# Cooperative Monitoring, Evaluation and Research Committee Tuesday, November 28, 2023 // 9:00AM – 3:05PM

Virtual Only

Motions	
Motion	Move/Second (Vote)
October 2023 Meeting Minutes  Motion: Debbie Kay moved to approve the October 2023 meeting minutes.	Seconded: Mark Meleason Up: Aimee McIntyre, Mark Mobbs, Harry Bell, Welles Bretherton, Mark Meleason, Debbie Kay, Julie Dieu, A.J. Kroll, Hans Berge, Jenny Knoth (Harry
The motion passed	Bell proxy) and Chris Mendoza  Absent:  Doug Martin
Deep-Seated Landslide (DSL) Charter	Seconded:
Motion:	Welles Bretherton Up: Chris Mandaza Mark Makks Dahhia Kay Mark
Julie Dieu moved to approve the revised Deep-	Chris Mendoza, Mark Mobbs, Debbie Kay, Mark Meleason, Julie Dieu, Aimee McIntyre, Harry
Seated Landslide (DSL) Charter.	Bell, Welles Bretherton, A.J. Kroll, Doug Martin,
Scarca Editastica (BSE) Charter.	Hans Berge, and Jenny Knoth (Harry Bell proxy).
The motion passed	
Unstable Slope Criteria (USC) Charter	Seconded:
Motion: Chris Mendoza moved to postpone the steep slopes criteria project charter vote to December 2023 CMER meeting The motion passed	Julie Dieu Up: Debbie Kay, Mark Mobbs, Mark Meleason, Julie Dieu, Chris Mendoza, Welles Bretherton, A.J. Kroll, Harry Bell, Jenny Knoth (Harry Bell Proxy), Aimee McIntyre, and Doug Martin. Absent: Hans Berge
ISPR Approved Eastside Timber Habitat	Seconded:
Evaluation (ETHEP) Study Design  Motion: Chris Mendoza moved to approve the ISPR approved Eastside Timber Habitat Evaluation study design.	Mark Meleason Up: Julie Dieu, Harry Bell, Jenny Knoth (Harry Bell proxy), Debbie Kay, Doug Martin, Welles Bretherton, Mark Meleason, Mark Mobbs, Hans Berge, A.J. Kroll, Aimee McIntyre, and Chris Mendoza.
The motion passed	Constal
Schedule L-1 Workgroup Nominations  Motion: Harry Bell moved to accept the 5 volunteers (Harry Bell, Chris Mendoza, Debbie Kay, Welles	Seconded: Julie Dieu Up: Hans Berge, Mark Mobbs, Mark Meleason, Debbie Kay, Aimee McIntyre, Welles Bretherton,

Bretherton, and Mark Meleason) for the	Julie Dieu, A.J. Kroll, Harry Bell, Jenny Knoth
workgroup.	(Harry Bell proxy) and Doug Martin.
	Abstain:
The motion passed	Chris Mendoza (as group member)
Protocol and Standards Manual (PSM)	Seconded:
Section 5	A.J. Kroll
	Up:
	Mark Meleason, Aimee McIntyre, Debbie Kay,
Motion:	Welles Bretherton, Chris Mendoza, Mark Mobbs,
Welles Bretherton moved to approve chapter 5 of	Doug Martin, Hans Berge, Harry Bell, Jenny
the PSM.	Knoth (Harry Bell Proxy), and A.J. Kroll.
The motion passed	Absent:
The motion passed	Julie Dieu

Action Items	
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PSM Chapter 8 is open for CMER review 11/28 - 12/7. PSM Chapter 8 revisions DUE 12 07 23.docx	CMER members
PSM review will continue at the December CMER meeting for Chapter 7, starting with Section 7.4.4 and the final approval for Sections 6 & 7 will be at the December 19 <sup>th</sup> CMER meeting.	CMER members
SAG verification – RSAG	December agenda
Unstable Slopes Criteria Charter	December agenda

## Welcome, Introductions, & Old Business

Aimee McIntyre, CMER co-chair

Aimee McIntyre took roll call

#### **Ground Rules:**

- Be trusting and be trustworthy Welles Bretherton
- Be respectful of others Mark Meleason

## **Staff Updates:**

• Lori Clark explained that she will have to step away for the Board special meeting starting at 1:00PM.

## **Public Comments:**

No public comments received.

## **TFW Policy Updates:**

Cody Thomas gave an update on what was discussed at the November 2023 Timber Fish and Wildlife

(TFW) Policy Committee meeting.

## Deep-Seated Landslide (DSL) Charter:

Theryn Henkel explained that there were not any significant changes to the charter. The change to this version includes timeline and budget. Chris Mendoza requested a couple editorial changes. Theryn committed to make those changes.

### **Unstable Slope Criteria (USC) Charter:**

Theryn Henkel explained that the change to this version includes the adding members to the project team, timeline, and budget. The individuals added to the team are Jeff Keck, Tiffany Justice, and Susan Shaw. The change to the budget was updating to the actual amount for FY23 and out years to reflect the MPS. Chris Mendoza requested that the project objectives be expanded on. There was a motion made to have UPSAG/Project Team work on this and bring it back to CMER in December.

