

**Cooperative Monitoring Evaluation and Research Committee
June 24, 2008
NWIFC Lower Conference Room
Draft Notes**

Attendees	Representing
*Almond, Lyle (v)	Makah Tribe, RSAG Co-chair
*Baldwin, Todd (v)	Kalispel Tribe, SAGE Co-Chair
Bernath, Stephen	DOE
*Butts, Sally	USFWS, CMER Co-Chair
Cahill, Candace	Rayonier, WETSAG Co-Chair
Cramer, Darin	DNR, Adaptive Management Administrator
*Ehinger, Bill	DOE
Heckel, Linda	DNR, CMER Coordinator
Heide, Pete	WFPA
*Hicks, Mark	DOE
*Jackson, Terry	WDFW, BTSAG Co-chair
Kurtenbach, Amy	DNR, CMER Project Manager
*Martin, Doug	WFPA Contractor
*McConnell, Steve (v)	UCUT
*Mendoza, Chris	Conservation Caucus Contractor, RSAG Tri-Chair
*Miller, Dick	WFFA
Moon, Teresa	DNR, CMER Project Manager
O'Sullivan, Alison	Suquamish Tribe
Peters, Jim	NWIFC
Roorbach, Ash	NWIFC
*Sturhan, Nancy	NWIFC, CMER Co-chair
*Veldhuisen, Curt (v)	Skagit River System Cooperative

* indicates official CMER members and alternates

v indicates attended via video-conferencing; ph indicates attended via phone

Nancy presented a new name card idea to aid in conversation flow. When a person would like to speak, they will put their name card on end. A co-chair will call people in turn to speak.

Agenda Review – Sturhan

Nancy asked if there were any other items that needed to be added to this month's agenda. There were none. Sally mentioned that an additional item was submitted by UCUT, and that it would be added to the SAG issues list. Steve pointed out that the request was submitted on Wednesday

but not received by CMER until the following Monday so CMER had received it late when it was submitted on time.

Science Session - Cramer

Darin presented the CMER Projects Matrix. Doug Martin gave an orientation of how the matrix is laid out and how it relates to the FFR goals and the CMER performance targets and functional objectives addressed.

Discussion centered on the definition of terms used in the matrix and formatting of the information. Several formatting suggestions were made. Darin will make formatting changes and try to get input from the SAG co-chairs on the content.

CWA Assurances - Hicks

Mark Hicks gave a presentation on the route DOE is taking for their CWA Assurances report and how CMER can help with information gathering. A copy of Mark's presentation is available from Linda Heckel upon request. (Linda.heckel@dnr.wa.gov)

Because the DOE report deadline is fast-approaching, it was decided that a small group of CMER members will meet with Mark to assist in gathering applicable CMER information, timelines and resources to aid in that effort. Members of the CMER subgroup include: Todd Baldwin, Terry Jackson, Doug Martin, and Chris Mendoza. Dick will ask Sherry Fox if he can participate and UPSAG hopes to name someone at a later date.

SAG Requests

RSAG – Riparian Hardwood Conversion Bibliography Study

Chris Mendoza presented the request and bibliography.

RSAG did not come to consensus on which option to recommend to CMER. They asked for CMER feedback on which option should be selected to continue work on the bibliography. The proposal selected was option 3 with Dick Miller and Ash Roorbach talking with the USFS Pacific Northwest Research Station- to assist in producing a white paper with the possibility of also having a brochure with key findings.

All approved.

LWAG – Dunns Salamander Study Final Report

Teresa Moon presented the request to approve the final report. The SAG requested that the report not go through ISPR because it will go through peer review as part of the publication process. The six questions were sent to CMER for their review and input needs to be sent to Teresa. Concerned was expressed that not all the reviewer comments were addressed by the contractor. Chris will talk with the contractor about the report and remaining comments. The report and the six questions will come back to CMER at the next meeting for consideration.

Not approved.

WETSAG – Wetland Mitigation Effectiveness Study

Candace Cahill presented and reviewed the request and the study scoping document objectives. This study has been broken out into two phases. Phase I is geared toward a quantitative assessment of wetland characteristics and physical impacts from road maintenance and construction activities.

All Approved

Dick mentioned he would like to make some additional comments. Candace and Dick will get together to talk and Dick's comments will be factored in to the study design.

SAGE – Eastside Riparian Conditions Assessment

Todd Baldwin presented the request to approve the Final Phase I report. This is not a final study product because there will likely be a phase II. The SAG requested it not go through ISPR until the Phase II is complete. If there isn't a Phase II then SAGE will submit an ISPR request for Phase I.

All approved.

MINUTES

The minutes for the CMER March, April and May meetings were accepted and approved. Linda will get these final minutes posted on the CMER website.

TECHNICAL EDITOR & STATS SUPPORT CONTRACTS

Nancy presented the draft scope for each contract. These services will be on an on-call basis depending on SAG and CMER needs. CMER needs assistance to focus on editing and not writing. It was requested to change the stats support position to 10 years experience. Darin will make the changes and work with Dawn to advertise for the services.

SAG ITEMS

Nancy let the group know that the Information management group will bring a proposal next month.

Nancy also reported that after she steps down as co-chair on June 30, she will not be able to take on additional CMER tasks beyond being a tribal alternate member, and continuing with the CMER Information Management Group until her health improves, probably around November. UPSAG will begin the "post-mortem" project training next week. The field manual is being worked on and is nearly complete.

The final Hardwood Conversion Temp Report is still pending. The primary author is unable to work on it anymore due to being reassigned. Bill and Chris volunteered to work with the

primary author's former supervisor to obtain the editing necessary to complete the report. Darin will try to set up this meeting.

Items going to Policy

The following items will be discussed at FFR Policy's July 3, 2008, meeting:

RSAG Hardwood conversion request

WETSAG Wetland Mitigation Effectiveness Study request

SAGE final Phase I Report

Technical editor/Stats Support contracts

The meeting was adjourned.

Future Meetings

CMER 2008 Regular Meetings: July 22 DNR Compound, August 26 DNR Compound, September 23 DNR NWIFC, October 28 DNR Compound, November 25 DNR Compound and December 16 DNR Compound.