

**Guiding Principles Subcommittee of the
Wind Turbine Guidelines Advisory Committee
Telephone Conference – April 2, 2008**

Draft Summary

Participants:

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Robert Manes	Mark Sinclair	Cheryl Amrani, Facilitator

- The group reviewed and made edits to the document “Suggested Principles for Developing Recommendations by the US DOI Wind Turbine Guidelines Advisory Committee.” Discussion and ideas that led to the edited document (attached) included:
 - ✓ Guidelines should focus on the question of “why” and not “how”
 - ✓ Guidelines should address scientific uncertainty
 - ✓ The adoption of the precautionary principle or some derivative of is a fundamental issue which needs resolution and should be vetted by the full Committee

General Issues Raised:

- *Precautionary principle:* It was recommended that this issue needs to have devoted time on the Committee’s next agenda because the use of this principle could potentially have real implications for the recommendations the Committee produces. It was commented that the discussion should include discussion of the issues associated with using or not using the principle.
- *Definition of “wildlife”:* concerns were expressed on what the actual scope of the Committee is in terms of what is included by the term “wildlife.” Some felt that the term should be limited to avian and bat species, while others felt that it should be a broader term including all wildlife.
 - ✓ The term “wildlife,” as included in the Committee’s Charter, has been clarified by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to include all wildlife.

Next Steps

- Subcommittee Chairman Taber Allison will make a presentation to the full Committee at its next scheduled meeting.
- Mark will rework principles #3 and #4 and send to the group
- Winifred and Rob will draft a paragraph or two summarizing the Subcommittee’s issues and concerns, to be shared with the full Committee in advance of the next scheduled meeting
- The next teleconference is scheduled for **Wednesday, April 9, 3:00-4:00 pm EST**
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