

# Cooperative Monitoring, Evaluation and Research Committee

Tuesday, June 25, 2024 // 9:00AM – 1:00PM

Virtual Only

Motions	
Motion	Move/Second (Vote)
<p><b>May 2024 Meeting Minutes</b></p> <p><b><u>Motion:</u></b> Julie Dieu moved to approve the May 2024 meeting minutes as corrected</p> <p>The motion passed</p>	<p><b>Seconded:</b> Debbie Kay</p> <p><b>Up:</b> Mark Meleason, Harry Bell, Hans Berge, Welles Bretherton, Mark Mobbs, Chris Mendoza, Julie Dieu, Debbie Kay, Aimee McIntyre, and A.J. Kroll, and Doug Martin.</p> <p><b>Abstain:</b> Jenny Knoth (Not at last month's meeting)</p>
<p><b>CMER Co-chair Election</b></p> <p><b><u>Motion:</u></b> Jenny Knoth moved to postpone the CMER co-chair voting pending clarification from the FPB on competency and representation of the CMER membership.</p> <p><b><u>Friendly Amendment:</u></b> Moved to postpone the CMER co-chair voting pending clarification from the FPB on representation of the CMER membership.</p> <p>Jenny Knoth and Mark Meleason accepted the friendly amendment.</p> <p>The motion failed</p> <p><b><u>Second Motion:</u></b> Harry Bell moved to postpone the CMER co-chair voting pending clarification from the FPB on the off ramp for a CMER member.</p> <p><b><u>Friendly Amendment:</u></b> postpone the CMER co-chair voting pending direction from FPB on how to clarify when a previously approved voting member is ending their designation as a voting CMER member (e.g., when they retire or step down).</p> <p>Harry Bell and Mark Meleason accepted the friendly amendment.</p> <p>The motion failed</p> <p><b><u>Third Motion:</u></b></p>	<p><b>Seconded:</b> Mark Meleason</p> <p><b>Up:</b> Mark Meleason, Jenny Knoth, Welles Bretherton, Debbie Kay, Mark Mobbs, Aimee McIntyre, Doug Martin, Hans Berge, Julie Dieu, Chris Mendoza, and A.J. Kroll</p> <p><b>Down:</b> Harry Bell (Motion is too broad, need clarification on “representation of the CMER membership” and clarify the off-ramp process of CMER voting members stepping down from the voting position.)</p> <p><b>Seconded:</b> Mark Meleason</p> <p><b>Up:</b> Jenny Knoth, Aimee McIntyre, Mark Meleason, Harry Bell, Mark Mobbs, Welles Bretherton, A.J. Kroll, Debbie Kay, Doug Martin, Julie Dieu.</p> <p><b>Down:</b></p>

<p>Aimee McIntyre moved to delay the vote until Lori brings the issues discussed at the June CMER meeting to the FPB for input and guidance.</p> <p>The motion passed</p>	<p>Hans Berge (The motion is too narrow for the discussion that happened today) and Chris Mendoza (Same as Hans, motion too narrow)</p> <p><b>Seconded:</b></p> <p>Julie Dieu</p> <p><b>Up:</b></p> <p>Mark Meleason, Welles Bretherton, Hans Berge, Jenny Knoth, Aimee McIntyre, Debbie Kay, Doug Martin, Harry Bell, Julie Dieu, Mark Mobbs, A.J. Kroll, and Chris Mendoza.</p>
<p><b>Project Prioritization for 2025-2027 CMER Work Plan</b></p> <p><b>Motion:</b> Debbie Kay moved to remove the recommended projects from Appendix A</p> <p>The motion passed</p>	<p><b>Seconded:</b> Welles Bretherton</p> <p><b>Up:</b> Harry Bell, Jenny Knoth, Hans Berge, Mark Meleason, Welles Bretherton, Mark Mobbs, Aimee McIntyre, Debbie Kay, Doug Martin, A.J. Kroll, Chris Mendoza, and Julie Dieu.</p>
<p><b>Action Items</b></p>	
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<p>Reach out to Lori if you would like to participate in the 2025 CMER Science Conference workgroup by July 15<sup>th</sup>.</p>	<p>CMER voting members</p>
<p>Np Discontinuous Flow Scoping Document comment timeframe June 25<sup>th</sup> to July 25<sup>th</sup>.</p>	<p>Harry Bell, Chris Mendoza, Doug Martin, and Julie Dieu</p>
<p>CMER to review excel document of CMER Projects to fill in gaps. Comments/edits due July 16<sup>th</sup>.</p>	<p>CMER voting members</p>

**Welcome, Introductions, & Old Business**

Aimee McIntyre, CMER co-chair

Aimee McIntyre took roll call

**Ground Rules**

- A.J. Kroll read “Have action items assigned to you at prior meetings completed.
- Welles Bretherton read “Be trusting and trustworthy”.
- Mark Meleason read “Stay on topic”.

