

Forests & Fish Policy (FFR) Budget Retreat
April 1, 2010

In Attendance:

Stephen Bernath, WDOE /Policy Co-Chair
Todd Baldwin, Kalispel Tribe
Darin Cramer, DNR / Forest Practices Division Manager
Chase Davis, Upper Columbia United Tribes
Marc Engel, DNR /Assistant Division Manager Policy & Services
Karl Forsgaard, WFLC /Conservation
Bob Gilrein, Spokane Tribe of Indians
Marc Hayes, WDFW
Pete Heide, WFFA
Dave Herrera, Skokomish Tribe
Mark Hicks, WDOE
Dawn Hitchens, DNR / Forests & Fish Policy Coordinator / CMER Coordinator
Jim Hotvedt, DNR /Adaptive Management Program Administrator
Terry Jackson, WDFW/CMER Co-Chair
Amy Kurtenbach, DNR
Chris Mendoza, Conservation Caucus / CMER Co-Chair
Adrian Miller, WFFA
Dick Miller, WFFA
Teresa Miskovic, DNR
Mark Mobbs, Quinault Tribe
Miguel Perez-Gibson, Conservation Caucus (via telephone)
Tom Robinson, Washington Association of Counties /Policy Co-Chair
Ash Roorbach, NWIFC, CMER staff
Nancy Sturhan, NWIFC
Curt Veldhuisen, Skagit River Systems Coop. (via telephone)
David Whipple, WDFW

Major Decisions Made at the Meeting:

BACKGROUND - This is an annual meeting where the work plan and the annual budget for the Cooperative Monitoring Evaluation and Research (CMER) committee is reviewed, discussed and approved by the F&F Policy committee to be submitted to the Forest Practices Board for adoption.

2011 CMER Work Plan - Two new sections have been added in the 2011 CMER Work Plan; the link to adaptive management and the project & functions table.

The Link to Adaptive Management section lists and describes each Rule Group Critical Question addressed by the specific Program. “Knowledge gained or anticipated, identified gaps, and recommendations” for addressing those gaps are discussed for each critical question. This section was added as a result of discussions with and guidance from Policy.

The CMER Project and Functions Table lists each project (ordered by Rule Group) and shows how they directly or indirectly address the various Forest and Fish goals and resource objectives listed in Schedule L-1. This table addresses one of the key recommendations from the Stillwater Sciences CMER Adaptive Management Program Review of Science.

Policy requested revisions in two sections of the 2011 CMER Work Plan:

- 1) The knowledge gained or anticipated for the DFC Target Validation Project was replaced with language taken directly from the abstract of the DFC Target Validation Study.
- 2) The language was changed in the recommendations for addressing gaps, identified gaps and knowledge gained or anticipated for the Mass Wasting Buffer Integrity and Windthrow Assessment Project.

ACTION ITEM 1 - 2011 CMER Work Plan: F&F Policy reached consensus and approved the FY11 CMER Work Plan with the recommended revisions to be submitted to the Forest Practices Board for consideration and adoption at their May 11, 2010 meeting.

2011 CMER Budget – Last year Policy prioritized and funded CMER projects in alignment with the Clean Water Act (CWA) assurances. This year CMER developed and approved the proposed FY11 budget with a clear understanding that on-going CWA projects continue to receive funding; reinstated Tier 1 and Tier 2 funding options; and revised funding for some of the projects based on actual status.

Tier 1 projects are those projects CMER is certain to implement in FY11. Tier 2 projects are those projects that CMER may initiate in FY11, but which have not yet been approved by Policy & CMER, and may involve considerable scientific or fiscal uncertainty. The following table reflects FY11 budget revisions made at the March CMER meeting and discussed with Policy at this meeting.

Table - FY 11 CMER Budget

FY11 CMER Projects and Budget (*are new projects)	Tier 1	Tier 2
Type N Rule Group		
Type N Experimental Buffer Treatment Project in Hard Rock Lithologies	726,000	
*Type N Experimental Buffer Treatment Project in Soft Rock Lithologies	100,000	
*Eastside Type N Forest Hydrology	50,000	
Buffer Integrity - Shade Effectiveness	42,000	
Type F Rule Group		
Eastern Washington Riparian Assessment Project (EWRAP)	67,000	
Eastside Type F Riparian Effectiveness Monitoring (BTO add-on)	37,000	
Bull Trout Overlay Temperature	210,000	
Solar Radiation/Effective Shade	116,000	
Hardwood Conversion Project	20,000	
Extensive Riparian Status and Trend Monitoring - Temp. Component	66,000	
Unstable Slopes Rule Group		
Mass Wasting Prescription Scale Monitoring (aka Post-Mortem)	60,000	
*Testing the Accuracy of Unstable Landform Identification		50,000
Wetlands Rule Group		
*Wetlands Mitigation Effectiveness	157,000	
Subtotal Projects by Tier 1 and Tier 2	\$1,651,000	\$50,000
Total Project (both Tier 1 and Tier 2)	\$1,701,000	
Project Staffing		
CMER Principal Investigator Staff	391,000	
Total Project and Staffing Costs	\$2,092,000	
Project Support		
Contingency Fund for Active Projects	100,000	
Adaptive Management Project Managers	187,000	
Program Administration		
AMP Administrator	105,000	
Contract Specialist	68,000	
CMER/Policy Coordinator	45,000	
CMER Website	10,000	
AMP Data Management	20,000	
Independent Science Review Panel	90,000	
Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit Dues (U of W)	16,000	
Subtotal Support and Administration	\$641,000	
Total FY11 Expenditures for Projects/Activities	\$2,733,000	

ACTION ITEM 2 – 2011 CMER Budget: F&F Policy reached consensus and approved the FY11 CMER budget to be submitted to the Forest Practices Board for consideration and adoption at their May 11, 2010 meeting.