murdock, Mariah Holmes, and Ashley Coble.	Natalie Church
Send out PowerPoint presentations from science sessions.	Natalie Church
Gather Schedule L-1 memos/information and share link. <a href="#">Relevant SL1 Memos</a>	Theryn Henkel/Natalie Church
Send email with Hard Rock Phase 3 Study Design instructions and schedule a meeting with reviewers that have issues.	Jenny Schofield
Hard Rock Phase 3 Study Design on February CMER Meeting agenda.	Natalie Church

### **Welcome, Introductions, & Old Business**

Ash Roorbach, CMER co-chair

Natalie Church took roll call

### **Ground Rules**

- Welles Bretherton read “Be trusting and trustworthy”.
- Mark Meleason read “Stay on topic”.

### **Staff Updates**

- DNR is discussing the FPAR data with the launch of FP Online. They are asking what the impact would be if FPARs access was ended in 2-5 years? In addition, how important is the search function of the data?
- Anna Toledo reminded CMER members that the correction of factual inaccuracies in the Riparian Function Literature Review is due on Thursday, January 30. The document is available in the [CMER Review](#) folder on SharePoint Online.
- Ash requested that we record the Science Sessions today. All CMER members agreed.

### **Action Items**

Natalie Church reviewed each individual action items from the December 2024 CMER meeting. She explained that all action items have been completed.

### **Public Comments**

No public comments

### **TFW Policy Updates**

Rico Vinh gave an update on what was discussed at the January 2025 Timber Fish and Wildlife (TFW) Policy Committee meeting.

### **DNR Compliance Monitoring Presentation**

Mary Murdock, DNR Compliance Monitoring Program manager, presented. The presentation covered the results of the compliance monitoring from the prior year and trends in compliance over time. Overall, there is high compliance between FPAs and the rules. Natalie Church will send out the PowerPoint presentation shared.

### **Deep-Seated Landslide Updated Project Team Approval**

Theryn Henkel explained that UPSAG submitted a CMER SAG request to update the Project Team membership. She explained that it is occurring now because they were evaluating the Project Team as the DSL projects shifts from Study Design Phase into the Implementation Phase. The Project Team was evaluated to see if all current members still the capacity had to participate as a Project Team member and if there were gaps in expertise currently on the team. This resulted in one member stepping down and 3 new members added for a total of 7 people. Hans Berge asked why there are 7 Project Team members and Theryn explained that it is operatable with the dynamics of the project. The role of this project team will mostly be review and decisions at major points in the study design, the Project Team themselves are not in charge of implementation. Julie Dieu explained that with the experience of the members she doesn't see it as any kind of hinderance. Chris Mendoza expressed that CMER come up with guidance/define project team size to help maintain consistency overall.

### **2024 Adaptive Management Program Accomplishments**

The AMP Accomplishments document is meant to be a summary to the Board about AMP activities in 2024. It is a high-level list of of accomplishment and is not meant to be a detailed accounting of all AMP activities for the year. This will be in the Forest Practices Board's meeting materials for the February meeting. The document is also linked on the CMER webpage. CMER members gave their feedback and Lori explained that comments/edits were previously provided, and she gave feedback on what changes were made.

### **Contracts and Procurement**

Mariah Holmes leads the Budget and Business Operations for the Forest Regulation Division. Mariah's team supports the AMP program with contracts and procurement. Mariah was invited to present to CMER on deliverables-based contracts and upcoming changes to the next biennium contracts. Natalie Church will send out the PowerPoint presentation shared.

### **Schedule L-1 Updates**

Theryn Henkel gave a brief update on where Schedule L-1 SME groups are working. All groups have met and have scheduled regular meetings/homework. She explained that there are details in the CMER SAG Updates document on which performance targets are up for review and which group is working on which target. Ash asked if there is communication between the Schedule L-1 workgroup and SME groups. Theryn answered that there is no communication between the workgroup and the SME groups. That was not part of the process laid out in the numerous memos that were approved by CMER and TFW Policy that outlined this process. The SME groups are meant to remain independent of CMER while they assess current targets and formulate recommendations for change. Theryn explained that she is a part of all groups and at least one CMER scientist is a part of each group. Ash asked will there be an opportunity for CMER to have discussion with the SME. Theryn explained that under the current thinking their job is done after they deliver their independent recommendations, but we have never updated Schedule L-1 before so if there is consensus that it would be useful to CMER to talk to the SMEs, we can discuss it at that time. Lori explained that we do have contractors to lead Structured Decision-Making to help sort through the recommendations from the SMEs. Harry Bell explained that he has concern since there is not an ISPR process to review the report. He suggested sending it to ISPR, find another facility to review, or have SAGs review. Theryn explained that it is not a report it is recommendation, and we found the SMEs from UW through our ISPR contract. Ash explained that CMER is not going to "rubber stamp" what is recommended and there will be multiple discussions around this matter. Chris Mendoza suggested that all process memos that have been approved by CMER/TFW Policy to be sent out again. It was added as an action item.

