

Cooperative Monitoring Evaluation and Research Committee (CMER)
April 23, 2019
DNR/DOC Industrial Park, Tumwater WA

Attendees	Representing
§Baldwin, Todd (ph)	Kalispel Tribe of Indians
§Bell, Harry	Washington Farm Forestry Association
chesney, charles (ph)	Member of Public
Davis, Emily	Northwest Indian Fish Commission – CMER Staff
Haemmerle, Howard	Acting Adaptive Management Program Administrator
§Hayes, Marc	Department of Fish and Wildlife
Hernandez, Emily	Department of Natural Resources
§Hicks, Mark	Department of Ecology
Hooks, Doug	Washington Forest Protection Association – CMER Co-Chair
Hough-Snee, Nate	Meadow Run Environmental
§Knoth, Jenny	Green Crow, CMER Co-Chair
§Kroll, A.J.	Weyerhaeuser
§Martin, Doug	Washington Forest Protection Association
§Mendoza, Chris	Conservation Caucus
Murray, Joe	Washington Forest Protection Association
Ojala-Barbour, Reed	Department of Fish and Wildlife
Roorbach, Ash	Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission
Schuett-Hames, Dave	Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission - CMER Staff
Shramek, Patti	Department of Natural Resources – CMER Coordinator
Stephens, Rob (ph)	Spokane Tribes of Indians
Walter, Jason (ph)	Weyerhaeuser

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

*Indicates Decision

Ash Roorbach is acting as proxy for Debbie Kay.

Review of CMER Ground Rules

Howard Haemmerle remarked that he felt CMER is straying from the ground rules and thought it would be a good idea to review them. Dave Schuett-Hames remarked that they are pretty old and maybe a group should review and update them, if necessary. Schuett-Hames, Haemmerle, and Emily Hernandez will review the ground rules and provide suggested edits at the May meeting.

Decisions:

CMER

- ◆ *March 2019 Meeting Minutes – approval

Doug Hooks asked if there were any edits/comments to the minutes. Mark Hicks provided minor edits. Harry Bell remarked that he had edits on the Buffer Shade notes and explained them. He said that he understood that participating in the last meeting via conference call made it difficult to get his points across. Hicks remarked that he has concerns that greater changes are being made than discussed at the last meeting, and he's not comfortable with that. Doug Hooks remarked that if that is the case he won't allow this to move forward. Bell remarked that they aren't more than was discussed. Bell provided edits on the Buffer Shade notes to Patti Shramek to incorporate during the break. There was not time to review and vote to approve the revised minutes before the end of the meeting.

Next Steps: The edited minutes will be sent out in the May meeting mailing and voted on at the May meeting. In the future, edits to the meeting minutes should be emailed to Shramek by the day before the meeting so that they can be incorporated into the minutes in time for review and approval at the meeting.

SAGE

- ◆ ***Eastside Type N Riparian Effectiveness Project** – *approval of charter and communications plan*

Emily Hernandez reported that after two rounds at SAGE the charter has been approved to move to CMER for approval, since Policy is asking to see them at their May meeting. She reminded everyone that these are living documents and can be changed throughout time.

Knuth remarked that she liked the format, and that it followed the PSM. She also noticed on Page 3 that it says qualitative, but she thinks it should be quantitative. Hernandez said she will look into that and make the change if confirmed.

Doug Martin commented that SAGE is not listed as part of the team in the Charter. Hernandez replied that they aren't part of the team, they are listed as the oversight committee.

Martin asked what Bill Ehinger's and the Eastside CMER Scientist's roles are in the project team, are they PI's or do they just assist the team? Haemmerle replied that they are just assisting, Tim Link and Chuck Hawkins are the PIs. Link and Hawkins asked for Ehinger to be retained on the project team so he can consult with them and assist in analysis if they need it. The Eastside CMER Scientist position, when it's filled, will just assist with the project. Martin remarked that maybe that should be clarified in the Charter. Bell asked if Ehinger is being paid for his services, and if so, is that in the budget. Haemmerle replied that yes, it is in the project budget and he is getting paid. Hicks remarked that Ecology often kicks in services that they don't get paid for.

