



MEMORANDUM

TO: TFW Policy Committee

FROM: Hans Berge, Adaptive Management Program Administrator

DATE: April 28, 2015

SUBJECT: CMER Co-Chair rotation

CMER provides the scientific underpinning of the Adaptive Management Program (AMP) and is an essential tool for the Forest Practices Board and the TFW Policy Committee. Like the other components of the AMP, participation from scientists representing all of the stakeholder caucuses is essential for CMER to be successful in supporting the AMP. Part of this participation includes service as one of two co-chair positions at CMER.

Since 2000, co-chair positions at CMER have represented six caucuses, with the duration of service for individual rotations from 10 to over 74 months (Table 1). The intent is for co-chairs to serve at CMER for approximately two years, although you can see that few individuals have served less than 36 months (Table 1).

After 48 months of service, Mark Hicks has expressed interest in moving on from his co-chair position at CMER. In response, I am seeking candidates to fill his position as co-chair at CMER, and would like to request that representatives at Policy help identify suitable candidates. As we move forward to consider co-chair representation at CMER, I think it is important to realize that the State caucus has served in the co-chair capacity (Figure 1) over twice the amount of time of the next most representative caucus (Industry), and it may be a good time to look for representation by other caucuses.

Table 1. Affiliation and time of service for CMER Co-chairs from April 2000 through April 2015. Provided by N. Sturhan, NWIFC.

CMER Co-chair	With	Caucus	Months	Started	Ended
Tim Quinn	DFW	State	53 mo.	04/2000	08/2004
Craig Hansen	US FWS	Federal	12 mo.	04/2000	03/2001
Doug Martin	WFPA	Industry	74 mo.	04/2001	06/2007
Nancy Sturhan	DNR FPD NWIFC	State	36 mo.	09/2004	08/2007
		Tribes-W	10 mo.	09/2007	06/2008
Sally Butts	FWS	Federal	12 mo.	07/2007	07/2008
Terry Jackson	DFW	State	36 mo.	07/2008	06/2011
Chris Mendoza	WFLC	Conservation	64 mo.	08/2008	11/2013
Mark Hicks	ECY	State	48 mo.	07/2011	2015
Todd Baldwin	Kalispel Tribe	Tribal-E	16 mo.	11/2013	

CMER Co-Chair Representation by Caucus

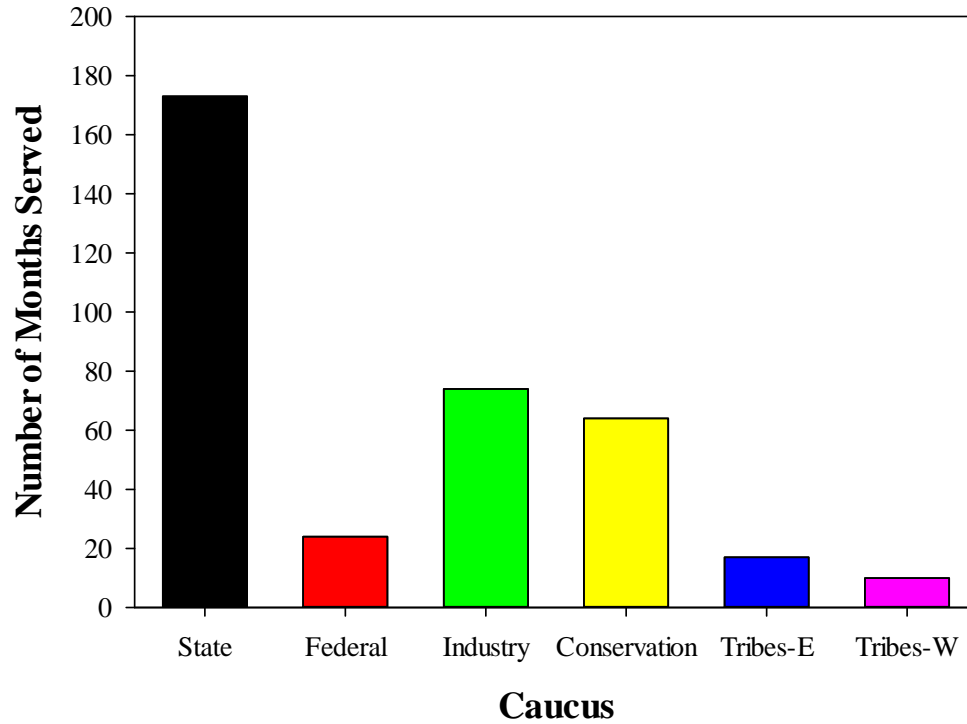


Figure 1. Graphic depiction of time of service (months) for each caucus at CMER (April 2000-April 2015).

In summary, I would like to ask that representatives on the TFW Policy Committee please solicit potential candidates within their caucus to fill the position as CMER Co-chair. If there are any questions regarding the commitment of time necessary to be effective, or otherwise, please contact myself, Todd Baldwin, or Mark Hicks. Thank you for consideration of this request.