

**Cooperative Monitoring Evaluation and Research Committee
(CMER)
March 24, 2015
DNR Southeast Region Office/Ellensburg**

Attendees	Representing
§Baldwin, Todd	Kalispel Tribe – CMER Co-Chair
Bigeagle, Jerry	Spokane Tribe of Indians
Beckett, Leah	Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission – CMER Staff
Berge, Hans	Department of Natural Resources - AMPA
chesney, charles (ph)	Private Citizen
§Dieu, Julie (ph)	Rayonier
Gauthier, Marc	Upper Columbia United Tribes
Haemmerle, Howard	Department of Natural Resources
Hayes, Marc (ph)	Department of Fish & Wildlife
§Hicks, Mark	Department of Ecology, CMER Co-Chair
Hooks, Doug	WFPA
Jaspers, Kodi Jo	Colville Confederated Tribes
§Kay, Debbie (ph)	Suquamish
Kurtenbach, Amy	Department of Natural Resources
Lund, Eric (ph)	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife
§Martin, Doug (ph)	Washington Forest Protections Association
§Mendoza, Chris (ph)	Conservation Caucus
Murray, Joe (ph)	Merrill Ring
Putnam, Nate	Hancock Forest Management
Schuett-Hames, Dave	Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission - CMER Staff
Shramek, Patti	Department of Natural Resources – CMER Coordinator
Stewart, Greg	Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission - CMER Staff
§Sturhan, Nancy (ph)	NWIFC
Woodsmith, Rick	ENREP TWIG Contractor

§Indicates official CMER members and alternates; ph indicates attended via phone.

*Indicates Decision

Science Session:

Eastside Type N Riparian Easement Project (ENREP) Presentation

Rick Woodsmith and Greg Stewart gave a presentation on ENREP results, proposal for next steps, and answered questions. Amy Kurtenbach went over the TWIG's next steps. Mark Hicks remarked that he'd like the TWIG to keep moving forward.

Decisions:

Coordinators Corner

- ◆ ***Move start time of May meeting to 10:00 - Approved**
- ◆ ***Approval of December 2014 and February 2015 Meeting Minutes**
December – Todd Baldwin moved to approve, Hicks seconded – **Approved**
February – Baldwin moved to approve with edits, Marc Hayes seconded – **Approved**

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- ◆ ***FY16 Budget – Approval of FY16-17 CMER Budget**
Hans Berge went over the changes in the CMER budget for FY 16 and answered questions. He will check on the Non-Governmental Organization's allotments. Amphibian Demographics budget changed to \$245K. Baldwin questioned amounts for unstable slopes projects and how they were derived.

Baldwin motioned to approve the budget as revised, Joe Murray seconded - **Approved**

LWAG

- ◆ ***Tailed Frog Literature Review – Approval of six questions and recommendations to forward to Policy**
Hayes requested approval for the six questions and recommendations to be sent to Policy. Hicks moved to send to Policy, Baldwin seconded - **Approved**
- ◆ ***Type N Experimental Buffer Treatment Study – Hard Rock – Approval to send Chapters 11 (Channel Characteristics), 13 (Periphyton), and 17 (Trophic Pathways) to ISPR.**
Eric Lund gave a summary of the review process and requested approval to send chapters 11, 13, and 17 to ISPR.
Hicks moved to send to ISPR, Mendoza seconded – **Approved**

TWIG

- ◆ ***Westside Type F Riparian Prescription Effectiveness TWIG – approval of draft study design alternative and recommendations report**
Dave Schuett-Hames gave the history of document review and received comments that they haven't been able to respond to. They will not be asking for approval today. He asked if anyone else was intending to review the document and provide comments. Berge replied that he is reviewing the document. The deadline for additional comments is March 27, 2015. The document will be sent out to CMER again with new deadline.

Updates:

Report from Policy – March 12 & 13 meeting

Hicks gave a report on the March 12 & 13, 2015 Policy meeting. Minutes for the meeting can be found on the Department of Natural Resources web page at

<http://www.dnr.wa.gov/about/boards-and-councils/forest-practices-board/tfw-policy-committee>.

Marc Gauthier gave an update on invasive weeds spraying and stated that UCUT will be doing their own study. He would like to have it go through the CMER process. He emphasized that they are trying to be as transparent as possible. The scoping document will be going to Policy next week. Berge asked why CMER hasn't taken this up and discussion revolved around the history behind it, why it has been a lower priority, and if it should be something that CMER takes up. Nancy Sturhan commented that Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife is doing a study on hoof rot and that they are reporting to the Forest Practices Board.

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◆ Request for nominations for replacement Co-Chair for Mark Hicks

Mark Hicks term as Co-chair is up and he requested volunteer/nominations to replace him. Berge reported that the Co-chair's don't need to be Board an approved member during the nominations process but will become Board approved. Sturhan remarked that it takes a while to get someone on board. Sometimes it can take up to a year as the nominee's employer needs to be willing to commit a lot of their employees time to this.

RSAG

◆ Extensive Monitoring Remote Sensing Proposal – update

The literature synthesis is being conducted by the University of Washington and RSAG should have information back from them by their next meeting.

UPSAG

◆ Glacial Deep-Seated Landslide Project – update

UPSAG is working on the Request for Quotes and Qualifications for a literature synthesis.

TWIG

◆ BMP Roads Effectiveness Project TWIG – update

The TWIG is working on an alternatives document using the improved ENREP document as template. Their objective is to have a partial draft in the next couple of weeks. A conference call is scheduled for April 3rd.

◆ **Forested Wetlands Effectiveness Project TWIG – update**

The TWIG had their first meeting (a conference call) last week. The primary goal of that meeting was to organize the first in-person meeting. The kick-off meeting is scheduled for May (a two day meeting with field trip).

◆ **Unstable Slope Criteria TWIG – update**

The critical statement document has been re-worked incorporating comments and is going to Policy in April.

CMER/SAG Recap of Assignments/Decisions

- December and February meeting minutes approved.
- Budget approved to move to Policy.
- Tailed Frog request approved – Hayes needs heads up for when Policy wants a presentation.
- Type N request approved.
- Shramek will re-send the Westside Type F Riparian Prescription Effectiveness TWIG document with new comment deadline.
- CMER Co-chair issue will be addressed again at next meeting.
- Kurtenbach will do a Lean check-in at the next meeting.

Adjourned