

**Cooperative Monitoring Evaluation and Research Committee  
December 19, 2006  
9am–12pm  
DNR-OB2  
Minutes**

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**Attendees:**

Black, Jenelle	NWFIC, CMER Staff
Dieu, Julie	Rayonier, UPSAG co-chair
Heide, Pete	WFPA
Hunter, Mark	WDFW, RSAG
Jackson, Terry	WDFW, BTSAG co-chair
Martin, Doug	WFPA consultant, CMER co-chair
MacCracken, Jim	Longview Fiber, LWAG co-char
McConnell, Steve	UCUT
Mendoza, Chris	ARC, RSAG Tri-Chair
Miller, Dick	Farm Forestry Association
Risenhoover, Ken	Port Blakely
Robinson, Tom	WSAC
Schuett-Hames, Dave	NWFIC, CMER Staff
Stewart, Greg	NWIFC, CMER Staff
Sturhan, Nancy	DNR, CMER co-chair
Vaugeois, Laura	DNR, UPSAG co-char

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**Minutes:** October and November Minutes Approved (with name change from Ted Turner to Bob Turner in November minutes)

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**Report Back From Policy (Martin):**

- Wetlands – No decisions were made. Question was raised at CMER meeting about whether WETSAG is ‘on track’. Pete Heide suggested that CMER review the wetlands portion of the work plan. A DECISION was made to review the work plan. It is CMER members’ responsibility to inform their Policy representatives. Pete offered to facilitate wetlands work plan revision.
  - DFC - Policy would like to see a budget and timeline for each of the options in the proposal to address non-uniform plot widths in the DFC study. **Schuett-Hames will be working with Cramer to develop them.**
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**ISPR Update (Martin):** Nothing in review, waiting for LWAG RMZ Resample study final report and UPSAG prescription-scale mass wasting study design to be ready. UPSAG is likely to be ready in January.

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**Budget/Project Management Report From AMPA:** Cramer not at meeting, but Sturhan suggested nothing new in budget.

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**SAG Requests:**

- No SAG requests
  - UPSAG – Received comments on prescription-scale mass wasting study design, and will be addressing them. UPSAG needs to decide on review type (interactive or blind), questions for reviewers, and suggested reviewer pool. Suggestion to contact Kelly Burnett at PNW to see if data required by her mass wasting model will be collected. UPSAG will come back with request to send to peer review at January CMER meeting
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**Project Status:**

- Eastside Type N – Changes in the study required changes in the work plan. SAGE is working on the work plan now and expects to finalize the scoping at their January meeting.
- LWAG – Amphibians in intermittent streams phase one report should be completed by the end of the month.
- RSAG - Grodefendt report has been received. RSAG will review in January and will coordinate a group meeting with SAGE to discuss the report and how the findings might inform scoping of SAGE/RSAG studies. Joint meeting likely to be up near Snoqualmie pass in early February.
- RSAG – McConnell desktop report is being reviewed, but RSAG would like to have all the papers reviewed as a complete package. CMER and RSAG will do a concurrent review. **Official reviewers for the McConnell package are Todd Baldwin, Pete Heide, and Dick Miller and comments on the package of papers will be due January 8th. Send the reviews to Chris Mendoza and Steve McConnell.** Once comments have been responded to, it will be brought back to CMER as a final document for review/acceptance (Darin pushing for February).
- Road subbasin-scale effectiveness monitoring project – Progress report from contractors is available and it will come out as an FYI on the CMER mailing list. UPSAG is not looking for a formal review of the report. UPSAG has accepted the work and the initial portion of the contract is considered complete. UPSAG will be coming back with a SAG request for the follow up portion of the study which will occur next summer. Fish passage data will be sent to Doug Martin for dispersal to ISAG (or interested parties).

- Intensive – Doug sent out an e-mail requesting names and he got five responses and collected more at this CMER meeting. **He will resend the request for interested participants.**
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**SAG Issues:**

- Question about what to do with SAG minutes/notes. Heather used to be a repository for minutes but she is no longer available. Not all SAG's keep complete minutes and a suggestion that people refer to them as SAG "notes" not "minutes". SAG's must at least document the decisions that were made (who in attendance, decisions that were made, main points of discussion) but the SAG's don't need to go through the formal process. DECISION: SAG's who want to post notes can store them on an interim basis at NWFIC forum ([www.nwfic.org/nwifcbb/](http://www.nwfic.org/nwifcbb/)) and **Nancy will look into long-term storage issues.**
  - LWAG does not keep notes of its meetings. SAG notes are not required, but the P&S Manual does have guidelines for SAG notes, and all the other SAGs have been keeping notes.
  - Question about the CMER data repository (this was brought up as part of the minutes discussion, but was not discussed)
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**CMER Upcoming Staffing Needs:** If anyone has need, tell Cramer

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**Workplan:**

- Work plan revision schedule has been sent out by Nancy. Work plan and budget need policy approval in April so they can be taken to the Forest Practices Board Meeting in May. The policy budget retreat scheduled for mid-March. SO... February CMER meeting is the last chance for CMER to approve work plan and budget. If SAG's want tier 2 money in tier 1, they should get on that now (Sturhan will send out instructions). DECISION: For projects in the work plan, SAG's need to update text as Tier1 and Tier 2 budget items. SAG's that are launching new items or new programs really need to work at capturing those items in text and in budget line-items. SAG budget numbers must be to Schuett-Hames and Cramer by February 20th.
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**Spring conference**

- Spring CMER conference will probably be scheduled for March. Sturhan will reserve a facility and announce conference date at January CMER meeting.

**NOTE: After the CMER meeting, the auditorium at OB-2 has been reserved all day March 20.**

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**2007 CMER Schedule:**

- CMER meetings in 2007 will be on the fourth Tuesday of the month except for November and December. November and December will be on the 3rd Tuesday. All meetings will be at the NWIFC large conference room EXCEPT the January 23 meeting. Nancy will send out a notice for the location/date for the January CMER meeting.

**NOTE: After the meeting, the Mount Rainier room at OB-2 has been reserved for the CMER meeting on January 23.**

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**December Science Session:**

- The science session in January will be an update on LWAG's Type N Experimental Study implementation.