

## **Policy Committee (Policy) Response to CMER Non-consensus Regarding the Mass Wasting Effectiveness Monitoring Report (Study) and Policy's Associated Dispute Resolution**

### **PURPOSE AND NEED FOR POLICY DIRECTION**

*Impasse at CMER.* After consultations with Study authors, CMER Co-chairs and the three CMER members expressing concerns about the Study, Policy recognizes that there is a fundamental difference of opinion among CMER members about how to characterize the results of the Study and that further attempts to reconcile those differences at CMER have a low probability of success. Policy must create a roadmap toward acceptance of the Study without consensus at CMER.

*Issue Summary and Clarification.* Policy desires further clarification as to which of the issues were not addressed in the Study (Version 8a) because they did not relate to the ISPR comment matrix and those issues which were related to the ISPR matrix, but remain outstanding because the dissenters were dissatisfied with the authors' responses in Version 8a.

*Synthesis Report.* A Synthesis Report is called for in the AM Board Manual and development of this process was agreed to as part of a previous dispute resolution. This process has not been developed at this point in time. Policy is open on how a synthesis is structured, but a synthesis must be completed in some form.

*Six Questions.* Policy requires answers to the Six Questions by CMER in order to create a Final Report Package that it can accept for consideration. (See e.g. Board Manual M-22-28). These answers may largely address the need for the Summary and Clarification of outstanding issues as well as a Synthesis Report.

### **POLICY DIRECTION:**

1. Policy requests CMER to complete the Six Questions based on Version 8a of the Study, including consideration of relevant literature. If any of the answers to the Six Questions cannot be completed and approved with consensus, CMER shall include different answers to the questions.
2. Policy will request the Adaptive Management Administrator to review Version 8a of the Study, the ISPR response matrix, the minority reports, the authors' response to the minority reports, the CMER Co-Chairs' transmittal memo, and CMER's response to the Six Questions to develop a memo that summarizes the unresolved issues categorized according to whether they are ISPR-related, whether Study authors responded, how the authors responded, and why author responses were deemed inadequate by dissenters. This memo needs to include a discussion of the forest practice rule and/or guidance implications.

3. Policy requests that CMER complete a synthesis consistent with the Board Manual.
4. After Steps 1-3 above, the Adaptive Management Administrator shall assemble a Findings Report Package for distribution to Policy that includes:
  - CMER's Answers to the Six Questions;
  - The Adaptive Management Administrator's Summary
  - Version 8a of the Post Mortem report;
  - The CMER Co-Chairs' transmittal memo dated 30 May 2012;
  - ISPR Response Matrix;
  - Minority Reports;
  - Authors' response to Minority Report
5. Upon receipt of the Findings Report Package, Policy will begin its process to determine how to respond to Questions 7, 8, and 9 in the Policy/CMER Framework Interaction document as referenced in the AM Board Manual.