**Staff Updates**

- Joe Murray announced that there is going to be a RSAG field trip in Forks, WA on July 10<sup>th</sup>. July 9<sup>th</sup> is the WETSAG field trip. Contact Joe for more information.
- The CMER review period for the Riparian Literature Synthesis was extended to June 30<sup>th</sup>. Jenny,

AJ, and Welles are the assigned CMER reviewers although all CMER members are invited to review and provide comment before Monday, July 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **Public Comments**

No public comments

### **TFW Policy Updates**

Brandon Austin gave an update on what was discussed at the June 2024 Timber Fish and Wildlife (TFW) Policy Committee meetings.

### **Roads Project Update**

Alexander Prescott shared a PowerPoint of the execution of the sediment trap efficiency experiment that the Roads project team did last week. He shared photos and videos showing what was completed for the experiment.

### **Create a workgroup for the 2025 CMER Science Conference**

We need a small work group (3-5 volunteers) for the 2025 CMER Science Conference. This workgroup will discuss presenters and guidelines for presenters the Spring 2025 CMER Science Conference. A.J. Kroll, Jenny Knoth, Chris Mendoza, and Welles Bretherton all volunteered to be a part of the workgroup. Should be around February, monthly meetings starting in July. Let Lori know if you would like to participate in this workgroup by July 15<sup>th</sup>.

### **Type Np Discontinuous Flow Scoping Document**

Jenny provided a correction from the SAG update document. The correct date for the approval will be August CMER meeting to allow for time for the review and author(s) revisions. A 30-day review of the Np Discontinuous Flow Scoping Document will be from June 25 to July 25, 2024. There is an older version of this Scoping Document from many years ago that was different in scope. The current effort considered the previous document but did not use it as a starting point. The CMER reviewers are Harry Bell, Chris Mendoza, Doug Martin, and Julie Dieu. All CMER voting members are welcome to review the document.

### **CMER Co-chair Election**

CMER completed the first step of the CMER nomination and selection process as identified in the PSM Section, 3.2.2.3. Two candidates were nominated and accepted the nomination at the May CMER meeting: A.J. Kroll and Ash Roorbach. The nomination process closed. Lori shared that she received a few questions and sent an email out to CMER voting members with the responses: the PSM says that ideally all caucuses would cycle through contributing to CMER by supporting a participant to serve a cochair term on a rotating basis. Co-chairs may serve more than one term, but no more than two terms consecutively if they are nominated and selected each time. If a non-voting member is selected, AMPA will request the Board to approve them as a non-voting member of CMER. Chris explained that when he reads the PSM when it says CMER “should” follow the table of caucus rotation for CMER co-chairs means we should prioritize following the table of caucus.

Lori received an email prior to the CMER meeting reporting that Hans would provide a proxy vote for Todd Baldwin. This brought up the issue that when Hans was appointed at CMER as a voting member, there was never an official process that removed Todd as a voting CMER member, though it was assumed by other voting members at the time that this was the case. Hans indicated that Todd represents the Kalispel Tribes, and he represents UCUT at CMER. Although Todd has not been active at CMER since November 2022 the Kalispel Tribes felt that since the CMER co-chair selection process is not done by consensus, they needed to ensure their vote is counted. Others expressed a disproportionate landowner

caucus membership representation at CMER. Although CMER is not supposed to be caucus based, the reality is that each CMER member is affiliated with a caucus. When new members are appointed by the Forest Practices Board (Board), there is not a clear process for removing the incumbent.

Jenny Knoth explained that she believes that CMER is a board of independent scientists, not caucus representatives. Chris Mendoza explained that it is up to the Board to consider qualifications of CMER member nominations. Lori explained that she is recommending postponing the vote so she can get guidance from the Board. There was discussion on how the proxy process is working well. CMER voting members email the AMPA and CMER co-chairs to let them know who their proxy in their absence will be.

The motion that CMER postpone the CMER co-chair vote until there is clarity from the Board did not pass. Hans explained that Todd is interested in this vote because it is not a consensus vote. Discussions continued to modify the motion to get to consensus. AJ shared that there has been an erosion of respect for the AMPA. The AMPA has the authority and a clear communication pathway to TFW Policy and to the Board. CMER should trust Lori to communicate the issues of the CMER membership to the Board to get clarification on the current CMER membership.