#### ISPR Approved Eastside Timber Habitat Evaluation (ETHEP) Study Design:

Anna Toledo gave a brief historical background of the ETHEP study design and explained what was sent out in the mailing. Chris Mendoza asked if the AE read the author's response. Anna explained that the AE said that there was no response needed and the memo is just for CMER's benefit. Harry Bell noted that the ETHEP literature synthesis would be good to cross-reference for the Extensive Monitoring project. Aimee asked that the literature review that was removed from the draft and kept as an appendix (Appendix I) be added to the pdf of the final study design with a disclaimer indicating that the appendix was not a part of the ISPR review and approval process.

## **Schedule L-1 Workgroup Nominations:**

The Forest Practices Board did approve the Schedule L-1 process memo. In that memo, CMER is tasked with overseeing the technical work. CMER will convene a workgroup that will further develop the approach for accomplishing the review/revision process. CMER did agree at the October meeting that the Workgroup shall consist of 3-5 CMER members. Theryn Henkel as the project manager helping in this effort and Rachel Rubin will support the workgroup as the CMER scientist. Lori requested at the October meeting that CMER members self-nominate so that there is a commitment to developing process guidance in December and January and plan to bring a recommendation to CMER in February. A reminder was shared that this workgroup will just work on building out the Schedule L-1 review and revision process guidance and following the prioritization steps stated in step 2 of the Schedule L-1 process memo. This step is to establish a recommended prioritization of functional objectives and performance targets to be revised. Harry Bell, Chris Mendoza, Debbie Kay, Welles Bretherton, and Mark Meleason all self-nominated. Theryn Henkel will reach out to get started.

#### Protocol and Standards Manual (PSM) Section 5:

Lori Clark shared her screen and asked if there were any comments that need to have further discussion. There was a motion made and approved.

#### Protocol and Standards Manual (PSM) Sections 6 and 7:

The plan to wrap up the PSM review and revision process is to pick back up with Chapter 7, Section 7.4.4 and the final approval for Sections 6 & 7 will be at the December 19<sup>th</sup> CMER meeting. Chapter 8 will be open for CMER review 11/28 -12/7 and we will review comments at 12/19 meeting and approve at the 1/23 meeting. Chapter 9 & 10 will be open for CMER review at the 12/19 meeting through 1/10. We will review comments at 1/23 meeting with final approval at 2/27 meeting. Lori Clark shared her screen and reviewed any unaddressed comments/edits.

#### **SAG Verification:**

Aimee McIntyre explained that the SAGs reviewed the proposed projects in the CMER work plan. She

reviewed the process that was completed and that this is not a decision item today. Lori explained that this is just informing discussions and the first step of verifying the projects proposed in the CMER work plan. Each SAG co-chair gave a brief explanation for the SAG's rationale on their decision. Live updates were completed in the Excel spreadsheet. We reviewed projects from all SAGs except RSAG, which is scheduled for December.

## **CMER SAG Updates:**

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

## **List of Attendees**

Attendees	Representing
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§Bell, Harry	Washington Farm Forestry Association – Small Forest Landowners (Proxy for Jenny Knoth as well)
§Berge, Hans	UCUT – Eastern Washington Tribes
§Bretherton, Welles	Department of Ecology
§Dieu, Julie	Rayonier
§Kay, Debbie	Suquamish Tribe
§Kroll, A.J.	CMER Co-Chair
§Martin, Doug	Washington Forest Protection Association
§McIntyre, Aimee	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife
§Meleason, Mark	Counties Caucus
§Mendoza, Chris	Conservation Caucus
§Mobbs, Mark	Quinault Indian Nation
Baldwin, Todd	SAGE co-chair
Belleveau, Lisa	
Black, Jenelle	NWIFC CMER Scientist
Church, Natalie	DNR – CMER Coordinator
Clark, Lori	Adaptive Management Program Administrator
Craven, Tony	Member of the public
Estrada, Michael	
Freeman, Elise	CMER Scientist
Greenwood, Emma	Spokane Tribe
Heimburg, John	WDFW
Henkel, Theryn	DNR Supervisory Project Manager
Holy, Shae	Skokomish Tribe
Hooks, Doug	WFPA
Lower, Adam	Chehalis Tribe
Mitchell, Robert	Member of the Public
Murray, Joe	Washington Forest Protection Association
Prescott, Alexander	DNR Project Manager
Roorbach, Ash	Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission
Rubin, Rachel	DNR CMER Scientist
Schofield, Jenny	DNR Project Manager
Terry, Christopher	
Thomas, Cody	Eastside Tribes – TFW Policy Co-chair

Toledo, Anna	DNR Project Manager
Walter, Jason	ISAG co-chair
Williamson, Tanner	CMER Scientist

§CMER Voting Member