Haemmerle reported that Tim Link will be giving a presentation to Policy at their May meeting and CMER members a welcome to attend. It is a two hour block in the morning.

Hernandez remarked that she would like an amendment to the charter to add signatures from SAG, CMER, and Policy. This is for future consideration and discussion.

Hicks moved to approve the Charter contingent upon clarifications on Ehinger and CMER Scientist support roles and Knoth's concern regarding qualify/quantify. Martin seconded – **Approved**

Next Steps: The charter will be forwarded to Policy for their approval.

RSAG

◆ ***Extensive Riparian Status and Trends Monitoring Project, Stream Temperature Report** – *approval*

Murray reported that the ISPR comments have been incorporated and asked for approval of the report. Shramek remarked that Ehinger had submitted a revised report with a minor typo in one of the tables and that she will send out the revised document. The question was asked if the letter was received from the Associate Editor confirming that the ISPR comments were properly addressed. Haemmerle replied that he believes that it was, but he would have to look through Hans Berge's files to find it. Marc Hayes moved to approve contingent upon receipt of letter from Associate Editor, Martin and Mark Hicks seconded – **Approved**

Murray asked if CMER needed to assign the Findings Report. Hicks moved that RSAG meet with the PI (Bill Ehinger) to produce the findings report, Knoth seconded – **Approved**

Murray remarked that it will probably be a couple months before the findings report is done, since Ehinger is pretty busy right now. They will try to get it done by June.

Shramek will send out the document with the minor typo fixed.

◆ ***Riparian Characteristics and Shade Study** – *request for reviewers*

Murray requested reviewers for the Study. This will go through a concurrent SAG/CMER review. It will be a quicker review period due to the budgetary constraints of the project and the final deliverable (CMER approved document) being due by June 30. Review period is May 6 – 17. Reviewers: Hicks, Martin, Chris Mendoza, Debbie Kay (or Ash Roorbach). Comments are due May 17 to Teresa Miskovic.

Bell moved to approve the review timeframe, Hayes seconded - **Approved**

Science Session:

- ◆ **How the legacies of early forest management in stream riparian zones affect light availability and food webs in headwater ecosystems today** – *Dana Warren, OSU*
Dana Warren gave a presentation and answered questions.

- ◆ **Assessing the response of aquatic biota and water quality to alternative riparian management practices** – *Ashley Coble, NCASI*
Ashley Coble gave a presentation and answered questions.

Shramek will send out PDFs of the presentations.

Discussion:

- ◆ **Recommendations/Ideas on CMER Co-Chair Rotation**
Knoth suggested moving discussion to May meeting, since there wasn't much time left in the meeting. Mendoza replied that he wants to have the discussion since he asked that it be moved after lunch having missed part of the morning meeting. He said that based on the previous discussion at the CMER meeting in Spokane and the Conservation Caucus' approval for him to serve, he needs to know if there is going to be a Co-chair vacancy so that he can plan for his next biennium work schedule. Hooks remarked that there is no vacancy at this time, his understanding was that this group was supposed to just come back to provide recommendations on the pros and cons of CMER voting members vs non-voting members, length of term, rotations, etc.. Roorbach asked if CMER wants follow PSM, which is to nominate and vote for a new Co-chair every April, and start the nomination process. Hicks remarked that he would like to follow the process, even though it will be a month late.

Next Steps: Nominations for Co-chair due to Howard Haemmerle on May 20 for inclusion in the meeting mailing on May 21. Voting will occur at the May meeting.

- ◆ **CMER and SAG Updates – Transfer of Responsibility from PMs to SAGs**
Hernandez reported that from now on the SAGs will be responsible for updating the SAG/CMER updates. A blank template will be provided and the SAGs and the Co-Chairs will fill it out and send to their PM by the Friday (usually the second Friday of the month) before the mailing goes out. There were discussion regarding the SAGs role in producing the update document.

Next Steps: This discussion was tabled and will be added to the May meeting agenda.