### **Project Prioritization for 2025-2027 CMER Work Plan**

SAO Recommendation 5, Net Gains option 3 is to set clear AMP priorities and synchronize the CMER work plan with the MPS so that the development of the budget and timeline is directly informed by AMP priorities. In January, Policy received the 2023 Project Summary Sheets along with the list of projects that may be removed from the AMP future project list. The next step is to approach the 25-27 work plan update with a deliberate effort to provide Policy with clear recommendations from CMER on the upcoming project needs. The work plan should be a reflection of the actionable items over the next biennium as well as recommendations for how to implement the AMP priorities in out years. This includes taking a more refined look at the strategies and the projects nested under those strategies to ensure the sequencing is accurate. And making edits as needed to reflect current CMER knowledge and BAS. To ensure that CMER is prepared to provide the 25-27 work plan on schedule, CMER will need to revisit the project prioritization task that was started last year. Lori discussed the proposed steps for approaching the work plan update, including: discuss format of the Work Plan (e.g. list the completed and/or withdrawn projects under the strategy but move details to an appendix with hyperlink), CMER consideration/ approval of projects recommended by SAGs for potential withdrawal, review projects that were not assigned to a SAG (e.g., forest chemicals program, Roads project) to verify that projects are still relevant to the AMP priorities. Once these steps are completed, the SAGs will be assigned sequencing/prioritization of future projects (including added projects and the project add-ons) and verification of CWA projects in the Work Plan and Appendix A. Lori shared her screen as CMER reviewed the withdrawals and add-ons on prioritization spreadsheet. CMER approved the Appendix A to pass onto the SAGs as a starting point for discussions for the CMER work plan update process.

### **Review List of CMER Projects 2001-Present**

Tim Quinn presented an update to TFW Policy earlier this month on the AMP program report that WDFW has been working on for a few years. As a part of that effort, his team has been working on characterizing CMER's and TFW policy's contributions to the Forest and Fish Adaptive Management program. One area includes cataloguing CMER's work. Chris Mendoza was contracted to support this task. Tim is requesting CMER's support in filling gaps (blank cells) in the excel spread sheet (an AMP products and projects sheet and a metadata/legend sheet) for all finished products/completed by CMER. CMER may add comments by July 16<sup>th</sup>. The focus should be on the list of project titles, not the other columns. Lori will share this with Tim. This information will also be used to update the AMP Research & Monitoring Documents webpage.

## CMER SAG Updates

Each SAG reviewed the CMER SAG updates document, which was updated live as needed.

### List of Attendees

<b>Attendees</b>	<b>Representing</b>
§Bell, Harry	WFFA– Small Forest Landowners
§Berge, Hans	UCUT – Eastern Washington Tribes
§Bretherton, Welles	Department of Ecology
§Dieu, Julie	Rayonier
§Kay, Debbie	Suquamish Tribe
§Knoth, Jenny	Washington Farm Forestry Association
§Kroll, A.J.	CMER Co-Chair/Large Industrial Landowners
§Martin, Doug	Washington Forest Protection Association
§McIntyre, Aimee	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife/CMER Co-Chair
§Meleason, Mark	Counties Caucus
§Mendoza, Chris	Conservation Caucus
§Mobbs, Mark	Quinault Tribe
Austin, Brandon	WDFW/TFW Policy Co-chair
Belleveau, Lisa	Skokomish Tribe
Black, Jenelle	NWIFC CMER Scientist
Church, Natalie	DNR – CMER Coordinator
Clark, Lori	Adaptive Management Program Administrator
Freeman, Elise	CMER Scientist
Greenwood, Emma	Spokane Tribe
Hawkins, Tracy	DNR
Henkel, Theryn	DNR Supervisory Project Manager
Holy, Shae	Skokomish Tribe
Hooks, Doug	WFPA
Lower, Adam	Chehalis Tribe
Mitchell, Robert	Member of the Public
Murray, Joe	Washington Forest Protection Association
Prescott, Alexander	DNR Project Manager
Robbins, Jeff	Department of Ecology
Roorbach, Ash	Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission
Rubin, Rachel	CMER Scientist
Schofield, Jenny	DNR Project Manager
Toledo, Anna	DNR Project Manager
Walter, Jason	ISAG co-chair

§CMER Voting Member