

*U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service*  
**Wind Turbine Guidelines Advisory Committee**  
**Existing Guidelines Subcommittee**  
Conference Call, November 10, 2008

Draft Meeting Summary

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**Purpose:** To review drafted language on mitigation and adaptive resource management, and finalize Existing Guidelines Outline of Recommendations to transmit to Synthesis Workgroup.

- The subcommittee reviewed the most recent version of the Existing Guidelines Outline of Recommendations, dated October 29, 2008.
  - This version included language from the FWS Mitigation Policy, and the California guidelines, addressing avoidance, mitigation, and compensation.
  - Adaptive management strategies are suggested as a tool for dealing with unforeseen impacts.
  - Language is general; doesn't specify ratios for compensation or the requirement of compensation up-front.
- The subcommittee discussed tools available to deal with unanticipated impacts and adaptive management commitments, e.g., ABPPs and formal mitigation plans.
- Differences between bats and birds: because of the lack of data available on bat fatalities, and difficulties in predicting bat fatalities, strategies for addressing unanticipated fatalities will differ from strategies used for birds.
- The subcommittee considered the pros and cons of identifying appropriate levels of mitigation and compensation vs. using model from other industries of developing formulae or process to make that determination. Issue for the FAC to take up as a whole.

**Next Steps:**

- Group will send any concerns they have with the revised outline (distributed via e-mail on 11/10/08) no later than **Wednesday, November 12<sup>th</sup>**. The revised outline will then be transmitted to the Synthesis Workgroup for incorporation into the draft one-text.
- No teleconferences are currently scheduled for Existing Guidelines.