

**Cooperative Monitoring Evaluation and Research Committee
November 28, 2006
9am – 12pm
NWIFC
Minutes**

Attendees:

Baldwin, Todd	Kalispel Tribe, SAGE co-chair
Butts, Sally	USF&W, BTSAG Co-chair
Cramer, Darin	DNR, AMPA
Dieu, Julie	Rayonier, UPSAG co-chair
Ehinger, Bill	Ecology, RSAG Co-Chair
Hunter, Mark	WDFW, RSAG
Jackson, Terry	WDFW, BTSAG co-chair
Martin, Doug	WFPA consultant, CMER co-chair
MacCracken, Jim	Longview Fiber, LWAG co-char
McConnell, Steve	UCUT
Mendoza, Chris	ARC, RSAG Tri-Chair
Miller, Dick	Farm Forestry Association
Mobbs, Mark	Quinault Indian Nation
Robinson, Tom	WSAC
Stewart, Greg	NWIFC, CMER Staff
Sturhan, Nancy	DNR, CMER co-chair
Vaugeois, Laura	DNR, UPSAG co-char

Minutes: October minutes amended several times, most recent set of changes not incorporated, table approval until next meeting

Report Back From Policy (Cramer):

- new Type N group formed to discuss issue and develop recommendations for Type N strategy within 4 months, to be at the board by May, Bob Turner is chairing. How they are going to accomplish their goal without further science input is still in question and should be discussed with policy. They are trying to set up a policy framework to allow forward movement that is focused on resources, not necessarily on the first point of flow.
- March 15&16 is budget retreat.
- Publication peer-review instead of ISPR review discussed,
- Scheduling consistency, not overlapping the various meetings (workshop caused an overlap and therefore some folks could not come),
- WETSAG proposal will be presented at next meeting,

- Fish passage update (mostly, have had meetings).
- Recommendation that policy have all-day meetings to become more productive and a formalized process to address technical issues. We can be proactive at prepping our policy representatives and encouraging them to be disciplined at coming prepared.

ISPR Update (Martin): RMZ resample-gotten 4 of 7 chapters done and in about 6 months, should be ready for ISPR. UPSAG recent proposal will likely precede the RMZ resample.

Budget/Project Management Report From AMPA (Cramer): Nothing new in budget.

SAG Requests:

- ISAG: 6 questions developed on seasonal variability on the upstream extent of fish distribution with consensus at ISAG. Moving it on to policy.
- UPSAG: Chris, Nancy, and Doug (official reviewers) have agreed to review it and Charles Toal (DOE) will review it, as has reviewed by Dick Miller already. Comments due by next CMER meeting.
- LWAG-10K request-genetic marking to look for species diversity to determine whether hybridization is occurring. Neither of the giant salamanders is FFR listed. Interesting, but no practical implication. If not differentiable, it is likely that their habitat use is similar, but may not. Original data was all lumped (no species differentiation), so backward comparison would have to relump. What would this mean to our discretionary funds? (we have about 50K left this year) This project has been a frequent user of discretionary funds. The samples continue to sit on ice, it is likely that we can wait a couple of months to see if we have excess discretionary funds closer to the end of the FY or put it in your budget for next year. Also, look for other funding, since this isn't FFR-needed. Deferred.
- LWAG-publication support for Journal of Herp. CMER has preapproved \$500. The \$95 is over and above. Authors-please check with the journal to ensure that CMER can distribute. If not, perhaps we can put a contact on the website for the author, or a link to the journal (however, the state paid for this and therefore the article should be made available to the public). Policy wants to see reports prior to publication. To use journal peer review, the pre-review document must go to policy with appropriate context, to be approved probably on a case-by-case basis. An announcement of any publication should go out to CMER.

SAG Issues and questions from the co-chairs:

- McConnell-DFC desktop analysis report, version 2-CMER review version, next Friday as deadline for comments (timeline may tweak a bit, since many folks haven't seen it yet). RSAG will send in a group of review comments post-meeting on the 13th. Steve found 3 significant errors in the DFC model. Several more related papers coming this way over the next couple of weeks (field review, synthesis/executive summary, sensitivity analysis). Dick, Todd, Pete Heide agrees to review by the 13th. Nancy notes that this would be a good topic to debrief policy on how we approached their request.
- Remote sensing workshop-well attended (>50), video recorded, now on the website (streaming video)-Greg live demonstrated. Can view both the talk and the slide show at the same time, with the ability to pick and choose what pieces of the talk (and slide show) you want to see. The two discussion sections of the workshop not on the streaming video. When is the Grotefendt report due? Soon, end of quarter. It is clear in the contract that the report is due after the workshop but RSAG folks had an impression that they'd agreed to have the report beforehand (oops, didn't put it in the contract timeline and deliverables that way.) Chris wants to have Grotefendt give a summary talk to RSAG and SAGE before they make some of their riparian issues. Might need to amend his contract to include that. Once digested, it would be a good idea to mini-workshop with the local remote-sensing folks with SAGE and RSAG to bounce around ideas, hopefully in January or February.
- UW Buffer/Road Sediment Study discussion-prescoping for intensive-revamped version was supposed to come out through the CMER list. Question from Doug: Is this issue still a concern? The research questions are different than what I'd choose, according to Mendoza. If RMAPs are effective at disconnecting roads and streams, then does this study make sense? Intensive group will also include Mark, Chris, Laura, Curt, Sally (an invitation will be sent out to all CMER soon)

Spring conference

- Feb 14th is UW-CSS conference, if we have the meeting at the end of feb., we can invite policy to attend as part of their budget prep. UPSAG, figure out what we want to present (RSBM, LHZ, GWRA?,)

CMER Upcoming Staffing Needs: If anyone has need, tell Cramer

Workplan:

- get updates to CMER by next CMER meeting.
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December Science Session:

- Next months meeting will be on 12/19 at DNR OB2. McConnell will be the afternoon science session..
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