

U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service
WIND TURBINE GUIDELINES ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Guiding Principles Subcommittee
Telephone Conference – March 20, 2008

Draft Summary

Participants:

Taber Allison	Jeri Lawrence	
Robert Manes	Mark Sinclair	Cheryl Amrani, FWS Facilitator

- The group reviewed and agreed to their revised purpose statement, with the exception of yet selecting an appropriate Subcommittee name.
- The group agreed then walked through the draft premises and principles bullet by bullet.

The following was agreed with regard to the Premises:

- ✓ It should include a definition of how the FAC defines ‘wildlife.’ There was disagreement whether it should be so broad as to include all plant and animal species, all FWS ‘trust species,’ or as narrow as avian and bat species. The question will be put to the DFO and the full FAC.
- ✓ It would be useful to include some from of precautionary principle. There was disagreement about how stringent the wording should be.

The following was agreed with regard to the Principles:

- ✓ Reword bullet #2 to include use of the guidelines by other agencies that must consult with FWS.
 - ✓ Edit language in bullet #3 to include intent that the guidelines would be ‘consistent and complementary’ with states.
 - ACTION: Mark with edit this bullet.
 - ✓ Edit language in bullet #4 to reflect the intent that FWS guidelines would guide other agency actions.
 - ACTION: Rob will edit this bullet.
 - ✓ Bullet #8 should be revised to clarify the suggestion to ‘weight’ their use in the face of scientific uncertainty.
 - ACTION: Taber will revise this bullet.
 - ✓ Insufficient time remained in the call to consider bullets 9-12. Mark also indicated that there may be additional principles that should be considered
 - ACTION: Each Subcommittee member should review the draft Principles and provide their comments to others in writing prior to the next teleconference.
- The next teleconference will be scheduled for Wed, 4/2, or Thur, 4/3. A preliminary agenda was developed for the next call, as follows:
 - ✓ Review the revised premises and principles.
 - ✓ Discuss the issue of risk assessment.
 - ✓ Develop next steps.