

Guiding Principles Subcommittee
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The Guiding Principles Subcommittee has produced a revised draft of the Advisory Committee's Guiding Principles. In two teleconference meetings the subcommittee reviewed the Issues document produced by Robin Gregory after the Federal Advisory Committee's (FAC) meeting on June 18th to determine whether any of the Issues should be incorporated as Principles (or already were so incorporated). The latest draft distributed prior to our July meeting reflects these conversations. Principles were revised, reordered, in some cases, combined, and new Principles were added. We also revised the definition of wildlife (Premise 1) per David Stout's email communication on July 3rd, revised the "precautionary statement" (Premise 2) to reflect the language crafted by Robin Gregory. The third premise was revised to restate and affirm a key element of the FAC's charter.

Specifically the subcommittee reviewed the Issues rankings from the full FAC's June 18th meeting, and we agreed that unless a strong argument could be made, the lowest ranking Issues (those where the scores were red-highlighted) would not be included as Guiding Principles. The top-ranked Issues (green-highlighted Issues) were reviewed closely and either determined to be a part of our principles already or were added to the Principles or Premises as described above. The middle group (un-highlighted Issues) was also considered by the subcommittee and as a result minor edits were incorporated into some of the Principles. The subcommittee felt that many Issues should play an important role in our deliberations, but were at a level of detail not appropriate for Guiding Principles.

Questions for the full FAC:

- 1) Have we accurately captured the guiding principles for use by the Committee in developing its recommendations?
- 2) Are there fundamental issues under consideration by this subcommittee that must be resolved in order for the full FAC to move forward?