

Landscape/Habitat Subcommittee of the  
Wind Turbine Guidelines Advisory Committee  
Telephone Conference – May 23, 2008

Draft Summary

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- The group reviewed the direction given to the subcommittee by the FAC, as outlined in the Next Steps document prepared by Abby Arnold following the April 2008 meeting.
- The subcommittee agreed that a catalogue of current mapping efforts would be useful information to collect and use to avoid duplication.
  - ✓ Inventory should include timelines, classification of types of data
- The process decided on by those on the call is to 1) develop a catalogue of what data exists and assess how it is being used and; 2) based on what was learned from the assessment, present recommendations for the use of the data to the FAC
  - ✓ Topics such as assigning areas as red/yellow/green would be included in this second step
- The subcommittee discussed whether it would be appropriate to initiate a discussion now about the second step – what to do with the data. Thoughts shared included:
  - ✓ Early discussion will more likely lead to consensus
  - ✓ Need to have information and assessment (including assessment of data quality/consistency) before a meaningful discussion
  - ✓ Discussion can occur simultaneously with cataloguing
- The subcommittee reaffirmed that they would not be developing a tool, or suggesting that the FWS develop a tool.
- Next Steps were identified:
  - ✓ Rob Manes will develop a first draft of a catalogue of existing mapping efforts, to be reviewed by the subcommittee and developed into a product to present to the FAC at the next meeting.
  - ✓ Next agenda will include an update on the catalogue, and discussion of how to move forward with broader questions of how habitat, species of

concern, and cumulative impacts questions will be incorporated into recommendations

- ✓ Conference calls scheduled for:

**Thursday, June 12<sup>th</sup>, 11:00 am EST**

**Tuesday, July 1<sup>st</sup>, 11:00 am EST**

**Tuesday, July 15<sup>th</sup>, 11:00 am EST**

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