### **Forest Hydrology, Climate Adaptation and Forested Buffers Science Session**

Ashley Coble from NCASI gave a presentation about forest hydrology, climate adaptation and forested buffers. Natalie Church will send out the PowerPoint presentation shared.

### **Hard Rock Phase 3 Study Design Approval and Send to ISPR**

Jenny Schofield shared the CMER SAG Request and gave a brief explanation of what is being asked of CMER. Doug Martin explained that he doesn't approve the document because of 30-day review period but he got 7 days. And there were a number of issues that were not addressed with his comments. Aimee McIntyre explained that it was decided at the December CMER meeting that they would bring this document forward even though it wouldn't give a full 30-day review and explained the Project Team did the best they could to answer all comments. Chris explained that he wanted to have a specific date that this will be concluded and the earliest a dispute could be invoked. Aimee suggested to take a vote then they can accept the changes on the document. That would give the opportunity for the ones ready to approve the document today can see the changes that were made. There was discussion on whether comments could be addressed before the mailing for the February 2025 CMER meeting. Doug Martin, Harry Bell, and Joe Murray would like their comments addressed. Theryn explained that in the PSM the reviewers have 15 days to review that their comments were properly addressed, and the Project Team has 15 days to respond. It was decided to not hold any vote and that the report authors would try to convene a meeting with those reviewers that had outstanding comments after 15-day reviewer period (Feb 5<sup>th</sup>) and try to make revisions in time to make the February CMER mailing, but the approval may be pushed to the March meeting. Jenny will send out an email with this information.

### **CMER SAG Updates**

Each SAG reviewed the CMER SAG updates document, which was updated live as needed. There was discussion about the concern of the SAG Co-chairs/Project Team involvement in updating this document. Natalie Church stated that there is a workgroup meeting on February 5<sup>th</sup> to discuss SAG/PT participation to continue the discussion started a few months ago. She also explained that she will make sure to discuss this with the AMPA and CMER co-chairs.

### **List of Attendees**

<b>Attendees</b>	<b>Representing</b>
§Bell, Harry	WFFA– Small Forest Landowners
§Berge, Hans	UCUT – Eastern Washington Tribes
§Bretherton, Welles	Department of Ecology
§Dieu, Julie	Rayonier
§Kay, Debbie	Suquamish Tribe
§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
Black, Jenelle	NWIFC CMER Scientist
Belleveau, Lisa	Skokomish Tribe
Church, Natalie	DNR – AMP Coordinator
Clark, Lori	Adaptive Management Program Administrator
Coble, Ashley	NCASI
Freeman, Elise	CMER Scientist
Greenwood, Emma	Spokane Tribe
Hage, Vaughn	DNR

Henkel, Theryn	DNR Supervisory Project Manager
Heimburg, John	WDFW Habitat Program
Holmes, Mariah	DNR – FR Budget and Business Operations
Holy, Shae	Skokomish Tribe
Hooks, Doug	WFPA
Lower, Adam	Chehalis Tribe
Miles, Danielle	DNR
Mitchell, Robert	Member of the Public
Mullendore, Zoe	DNR
Murray, Joe	Washington Forest Protection Association
Murdock, Mary	DNR Compliance Monitoring
Prescott, Alexander	DNR Project Manager
Robbins, Jeff	Department of Ecology
Roorbach, Ash	CMER Co-Chair/Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission
Schofield, Jenny	DNR Project Manager
Toledo, Anna	DNR Project Manager
Vogel, William	Member of Public
Walter, Jason	Weyerhaeuser/ISAG Co-chair
Williamson, Tanner	CMER Scientist

§CMER Voting Member