

Cooperative Monitoring Evaluation and Research Committee
July 24, 2007
NWIFC Conference Center
DRAFT Minutes

Attendees:

Almond, Lyle	Makah Tribe
Baldwin, Todd	Kalispel Tribe, SAGE co-chair
Black, Jenelle	NWIFC, CMER Staff
Butts, Sally	USFWS, BTSAG co-chair
Cramer, Darin	DNR, AMPA
Furman, Kira	Simon Fraser University
Haque, Sarah	Squaxin Island Tribe
Heckel, Linda	DNR Forest Practices, CMER coordinator
Heide, Pete	WFPA
Hicks, Mark	Ecology
Hunter, Mark	WDFW, RSAG
Jackson, Terry	WDFW, BTSAG Co-chair
Jacobsen, Deanna	Suquamish Tribe
MacCracken, Jim	Longview Fiber, LWAG co-chair
Martin, Doug	WFPA contractor
McConnell, Steve	UCUT
Miller, Adrian	WFPA
Miller, Dick	WA Farm Forestry Association
Mobbs, Mark	Quinault Indian Nation
Moon, Teresa	DNR Project Manager
Pavel, Joseph	NWIFC
Sturhan, Nancy	DNR Forest Practices, CMER Co-chair
Vaugeois, Laura	DNR, UPSAG co-chair
Veldhuisen, Curt	Skagit River Co-op

Assignments:

Items left over from June	
Send DFC/FPA Synthesis document to CMER	Mendoza
CMER staff position description; send draft to CMER	Cramer, Schuett-Hames
Items from July Meeting	
Post mortem strategy study design plan for response to ISPR comments to CMER in October	UPSAG
Intermittent Stream Study Design - To CMER in August	MacCracken
SAGE Budget Request - To Policy in August	Baldwin

Unstable Landform ID Project (Accuracy and Bias) - CMER Science Session presentation in August	Vaugeois
Fish Passage Culvert and Flume Studies - Draft questions for ISPR reviewers to CMER in August	Jackson
Document classification paper - Add new category, to CMER in August - To Policy in September	Butts/Sturhan
Improving landowner awareness on site selection and harvest scheduling issues (ongoing) - Update to CMER in August	Butts/Cramer
Final Intensive Monitoring scoping document - To CMER in August	Martin
FY08 revised CMER work plan to CMER list for review, comments due to Sturhan by Aug 15, revised version to FPB for Sept meeting	Sturhan
FY09 CMER Work Plan Revision Approach - To Policy in September - To CMER after Policy review for implementation	Cramer
DNR/CMER Website - Update on document loading/other websites to CMER in August	Heckel
'08 Science Conference - Update in August	Butts/Heckel
Master Budget Spreadsheet - To CMER once FY '07 expenditures are reconciled	Cramer

Minutes from June meeting and action items: Sturhan/Heckel

Minutes from the June meeting were approved as sent out. Action item list was reviewed and updated. See above.

Policy Meeting Report: Cramer

1. Policy Budget Workshop is scheduled for September 27, 2007, OB2. Discussion items include, but are not limited to: funding strategy; migrating from federal funding to state funding, revenue streams, etc.
2. CMER Membership – Policy Caucus Groups are looking at cleaning up their caucus lists. Cramer will submit the new list to the Forest Practices Board at their September meeting for approval.
3. Fish Passage Sub-Group – Former ISAG members are updating (as needed) the Flume and Stream Simulation study designs and drafting peer review questions

CMER Budget: Cramer

Handed out updated FY 08 CMER Budget table that was going to the FP Board on July 25, 2007. Master budget sheet will be forwarded to CMER once the FY '07 expenditures are reconciled.

ISPR Update: Cramer

1. Post-Mortem Study Design conference call scheduled for August 1, 2007. Three of the 5 reviewers will take part in that call. Darin and UPSAG will follow-up with the other 2 reviewers if necessary at a later date. Following receipt of the formal reviews, UPSAG will prepare a response action plan for CMER review/approval.
2. Fish Passage – Once questions are drafted and approved by CMER, the two fish passage study designs will proceed to peer review.
3. Intermittent Stream Study Design will be coming to CMER in August. Decision to move to ISPR will be made at that time.

Science Session - Eastside Type F Riparian Characterization: Black

Copy of presentation attached.

SAG Requests

SAGE – Eastern Washington Type F Riparian Assessment Project requests to move \$85,000 from Tier Two to Tier One. CMER approved and the request will go to Policy at their August meeting.

Status Tracker: Sturhan

Changes captured on Status Tracker 7/31/07, mailed out with draft minutes.

SAG Issues:

1. CMER Staff Position – The vacant position description has been drafted and will be coming to CMER in August.
2. RMZ – Of all the reviewers, only one CMER member is reviewing the document in its entirety. It will then be going to ISPR. Reviewers are finding many grammatical errors and will send it back to the contractor for editing. This may delay receipt of the east side chapters for a few weeks.
3. Document classification – Will add a new category entitled “Policy-Directed Study”. A new draft will come to CMER in August and then on to the September Policy meeting.
4. Site Selection – Need to meet with Caucus groups to remind them of the commitment made to these studies. Sally and Darin will meet with WFPA, WFFA, and other groups to review the site selection issue and their previous commitments. Update on outreach will be on the August CMER agenda
5. Intensive Monitoring – Sent our Version 4 of the scoping document. Reviews are due by the end of July. CMER will see the final at their August meeting.
6. Policy needs to be aware that more participation is needed at certain SAGs.

CMER Workplan: Sturhan

The Workplan with track changes will be sent out to CMER. Nancy would like changes by August 15. CMER will review at the August meeting.

'09 Workplan: Cramer

Cramer presented a draft outline for potential changes to the '09 workplan. The reasoning behind this is to use it as a better tool for internal and external coordination on the projects. It is more critical to do this with the possibility of less funding in the future. It will keep better track of what we've done, what we're doing and where we are going with the projects. A small group will get together and work on a draft to present to Policy in September.

DNR/CMER's web site and CMERlist: Heckel/Cramer

The changes being made to DNR's external website is creating a problem for CMER SAGs and others that need to access information. Several items requested to be posted have been in the queue for a long time. Can we look into the possibility of looking at another external website to post items/updates on while DNR is going through their changes? Linda will look into this issue and report back at the August meeting.

'08 Science Conference: Butts

The discussion was started on when to have the '08 Conference. Sally suggested four dates: February 12th, 13th, 20th or 21st. She will check with other agencies, etc. for possible conflicts. Linda will check the availability of the OB2 Auditorium. Update will be made at the CMER August Meeting. It was also suggested to look at TVW videotaping, the UW's streamlining video, and guidelines for presenters.