Updates:

Report from Policy – April 4, 2019 Meeting

Hooks reported that Policy decided not to fund the PHB validation study and is sending that recommendation to the Board. The Board will make the decision at their May meeting. \$400,000 has been provided for a Water Typing strategy in place of the PHB study implementation monies.

Timber Fish & Wildlife Policy meeting minutes are located on the Department of Natural Resources web page at <http://www.dnr.wa.gov/about/boards-and-councils/forest-practices-board/tfw-policy-committee>.

CMER and SAG updates

- ◆ Hicks asked for clarification on why Wetland RFQQ isn't getting done. Haemmerle explained that by the time the tasks were set it was too late to go through the solicitation and contract development process and be able to get a meaningful deliverable, as well as the short staffing in AMP affecting the ability to get it through the process.
- ◆ Hicks asked why the Unstable Slopes TWIG document is behind schedule. Hernandez explained that there were a lot of comments (100+) to address, and it was further delayed by Greg Stewart's departure.
- ◆ Haemmerle reported that Public Works solicitation for the Roads project was completed last week and a contractor came in below the estimate and has been selected. The work has the potential to be done by end of fiscal year.
- ◆ Haemmerle reported that the Mount Spokane LiDAR location will not be flown due to snow (won't be snow free in time to fly it and process the data before June 30), but the Springdale site will be completed. Hicks suggested flying it and talking to Policy about getting funding for next fiscal year to process the data. Haemmerle remarked that he is willing to do that. Hicks asked if all the sites for ENREP have been visited and validated that they can be used. Haemmerle said all sites have been visited, but haven't been tested for validity. Martin asked how the study would be affected if we can't get the amount of sites needed. Haemmerle remarked that they would be able to at least get case studies to help inform future studies. Haemmerle said that Policy has been asked to provide questions for the Project Team to be able to respond to at the May Policy meeting. Policy will need to be reminded of what this study is supposed to inform. CMER members can submit questions to be considered to their Policy representatives.

Adaptive Management Program Administrator (AMPA) Selection Process

Hooks and Haemmerle reported on what is happening in the AMPA selection process. DNR has reached out for input on candidate qualifications and the solicitation will be posted soon. There will be three rounds of interviews with one round including a CMER member. CMER may be able to have input on panel interview questions. Send questions to Hooks and Knoth. Hooks also reported the DNR will be posting the Adaptive Management Program Administrator position

soon. One CMER member will be on the panel for one of the rounds of interviews. Martin recommended bringing in a non-biased scientist to be on the panel. Nominations for the CMER AMPA interview panel member will occur at May meeting.

Public Comment

Charles Chesney provided public comment.

Recap of Assignments/Decisions

- ◆ Dave Schuett-Hames, Howard Haemmerle, and Emily Hernandez will review the CMER Ground Rules and provide suggested edits at the May meeting.
- ◆ March 2019 meeting minute's edits will be sent out in next mailing for approval at the May meeting.
- ◆ Discuss Charter template and signatures at future meeting and review what Charters are and their purpose.
- ◆ ENREP Charter (contingent upon clarification on Ehinger and Scientist roles and Knoth's concern regarding qualify/quantify) approved.
- ◆ Extensive Riparian Status and Trends Monitoring Project, Stream Temperature Report approved. Patti Shramek will send out the report with the minor edit.
- ◆ RSAG assigned to work with PI (Bill Ehinger) to produce Findings Report for Extensive Riparian Status and Trends Monitoring Project, Stream Temperature Report.
- ◆ Riparian Characteristics and Shade Study reviewers: Hicks, Martin, Mendoza, Kay (or Roorbach). Comments due May 17 to Teresa Miskovic. Shortened review period approved.
- ◆ Patti Shramek will send PDFs of Dana Warren's and Ashley Coble's PowerPoint presentations.
- ◆ Nominations for CMER Co-chair due to Howard Haemmerle on May 20 for inclusion in the meeting mailing on May 21. Vote will occur at the May meeting.
- ◆ CMER/SAG Update document discussion at May meeting.
- ◆ Nominations and selection of CMER AMPA interview panel participant will occur at the May meeting. CMER members can send interview question suggestions to Hooks and Knoth.

Adjourned @ 2:42 pm.